

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Monday and Tuesday, September 22-23, 1997
Southeast Human Service Center and Cass County Social Services
Fargo, North Dakota

Monday, September 22, 1997 - Southeast Human Service Center, 2624 Ninth Avenue SW, Fargo,

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll Call
Consideration of minutes from previous meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation and budget tour by representatives of the Southeast Human Service Center, including:
- An overview of the center's goals, programs, and clients
 - Information on the implementation and status of the 1997-99 block grant appropriation for the center, including comments on the committee's study of the block grant method of appropriating funds and comments regarding any major budget problems
 - Information on major program changes and needs

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES STUDY

- 11:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services of the following:
- Summary information of programs in which the department interacts with or provides services similar to those provided by the State Department of Health
 - A summary of various state matching percentages, maintenance of efforts, and future matching percentages for federal programs
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of information regarding options for a Department of Human Services client and staff survey
- 11:45 a.m. Leave for luncheon at the YMCA, 3200 12th Avenue North, Fargo
- 1:00 p.m. Continuation of presentation by the Department of Human Services
- Suggestions for internal Department of Human Services changes to enhance program effectiveness, to deliver services in a cost-effective, efficient manner that addresses family needs, allows the department to be responsive in a timely manner to clients, families, and personnel issues, and public and provider concerns, to enhance legislative and public understanding, appropriation analysis and development and oversight of the department, and to enhance internal and external communications
 - Comments regarding areas in which the department has not fully implemented the Dawes recommendations

5:00 p.m. Recess

**Tuesday, September 23, 1997 - Cass County Social Services 1010 Second Avenue
South, Fargo**

STUDY OF SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES' RESPONSIBILITIES

- 9:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of Cass County Social Services regarding programs and services provided by the agency and the committee's studies of the structure of the Department of Human Services and of social service agency responsibilities
- 3:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding foster care services
- 4:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services on additional full-time equivalent positions at human service centers
- 4:15 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum relating to legislation in North Dakota and South Dakota relating to bistate agreements
- 4:30 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff on a memorandum on other states' employee salary schedules
- 4:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 5:00 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 5:15 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators Tim Mathern (Chairman), Bill L. Bowman, Tom Fisher, 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, Jane Wentz