

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

Date: January 26, 2010

Place: Room 116

Convened: 1/26/2010
10:15 AM

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Adjourned: 1/26/2010
11:00 AM

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

Absent: None

Excused: Representative Shomshor

Representative Heddens called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. Roll call was taken and recorded. The minutes from the January 21, 2010 meeting were approved.

Handouts provided--
DHS Concerns/Comments on Reorg Bill
United Ways of Iowa -- TANF Emergency Fund
Utilities -- Joint Low-Income Program
CLASP -- TANF Emergency Fund

Discussion continued on the HHS portion of the Reorganization Bill. DHS Director Charles Krogmeier talked about DHS's concerns/comments regarding information technology services, span of control, Medicaid prescription drugs, Medicaid activities, closure of Mount Pleasant, mental health institutes, consolidation of advisory bodies. Subcommittee members asked questions about span of control related to federal regulations, contracts, standard of care, licensure standards, the need for good supervisors, and centralized purchase of pharmaceutical drugs. Director Krogmeier will follow up on the question of whether pharmaceutical drugs are included in the centralized purchase requirement.

Rep. Heddens stated that Rep. Mascher held a subcommittee today on the reorganization bill and asked Rep. Mark Smith and Rep. Heddens to do additional work on prescription drugs and false claims. The subcommittee meets again Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 8:00 am.

Ann Wiebers, DHS, talked about the TANF Emergency fund and that Iowa can apply for \$65 million to be spent on TANF. Approximately \$13.7 million has been requested to date with another \$19 million available based on caseload. DHS is working with outside agencies to draw down the additional dollars.

Lana Ross, Executive Director of Iowa Community Action Network, Sara Ramsey, United Way of Central Iowa, and Mark Douglas, President, Iowa Utility Association talked about the demand for services going up and the funding going down. They are working with 3rd parties to maximize federal funding for TANF. Subcommittee members asked questions about trying to find more contributions, keeping utilities in place, and payment of propane deliveries.

Senator Johnson asked that individuals be invited to a future meeting to present information on senior services, caregivers, nursing homes, assisted living, and mental health issues.

Senator Johnson moved to arise at 11:00 am.

Rep. Lisa K. Heddens

Doris Taylor, Committee Secretary