

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

**Date:** February 17, 2009

**Place:** Room 116

**Convened:** 2/17/2009  
10:10 AM

**Recessed:**

**Reconvened:**

**Adjourned:** 2/17/2009  
11:30 AM

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

**Absent:** None

**Excused:** Representatives Rayhons, Shomshor

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am by Senator Jack Hatch. Roll call was taken and attendance recorded.

Mary Nelson, Administrator, Division of Child and Family Services, Iowa Department of Human Services, provided a handout, Testimony before the Health and Human Services Appropriation Subcommittee and presented information about the child welfare programs. Mary introduced two of her bureau chiefs, Julie Allison with Protective Services, and Margaret Wright with Child Welfare.

Subcommittee members asked questions about foster care, custody of educational records, placement extensions, appropriations, statistics for mental health diagnosis, average case load per worker, foster care peer support program, child care, OIG decision, number of children placed in Foster Care, reunification data, denial of critical care, and comparison of national standard with Iowa statistics. Mary Nelson and staff will provide additional statistical data to the subcommittee.

Steve Ackerson and Doug Johnson, Iowa Health Care Association and Iowa Center for Assisted Living, provided a handout, Quality Assurance Assessment Fee, and provided statistical information about actual provider costs compared to Medicaid reimbursement.

Dana Petrowsky, President/CEO Iowa Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, Brian Farrell, Executive Director of Bishop Drum, Kris Hansen of Western Home Communities, and Jeff Steggerds, Brighton Consulting Group, provided a handout, Funding Medicaid Nursing Facility Payments in SFY 2009 and 2010, and gave statistical information about provider costs exceeding the cost of Medicaid reimbursement.

Subcommittee members asked questions about new assisted living homes, percentage of Medicaid and private pay residents, budget numbers for the 1/5%, 6.5% and rebasing statistics. Additional information will be provided to the subcommittee members. Subcommittee members will also be kept informed of the Senate subcommittee work on provider tax.

LSA staff provided two handouts--News article "Iowa Expected to Benefit From \$1.9 Billion in Federal Funds" and Selected Stimulus Appropriations to Iowa.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

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Senator Jack Hatch

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Doris Taylor, Committee Secretary