

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday and Wednesday, January 6-7, 1998
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Tuesday, January 6, 1998

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the December 4, 1997, meeting

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

9:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Public Administration Service of a progress report regarding the study of the Department of Human Services including tentative findings and recommendations regarding the following areas:

- Strengths of the department and opportunities for improvement
- Appropriateness of a consolidated department
- Effect the department's organizational structure has on the delivery of services and responsiveness to clients, families, personnel, the public, and providers
- Appropriate use of new and innovative methods of providing services
- Departmental communications, including public input, public understanding of programs, and the department's budget development and presentation methods
- Organizational and other changes to enhance accountability, primary prevention efforts, service delivery, program effectiveness, communications, and legislative and public understanding of departmental programs and budget
- Supervision of private sector contracts and other relationships
- State, county, and regional relationships
- Appointment of the executive director

11:30 a.m. Committee discussion and comments regarding the consultant's study of the Department of Human Services

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

1:00 p.m. Comments by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the consultant's study of the department and regarding changing current law to allow for Indian tribal representation on human service center advisory boards

- 2:00 p.m. Comments by a representative of the North Dakota Association of County Social Service Board Directors regarding the study of the Department of Human Services
- 2:30 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the study of the organization of the Department of Human Services
- 4:00 p.m. Comments by Mr. Barry Nelson, Lutheran Social Services, regarding the refugee resettlement program, the refugees' interaction with the Department of Human Services and social service agencies, and recommendations to improve the system
- 4:30 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 5:00 p.m. Recess

STUDY OF SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Wednesday, January 7, 1998

- 9:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services of a status report on the task force reviewing the county and state responsibilities for children and family services, including a county staff time study, the identification of core and contractual services, and state and county financing and administrative responsibility under consideration and plans for the study of the county and state responsibilities for persons with disabilities and the elderly
- 9:45 a.m. Comments by a representative of the North Dakota Association of County Social Service Board Directors regarding the committee's study, including the task force status report and plans for the study of county and state responsibilities for persons with disabilities and the elderly
- 10:30 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of the responsibilities of social service agencies
- 11:30 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 12:00 noon Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators Tim Mathern (Chairman), Bill L. Bowman, Tom Fischer, Jerome Kelsh, Judy Lee, Rod St. Aubyn, Russell T. Thane
 Representatives Leonard J. Jacobs, Roxanne Jensen, Connie Johnsen, James A. Kerzman, Clara Sue Price, Wanda Rose, Ken Svedjan, Gerald O. Sveen, Janet Wentz