COMMITTEE MINUTES for
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Date: February 14, 2008 **Place:** Room 116

Convened: 2/14/2008 10:30 AM **Recessed:** **Reconvened:** **Adjourned:** 2/14/2008 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 10:30AM. Roll call was taken and attendance recorded. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as drafted.

Senator Hatch introduced Dr. Ethel Faust, who gave the committee information regarding autism. Dr. Danielle Sharpe then presented information about autism and the difficulty parents have getting financial assistance and services. They also provided the committee with a handout.

Director Kevin Concannon, DHS, responded to the discussion regarding autism services. Eugene Gessow, DHS, also made comments regarding Medicaid coverage related to autism and policy decisions that would have to made.

Members of the committee had the opportunity to ask questions of all the presenters. Representative Foege reported that there is a community-wide group in Cedar Rapids that is attempting to bring all sectors together to address this issue and suggested that a broad representation should be brought together to try to come up with possible solutions.

John McCalley, Dept. of Elder Affairs, Anthony Carroll, AARP, and Mark Hansen, Iowa Association of Agencies on Aging, addressed the committee and provided handouts. They gave information on the status of programs for seniors in Iowa. Committee members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM, following a motion by Representative Heaton.

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Senator Jack Hatch

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Susan Salter, Committee Secretary