

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

**BUDGET COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

Tuesday, October 4, 2005  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of minutes of previous meeting

**PUBLIC HEALTH UNIT STUDY**

9:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Department of Health regarding information available from national organizations on core functions and essential services of public health units

9:25 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Fargo Cass Public Health Department regarding its definition of essential services

9:45 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Department of Health regarding food and lodging investigation services provided by the State Department of Health and food and lodging investigation services provided by the public health units

10:10 a.m. Presentation by representatives of Bismarck Burleigh Public Health Department regarding its services and funding

10:40 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Custer District Health Unit regarding its services and funding

11:10 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the public health unit study

**HEALTHY NORTH DAKOTA STUDY**

11:15 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Department of Health on the current status of activities relating to the Healthy North Dakota Initiative

11:45 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the Healthy North Dakota study

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

**MEDICAID STUDY AND REPORTS**

1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding final medical assistance-related expenditures by category for the 2003-05 biennium compared to the 2003-05 biennium budget and to appropriations provided for the 2005-07 biennium

1:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Insurance Department regarding implementation of the Medicare prescription drug program, including the number of pharmacy benefits managers in North Dakota and the department's role in educating and assisting the public in understanding the program and selecting a prescription drug plan

- 1:45 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the department's progress in developing and implementing a plan for implementation of the Medicare prescription drug program, including the department's estimate of its required payment ("clawback") to the federal government, and the plan for informing and assisting eligible Medicaid recipients in selecting a prescription drug plan
- 2:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the status of activities of the prescription drug monitoring workgroup and implementation of a prescription drug monitoring program
- 2:45 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the status of the department's amendment to the North Dakota Medicaid state plan allowing the disregard of assets for individuals owning long-term care insurance policies
- 3:00 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the medical assistance program
- FOSTER CARE FACILITY PAYMENT SYSTEM STUDY**
- 3:10 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the:
- Number of children in foster care, number of children in foster care facilities, and number of children placed in out-of-state foster care homes and facilities
  - Status of the change in payment procedures for foster care facilities as required by the federal government
- 3:25 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the foster care facility payment system study
- CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS STUDY**
- 3:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding children's special health services program statistics, including the number of children served, covered medical conditions, the appropriateness of the eligibility guidelines, and other conditions that should be considered for coverage
- 3:50 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Children's Special Health Services Advisory Committee on the procedures involved in authorizing the program to cover certain medical conditions
- 4:15 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the children with special health care needs study
- 4:30 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

#### **Committee Members**

Senators Dick Dever (Chairman), Richard L. Brown, Tom Fischer, Aaron Krauter, Judy Lee, Russell T. Thane, John M. Warner  
 Representatives Jeff Delzer, William R. Devlin, Lee Kaldor, James Kerzman, Gary Kreidt, Ralph Metcalf, Jon O. Nelson, Vonnie Pietsch, Chet Pollert, Todd Porter, Louise Potter, Clara Sue Price, Sally M. Sandvig, Ken Svedjan, Gerald Uglem, Alon C. Wieland