

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**BUDGET COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES**

Tuesday, December 9, 1997  
Harvest Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of minutes of previous meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum on the allocation of funds for mental health services for the 1997-99 biennium
- 9:15 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services on effective community services being provided to reduce the number of State Hospital admissions and to serve clients, to the extent possible, in a least restrictive environment
- 9:45 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum on average caseloads of case managers serving persons with serious mental illness
- 10:00 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding mental health services
- 10:15 a.m. Comments by committee members regarding mental health services
- 10:30 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum on the reimbursement system for group and residential child care facilities
- 10:40 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services of suggested changes to the reimbursement system for group and residential child care facilities
- 11:00 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the reimbursement system for group and residential child care facilities
- 11:20 a.m. Comments by committee members regarding the reimbursement system for group and residential child care facilities
- 11:40 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services on the number of licensed residential treatment center beds and residential child care facility and group home beds in the state and on the status of the Southwest Key organization's license to provide residential services in the state
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess
- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum providing information on the number of children in foster care in North Dakota
- 1:15 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum regarding limitations on the number of licensed residential treatment center or residential child care facility beds
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the West Central Human Service Center on procedures involved in placing children in foster care homes or facilities

- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services on children placed in out-of-state facilities
- 2:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services on children placed in foster care facilities since August 1997
- 3:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services on the Partnership Project, including its purpose, annual budgets, programs and services, and accomplishments
- 3:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding foster care services
- 4:00 p.m. Comments by committee members regarding foster care services
- 4:15 p.m. Presentation by representatives of Central Personnel on preliminary information being considered for the state employee compensation report
- 4:30 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

### **Committee Members**

Representatives Janet Wentz (Chairman), James O. Coats, April Fairfield, James A. Kerzman, Amy N. Kliniske, Edward H. Lloyd, Jon O. Nelson, Carol A. Niemeier, Al Soukup, Elwood Thorpe  
Senators Ray Holmberg, Elroy N. Lindaas