

COMMITTEE MINUTES for HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Date: February 12, 2009

Place: Room 116

Convened: 2/12/2009
10:20 AM

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Adjourned: 2/12/2009
11:25 AM

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

Absent: None

Excused: Senator Hartsuch

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 am by Representative Lisa Heddens. Roll call was taken and attendance recorded.

Rep. Heddens recognized members of Early Childhood Iowa who were in attendance.

John McCalley, Director, Dept. of Elder Affairs presented budget information and provided four handouts:

- *FY 2009 Budgeted Funding Resources
- *Fiscal Fact Sheet
- *State Fiscal Year 2008 Fact Sheet
- *Department's responses to Rep. Heaton's questions

Subcommittee members asked questions about the baby boomer challenges, the actual amount of the 6.5% reduction, job descriptions for certain positions, statistics for unmet needs. Director McCalley will provide additional information. Director McCalley stated the goal of the Dept. of Elder Affairs is to allow individuals to remain independent as they age.

With a quorum present, Rep. Heddens asked for approval of the February 10th minutes. Senator Ragan motioned the minutes be approved and Rep. Miller seconded. Minutes were approved.

Director Gene Gessow and Jan Clausen of the Department of Human Services provided a spreadsheet for the FY10 Budget. Subcommittee members asked questions about the Stimulus Bill impacts, preserving dollars for health care use and not other areas of state government, elimination of waiting lists, the loss of federal matched dollars with a decrease in state spending, how many people not served because of the budget reductions, cost of legal services from the Attorney General's office.

LSA staff provided a handout, Selected House vs. Senate Stimulus Appropriations to Iowa 2-11-09.

Because of time constraints, Rep. Heddens asked that Mary Nelson from the DHS Division of Child And Family Services postpone her presentation until Tuesday, February 17th.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Representative Lisa Heddens

Doris Taylor, Committee Secretary