

COMMITTEE MINUTES for HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Date: January 21, 2010

Place: Room 116

Convened: 1/21/2010
10:20 AM

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Adjourned: 1/21/2010
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

Representative Heddens called the meeting to order at 10:20 am. Roll Call was taken and recorded. The minutes from the April 6, 2009 subcommittee were approved.

Representative Heddens and Senator Hatch thanked members for their participation in the three interim subcommittee meetings and welcomed all lobbyists and interested parties to the meeting. They stated that there would not be the usual agency presentations at meetings this year. Instead, presentations will be by issues.

Ranking members Representative Heaton and Senator Johnson presented issues they would like to see addressed this year--Refugee program, HOPES, Medicaid, FaDSS, seniors, maximization of federal dollars, and budget target dates. Rep. Heddens and Sen. Hatch stated that conversations have already taken place on those issues and they will be addressed.

John Pollock, LSA, provided a handout, Report of Adult Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Service System Workgroup to Adult MH/DD Stakeholder Task Force January 2010, and gave an overview. Members asked questions and Mr. Pollock provided answers.

Jess Benson and Deborah Helsen provided a handout and overview of the HHS Abridged Version of the Government Reorganization and Efficiency Bill, SSB 3030. They also discussed the recent Senate amendments. Members asked questions regarding money following the person, county option to raise taxes, waiver/Medicaid eligibility, guardian ad litem, validation of consultant/Public Works' numbers,

LSA staff, Charlie Krogmeier, DHS Director, Senator Hatch and Representative Heddens provided answers. Jennifer Vermeer will be asked to provide information on prior authorization of certain prescriptions at a future meeting.

Rep. Heddens stated the committee will work on recommendations from the Interim Adult Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Workgroup which Mr. Pollock gave an overview of.

Senator Ragan moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Representative Lisa K. Heddens

Doris Taylor, Committee Secretary