COMMITTEE MINUTES for
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Date: January 29, 2008 **Place:** Room 116

Convened: 1/29/2008 10:10 AM **Recessed:** **Reconvened:** **Adjourned:** 1/29/2008 11:30 AM

Present: Senators Hatch-CH, Kreiman-VC, Johnson-RM, Ragan, Seymour
Representatives Foege-CH, Gayman-VC, Heaton-RM, Abdul-Samad, Granzow, Miller, L., Palmer, Smith, Tomenga

Absent: None

Excused: None

Senator Hatch called the meeting to order at 10:10AM. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present. Minutes from the last meeting were approved as written.

The committee heard a presentation by Dr. Allen Parks, Division of Mental Health and Disability Services, on the Mental Health Redesign. He provided handouts for the members. Senator Hatch invited others to sit at the table and participate in a round table discussion. The committee members were joined by Director Kevin Concannon, DHS; Lynn Ferrell, Polk county; Margaret Stout, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill; Carl Smith, Chair of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Commission; and Linda Hinton, Iowa State Association of Counties. Each of them had an opportunity to share information with the committee members. After the presentations, committee members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

Representative Foege indicated a need for the committee to do further work, perhaps in smaller work groups, on funding and on the collaborative process in the mental health system.

Senator Hatch announced that the committee will meet on Thursday this week, in spite of a scheduled funeral.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM, following a motion by Senator Johnson.

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Senator Jack Hatch

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Susan Salter, Committee Secretary