

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday and Wednesday, June 23-24, 1998

Auditorium, North Central Human Service Center and Minot Vocational Adjustment Workshop
Minot, North Dakota

**Tuesday, June 23, 1998 - Auditorium, North Central Human Service Center,
400 22nd Avenue NW, Minot**

1:00 p.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the March 17-18, 1998, meeting

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES STUDY

1:05 p.m. Comments by Mr. David Snyder, Director, North Central Human Service Center, and other center staff regarding center goals, programs, and clients and a brief tour of the center

2:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Public Administration Service of the final report on the study of the Department of Human Services, including findings and recommendations regarding:

- Consultants' review of client satisfaction surveys, the effect of the review on the consultants' findings and recommendations, and recommendations for obtaining future input from clients
- An optimal future departmental structure, including identification of specific changes to provide for the cost-effective and efficient delivery of human service programs and responsiveness to clients, families, providers, the public, and employees
- Definition of a strategic business plan and its role in an optimal department structure
- Mechanisms to be developed or enhanced to ensure quality service, including measurement of needs assessment, client satisfaction, and private provider and human service center effectiveness
- Appropriate use of new and innovative methods of providing services, including managed care and its applicability in Department of Human Services programs
- Identification of appropriate core services
- Methods to enhance budget development and legislative and public understanding of the department's programs and budget
- Organizational and other changes to enhance accountability, primary prevention efforts, service delivery, program effectiveness, and communications, particularly in light of advances in information technology
- Appropriateness of a consolidated department, including whether the size is appropriate to be efficiently managed

- Departmental internal and external communications, including public input, public understanding of programs, and the department's budget development and presentation methods
- State, county, and regional relationships
- Appointment of the executive director
- Estimated costs or savings related to consultant recommendations
- Related statutory changes to implement consultant recommendations

- 3:15 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a draft resolution to implement the recommendations of the Public Administration Service
- 3:30 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the consultants' study of the Department of Human Services, including consideration of the acceptance of the final report
- 3:45 p.m. Comments by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the consultants' study of the department, the related departmental estimated costs or savings, and the draft resolution
- 4:15 p.m. Comments by representatives of the North Dakota Association of County Social Service Board Directors regarding the study of the Department of Human Services, including comments regarding the draft resolution and information regarding the sharing of county social services
- 4:45 p.m. Comments by private agencies and service contractors and other interested persons regarding the study of the Department of Human Services and the draft resolution
- 5:15 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 5:30 p.m. Recess

Wednesday, June 24, 1998 - Minot Vocational Adjustment Workshop, 605 27th Street SE, Minot

STUDY OF SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES' RESPONSIBILITIES

- 8:30 a.m. Comments by Mr. Owen Larson, Director, Minot Vocational Adjustment Workshop, regarding the facility's programs and a tour of the facility
- 9:45 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft regarding state and county responsibilities for subsidized adoption
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Linda Schell, Director, Children and Family Services Division, Department of Human Services, of information regarding:
- The fiscal impact of the bill draft regarding subsidized adoptions, including a comparison of current and proposed federal, state, and county funding responsibilities for administration and grant payments for children and family services
 - A status report on the state/county committee reviewing the responsibilities for children and family services, including:
 - Results of a county staff time study
 - Proposed core and contractual services
 - Any additional statutory changes

- 10:45 a.m. Comments by Mr. Larry Bernhardt and other representatives of the North Dakota Association of County Social Service Board Directors regarding the committee's study, the bill draft regarding subsidized adoption, the Children and Family Services State/County Committee status report, the study of county and state responsibilities for persons with disabilities and the elderly, and any additional suggested statutory changes
- 11:15 a.m. Comments by private agencies and service contractors and other interested persons regarding the committee's study of the responsibilities of social service agencies
- 11:45 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