JOINT Health & Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committees

Feb. 14, 2019  St. Paul, MN

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Kevin Adee, Koochiching County
David Anderson, Roseau County
Cynthia Bennett, Aitkin County
George ‘Corky’ Berg, Kandiyohi County
Steve Bommersbach, Norman County
David Borchert, Brown County
Sharon Bring, Marshall County
Toni Carter, Ramsey County
Tarryl Clark, Stearns County
Keith Englund, Douglas County
Jeanne Ennen, Stevens County
Theresa Gillie, Kittson County
Cindy Grosklags, Renville County
Bill Groskreutz, Faribault County
Jim Haney, Clay County
Bobbie Harder, Sibley County
Brian Harguth, Waseca County

Gary Hendrickx, Swift County
Jon Kangas, Wadena County
Sheila Kiscaden, Olmsted County
Greg Krueger, Steele County
Joan Lee, Polk County
Jack Miller, Houston County
Terry Morrow, Nicollet County
Todd Patzer, Lac qui Parle County
Rodney Peterson, Dodge County
Thomas Proulx, Carlton County
Michele McPherson, Mille Lacs County
Jim Salfer, Redwood County
Ron Shimanski, McLeod County
Rhonda Sivarajah, Anoka County
Ginny Storlie, Cook County
Barbara Weckman Brekke, Scott County

GUESTS:
Commissioner Jan Malcolm, MN Department of Health
Commissioner Tony Lourey, MN Department of Human Services
Nina Arneson, Goodhue County
Jane Hardwick, Minnesota Prairie County Alliance
Susan Morris, Isanti County
Eric Ratzmann, MACSSA
Midge Christianson, MACACC
Bonnie Brueshoff, Dakota County
Liz Auch, Countryside PH
Les Schultz, Brown County
Tim Gabrielson, Mower County

Karen, Moritz, Brown County
Josh Milow, Blue Earth County
Liberty Sleiter, Stevens County
Trista MatasCastillo, Ramsey County
Brian Buhrmann, Freeborn County
Bob Meyer, Blue Earth County
Rochelle Westlund, Hennepin County
Matt Freeman, DHS
George McMahon, Chisago County
Jessica Erickson, Fillmore County
I. **Call to Order**  
Chair Rodney Peterson called the joint meeting of the Health and Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committees to order at 9:30 a.m. The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Presentation on Competency Restoration**

II. Members heard an overview of competency restoration services in the state. The Department of Human Services recently announced that it would no longer provide competency restoration services for individuals at state facilities who no longer meet medical criteria in part because of the demand for mental health beds. Those individuals will be provisionally discharged. Minnesota statute does not designate which entity may be responsible for providing competency restoration services.

a. Leah Kaiser, Hennepin County Manager for Adult Behavioral Health gave an overview of competency restoration and outlined the need for counties to engage in these issues.

b. Beth Sullivan, Associate General Counsel, DHS summarized the competency process.

c. KyleeAnn Stevens, MD, Executive Medical Director for Behavioral Health, DHS provided a summary of the role of DHS.

The DHS presentation is posted on the AMC website: [Competency Restoration - DHS](#)

d. Timothy Carey, Assistant Ramsey County Attorney outlined a proposal the county attorney association has been drafting that calls for a combination of state and community-based competency restoration services.

III. The joint committee recessed.

IV. Chair Peterson called the meeting of the Health and Human Services Policy Committee to order. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the December Health & Human Services Policy Committee meeting. The motion carried.

V. Tony Lourey, Commissioner for the Department of Human Services gave an overview of some of the human service priorities for the state. He also talked about the need to continue to strengthen the state and county relationship.

VI. Jan Malcolm, Commissioner for the Minnesota Department of Health, updated the committee on some of the department’s ongoing priorities including addressing elder abuse, expanding access to naloxone, and expanding safe drinking water. She highlighted some shared public health priorities between counties and public health, including the Health Care Access Fund and addressing opioid and substance abuse.

VII. Members discussed the visits to the capitol and meetings with lawmakers.

VIII. **The committee adjourned.**