

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

Date: January 22, 2009

Place: Room 116

Convened: 1/22/2009
10:05 AM

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Adjourned: 1/22/2009
10:30 AM

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

Absent: None

Excused: Senators Hatch-CH, Johnson-RM

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by Representative Heddens.

Representative Heddens distributed a copy of the Subcommittee Rules. Representative Smith made the motion to approve the rules and Representative Miller seconded the motion. The rules were approved unanimously by a voice vote.

Chairmen and members, introduced themselves and shared their interests in the committee and priorities for the session.

Representative Heaton asked five questions of the four departments:

1. How many new FTE positions have you added since 2007? Will you provide a listing of all the FTE positions complete with job titles, salary, and benefits for the position and whether the position is filled? If it is not filled, how long has the FTE position been opened?
2. How will you implement the across the board cut?
3. Provide us with the list of suggested cuts you provided the Governor in November or December of 2008.
4. If you were forced to cut your budget by 10 percent, what suggestions would you have to reduce the budget and / or reduce the responsibilities of your department?
5. What assets does your department have that can be leased or sold? What services do you provide that could be privatized or outsourced?

Representative Heaton asked that the departments provide the information as soon as possible.

Legislative staff members introduced themselves.

Representative Heddens appointed two subcommittees:

Mental Health -- Representative Wessel-Kroeschell, co-chair; Senator Ragan, co-chair; Representative Schulte, and a Senate Republican to be appointed.

Resource Centers for Disabilities -- Representative Heddens, co-chair, Representative Heaton, Senator Schmitz, co-chair, and a Senate Republican to be appointed.

Representative Heddens provided a spreadsheet of the Health and Human Services Subcommittee Reports Submitted from the 2008 session related to SF 2425, HF 2539, and SF 2432 and asked members to review the reports and prioritize areas in which they would like additional details and presentations within the committee.

Representative Smith moved to adjourn at 10:30 am.

Representative Lisa Heddens

Doris Taylor, Committee Secretary