MEMBERS PRESENT:
Steve Ahmann, Kandiyohi County
Richard Anderson, Roseau County
Cynthia Bennett, Aitkin County
Barbara Burandt, Sherburne County
Toni Carter, Ramsey County
Mark Dleiden, Wright County
Jeanne Ennen, Stevens County
Steven Flohrs, Martin County
Bill Groskreutz, Faribault County
Lori Gunnincnk, Murray County
Jim Haney, Clay County
Gary Hendrickx, Swift County
Linda Higgins, Hennepin County
Norman Holmen, Cottonwood County
Melissa Huberty, Stearns County
Denny Kemp, Nicollet County
Cheryl Key, Wabasha County
Sheila Kiscaden, Olmsted County
Larry Kittelson, Pope County
Joan Lee, Polk County
Jack Miller, Houston County
Owen Miller, Douglas County
Todd Patzer, Lac qui Parle County
Rodney Peterson, Dodge County
Thomas Proulx, Carlton County
Genny Reynolds, Mille Lacs County
Jim Salfer, Redwood County
Rhonda Sivarajah, Anoka County
Deb Sjostrom, Otter Tail County
Donald Skarie, Becker County
Kara Terry, Crow Wing County
Barbara Weckman Brekke, Scott County

GUESTS:
Commissioner Jan Malcolm, MN Department of Health
Nina Arneson, Goodhue County
Beth Cook, Mille Lacs County
Jane Hardwick, Minnesota Prairie County Alliance
Susan Morris, Isanti County
Eric Ratzmann, MACSSA
David Hillukka, Wadena County
Ann Stehn, Kandiyohi County
Stacy Hennen, Grant County
Beth Wilms, SW HHS
Barb Weckman Brekke, Scott County
Eric Nerness, Hubbard County
Rae Ann Keeler, Yellow Medicine County
Becky Secore, Beltrami
Claudia Brewington, Ramsey County
Rochelle Westlund, Hennepin County
Ahna Minge, MMB
Matt Freeman, DHS
Nathan Morroco, DHS
Matt Burdick, DHS
Cindy Grosklags, Renville County
Drew Campbell, Blue Earth County
Sandy Tubbs, Horizon Public Health
Liz Auch, Countryside PH
Blair Nelson, Waseca County
Ginny Storlie, Cook County
Steve Gottwalt, MN Association of County Health Plans
Jeff Cadwell, Cook County
Dan Wildermuth, Pipestone County
I. **Call to Order**

Chair Linda Higgins called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the March Health & Human Services Policy Committee meeting. The motion carried.

II. Presentation by Commissioner Jan Malcolm, Minnesota Department of Health. Commissioner Malcolm updated the committee on laws that passed in 2018 relating to public health, including updates to isolation and quarantine requirements and training requirements for hotel staff on sex trafficking prevention. She also gave an overview of some of the budget proposals put forward, but not passed, in 2018 by MDH. This included additional resources to address elder abuse, expand access to naloxone, and expand safe drinking water. She highlighted some potential public health priorities to keep putting forward, including protecting prevention funds (and programs like SHIP), especially related to the Health Care Access Fund, and additional response related to opioid use.

III. Presentation by Assistant Commissioner Nathan Moracco, Minnesota Department of Human Services. Assistant Commissioner Moracco gave the committee an overview of the DHS strategic planning process and the legislative proposal process.

IV. Presentation by Matt Burdick, Health Care and Behavioral Health Legislative Director at DHS. Mr. Burdick updated the committee on the process for counties to apply for bonding funds related to behavioral health crisis centers. Mr. Burdick told members an RFP would be issued in September and the first round of decisions would be made by the end of the year.

V. Presentation by Ahna Minge, Executive Budget Officer, Minnesota Management and Budget. Ms. Minge gave an overview to the committee on the Health Care Access Fund. She provided the committee some estimates of both the revenue and expenditures of the fund for future years.

VI. Presentation on County-Based Purchasing. Steve Gottwald, Executive Director at the Minnesota Association of County Health Plans. Mr. Gottwald gave the committee an overview of the work of the county-based purchasing organizations. He presented some suggested language for the committee to consider related to AMC platform changes.

The committee recessed.

**Friday, Sept. 14, 2018**
VII. Chair Higgins called the meeting to order and reminded members that the committee needed to identify three legislative priorities.

VIII. Emily Babcock, AMC staff, outlined the AMC process for approving legislative priorities and updated the committee on changes to the process for selecting the 2019 priorities. The changes include the creation of a policy coordinating committee that will assign the review of platform changes and help coordinate any duplication.

IX. Chair Higgins listed the priority topics members has submitted during the Thursday meeting. Chair Higgins called on the committee to discuss potential priorities for the legislative session. The committee discussed a range of issues including the provider tax and the Health Care Access Fund, shortage of mental health funding, children’s residential treatment facilities, METS, workforce, competency restoration, out of home placement costs, prevention funding and prevention activities, ICWA funding, and children’s mental health continuum of care.

X. Motions were made, seconded and approved to select the following legislative priorities:
   a. Maintaining the provider tax
   b. Support state responsibility to fund mental health services and avoiding cost shifts, and
   c. Child Well Being

XI. Chair Higgins asked members to review the outstanding HHS issues discussed and asked members to review and make the necessary recommended changes to the platform. All proposed changes are due Oct. 8.

XII. Affiliate updates.
   a. Kari Oldfield introduced herself as the director of the Local Public Health Association. Sandy Tubbs gave an overview of the priorities of the Local Public Health Association which include SHIP funding, reducing opioid abuse, and the Local Public Health grant.
   b. Stacy Hennen updated the committee on the legislative priority areas that MACSSA has identified. Some of the issues the association is working on include funding for children’s residential treatment facilities, examining how the federal Families First legislation will impact counties, and substance abuse reform.
   c. Nancy Silesky updated the committee on the work related to MICA priorities including reducing county costs associated with Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center and the provider tax.

XIII. The committee adjourned.