MEMBERS PRESENT:
Kevin Adee, Koochiching County  
Steve Ahmann, Kandiyohi County  
David Anderson, Roseau County  
Cynthia Bennett, Aitkin County  
Greg Blaine, Morrison County  
David Borchert, Brown County  
Joe Bouvette, Kittson County  
Sharon Bring, Marshall County  
Barbara Burandt, Sherburne County  
Toni Carter, Ramsey County  
Mark Deiden, Wright County  
Jeanne Ennen, Stevens County  
Rodney Erickson, Todd County  
Steven Flohrs, Martin County  
Cindy Grosklags, Renville County  
Bill Groskreutz, Faribault County  
Lori Gunnickn, Murray County  
Jim Haney, Clay County  
Bobbie Harder, Sibley County  
Brian Harguth, Waseca County  
Gary Hendrickx, Swift County  
Linda Higgins, Hennepin County  
Catherine Hohenstein, Jackson County  
Norman Holmen, Cottonwood County  
Melissa Huberty, Stearns County  
Troy Johnson, Grant County  
Denny Kemp, Nicollet County  
Cheryl Key, Wabasha County  
Sheila Kiscaden, Olmsted County  

Marie Kovecsi, Winona County  
Greg Krueger, Steele County  
Joan Lee, Polk County  
John Lerohl, Red Lake County  
David Lieser, Chippewa County  
Tim Lynch, Carver County  
Galen Malee, Rice County  
Glen Mathiasen, Freeborn County  
Jack Miller, Houston County  
Owen Miller, Douglas County  
Sheldon Monson, Wadena County  
Beth Oberg, Meeker County  
Todd Patzer, Lac qui Parle County  
Warren Peschl, Benton County  
Rodney Peterson, Dodge County  
Stephanie Podulke, Orlmsted County  
Genny Reynolds, Mille Lacs County  
Jim Salfer, Redwood County  
Ron Shimanski, McLeod County  
Rhonda Sivarajah, Anoka County  
Jan Sivertson, Cook County  
Deb Sjostrom, Otter Tail County  
Donald Skarie, Becker County  
Dan Stacey, Hubbard County  
Kara Terry, Crow Wing County  
Terry Turnquist, Isanti County  
Barbara Weckman Brekke, Scott County  
Daniel Wildermuth, Pipestone County  

GUESTS:
Kay Mack, Beltrami County  
Jeff Baldus, Mower County  
Ginny Storlie, Cook County  
Dave Forkrud, Redwood County  

Kersten Kappmeyer, Pope County  
Bonnie Brueshoff, Dakota County  
Heather Larson, Douglas County  
Chris Kujava, Marshall County  

DRAFT MINUTES
I. Call to Order
Chair Linda Higgins called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September Health & Human Services Policy Committee meeting. The motion passed.

II. AMC Legislative Priorities
Members were reminded of the changes in the AMC process and timeline related to selecting legislative policy priorities. Members were updated on the AMC Legislative priorities approved by the AMC board—which included HHS priorities on responding to opioid abuse, funding mental health services, and maintaining the provider tax.

III. HHS Platform Proposals
Members reviewed and approved the following recommended changes to the AMC HHS platform:

Vulnerable People
(1) Disabled and Elderly Populations
AMC supports training for first responders on the use of technology and other best practices to respond to crisis situations with individuals who have autism spectrum disorder or other developmental disability.
Also reviewed by the Public Safety Committee

Health Care Financing, Access and Quality
(2) Provider Tax
AMC supports maintaining the state’s health care provider tax.
Also reviewed by the General Government Committee

Child Safety and Well Being
Child Safety
(3) AMC supports stable, adequate state funding for child safety and well-being, distributed to counties on the basis of performance.
(4) AMC fully supports legislation that directs all responsibility for providing Child Protection/Child Welfare services for children living within the boundaries of the Red Lake Trust Lands to the Red Lake Nation.

(5) AMC supports the policy that all ICWA child placement costs become the financial responsibility of the state.

Health Care Financing, Access and Quality

(6) County-Based Purchasing

a) AMC supports expanding county-based health care purchasing to additional populations and geographic areas through either a single plan approach or a model where competition is required by federal law, by following federal requirements whereby county-based purchasing competes with only one additional health plan for counties that fall within Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

b) AMC supports default assignment of enrollees to the county-based purchasing plan if an enrollee does not make a choice of health plan.

c) AMC supports the formation of locally controlled health plans to serve as an alternative to large statewide and national health insurance plans to give consumers and employers additional health plan choices.

d) AMC supports re-shaping the state-county relationship related to County-Based Purchasing (CBP) consistent with AMC's policy position for Joint Powers Agreements.

e) AMC supports creating a new chapter of state law for County-Based Purchasing (CBP) recognizing County-Based Purchasing as an alternative model for delivery of Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP).

f) AMC supports fully empowering counties that elect County-Based Purchasing (CBP) for delivery of Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) as provided for in state law (256B.692) through direct procurement arrangements with the MN Department of Human Services (DHS).

g) AMC supports federal legislative changes or waivers necessary to allow for direct procurement and full implementation of state CBP laws (256B.692).

Children’s and Family Health

(7) Two-Generation Approach

AMC supports multi-generational, whole family policy strategies that address intergenerational poverty.

Community Health

(8) a) AMC supports the statewide health improvement program or other forms of funding to counties for health promotion efforts to prevent chronic disease throughout the life span.

b) AMC supports permanent, dedicated funding sufficient to assure implementation of the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) initiatives throughout the state.

c) AMC supports the Clean Indoor Air Act.

(9) AMC supports funding to counties and local partners to address the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Adverse Community Environments (The Pair of Aces), or Social Determinants of Health, that predispose children to these adverse experiences.

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(10) Systems
a) AMC supports state funding for locally-based collaborative activities across systems and among counties, schools, cities, and other local organizations to promote healthy families.

b) AMC supports state funding to counties and other organizations to eliminate health disparities in Minnesota’s ethnic, racial, refugee, and low-income populations, many of who have lower health status than other Minnesotans (including interpreter services, strategies to improve health care access, and workforce training).

c) AMC supports funding for collaborations that work across systems to eliminate health inequities.

(11) Affordable Housing
a) AMC supports providing state funding for counties to assure supportive services within housing options as a way to prevent homelessness.

b) Secure individual and family stability and prevent homelessness by assuring the reimbursement rates and state funding allow all counties to sustain and grow housing support services.

IV. Chair and Vice Chair Elections
Chair Higgins opened the floor for nominations for Committee Chair. Dodge County Commissioner Rodney Peterson was nominated for chair. The committee approved.

Chair Higgins opened the floor for nominations for Committee Vice Chair. Stevens County Commissioner Jeanne Ennen and Olmsted County Commissioner Sheila Kiscaden were nominated. Members elected Commissioner Kiscaden as Vice Chair.

V. Committee Updates
Commissioner Rhonda Sivarajah updated the committee on the first several meetings of the subcommittee on HHS. The subcommittee includes both AMC members and members of the executive committee of Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators.

VI. Retiring Commissioners
Chair Higgins recognized and thanked retiring commissioners. Members of the policy committee retiring:

- Joe Bouvette, Kittson County Commissioner
- Linda Higgins, Hennepin County Commissioner
- John Lerohl, Red Lake County Commissioner
- Owen Miller, Douglas County Commissioner
- Stephanie Miranowski, Wilkin County Commissioner
- Janice Rettman, Ramsey County Commissioner
- Jan Sivertson, Cook County Commissioner
- Lora Walker, Chisago County Commissioner

VII. Adjourn
The committee adjourned.