

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Date:** February 10, 2009

**Place:** Room 116

**Convened:** 2/10/2009  
10:15 AM

**Recessed:**

**Reconvened:**

**Adjourned:** 2/10/2009  
11:25 AM

**Present:** Senators Hatch-CH, Ragan-VC, Johnson-RM, Hartsuch, Schmitz  
Representatives Heddens-CH, Thede-VC, Heaton-RM, Miller, L., Rayhons, Schulte,  
Shomshor, Smith, Wessel-Kroeschell

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** None

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am by Senator Jack Hatch. Roll call was taken and attendance recorded. Minutes of the February 5, 2009 meeting were approved.

Senator Hatch asked Rep. Heddens to chair the remainder of the subcommittee so he could attend and provide information to a pharmaceutical group.

Budget presentations were given by:

--Director Tom Newton, Department of Public Health

Handouts: DPH FY 2010 Governor Recommendations; DPH Responses and Attachment Key; IDPH New FTE's since 7-1-2007; DPH FY 2009 General Fund Budget 1.5% Across The Board Cut; DPH SFY 09 Appropriation Administrative Cost Savings.

Legislators asked questions about the number of individuals currently being served, how the cuts in preventive medicine would increase health care costs, increase in number of individuals asking for assistance with tobacco cessation, reduction of dental screening, impact on infectious disease numbers, reduction of MOE and block grant. Director Newton offered to provide the requested additional information to the subcommittee.

--Dan Steen, Commandant, Greg Wright, financial director, Dennis Mack, personnel agent, Iowa Vet's Home, Marshalltown. Dan Steen also introduced Lisa Purvis, legislative liaison, and Diane Steiner, budget analyst.

Handouts: Iowa Veteran's Home Net Budgeting Agency, Response to previous questions about FTE's and budget cuts.

Patrick Palmersheim, Director, and Kent Hartwig, Legislative Liaison, Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

Handouts: State of Iowa Veterans Benefits brochure, VA responses to questions about FTE's and budget cuts, General Fund Appropriation Detail by Function.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

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Senator Jack Hatch/ Representative Lisa Heddens

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Doris Taylor, Committee Secretary