

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Thursday, August 5, 2010  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the minutes of the June 16, 2010, meeting

**UNMET HEALTH CARE NEEDS STUDY**

9:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding:

- Changes included in the federal health care reform legislation affecting child support collections
- The effect of federal health care reform legislation on the Medicaid program
- The number of Native Americans eligible for Medicaid by county

9:30 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Transportation regarding an update on the status of development of two public transportation coordination pilot projects as provided in 2009 Senate Bill No. 2223

9:45 a.m. Distribution of written comments provided by representatives of the North Dakota Medical Association regarding the availability and affordability of health care services in the state, the role of telemedicine in providing health care services in the state, and efforts to improve health care services in rural North Dakota

10:00 a.m. Comments by representatives of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota regarding the availability and affordability of health care services in the state, the role of telemedicine in providing health care services in the state, and efforts to improve health care in rural North Dakota

10:15 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study of unmet health care needs

10:25 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of unmet health care needs

**VOUCHER USE AND PROVIDER CHOICE FOR CLIENTS STUDY**

10:30 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding:

- The number of Native Americans receiving mental health and substance abuse services in fiscal years 2008 and 2009 living on a reservation compared to the number living off a reservation
- The sources of mental health and substance abuse services referrals for each human service center
- Summary of major mental health and substance abuse services issues and discussions included in the Department of Human Services' stakeholder report
- Information regarding the availability of mental health-related crisis beds in the state
- Information comparing the per capita cost of mental health and substance abuse services in North Dakota to other states

11:00 a.m. Comments by representatives of the North Dakota Hospital Association regarding the availability of mental health-related crisis beds in the state

- 11:10 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding a summary of information included in quality of life surveys done as part of the Money Follows the Person demonstration grant
- 11:20 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study of voucher use and provider choice for clients in various human services and other state programs
- 11:25 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of voucher use and provider choice for clients in various human services and other state programs

### **OTHER COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding a history of the cost-benefit analysis of insurance mandates and prior legislation or legislative rules proposed or approved affecting the legislative requirements for consideration of health insurance mandate legislation
- 11:35 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Insurance Department regarding the Insurance Commissioner's recommendation for a private entity to contract with to perform cost-benefit analyses of health insurance mandates during the 2011 legislative session
- 11:40 a.m. Committee discussion regarding recommendations for legislative rules changes regarding the deadlines for those legislative measures mandating health insurance coverage
- 11:45 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's other responsibilities
- 11:50 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's other responsibilities
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess

### **SERVICES FOR PREGNANT MINORS STUDY**

- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding:
- The number of alternatives-to-abortion single service visits for a pregnancy test, whether the pregnancy test included counseling, and the payment provided for a pregnancy test
  - Alternatives-to-abortion services provided by age
  - The number of infant adoptions and the number of adoptions that resulted from removal through the child welfare system
  - Information regarding Medicaid income eligibility levels for pregnant women
- 1:20 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Department of Health regarding the age at which parental consent is required for an abortion and the number of abortions provided to individuals requiring parental consent
- 1:25 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services and North Dakota-approved alternatives-to-abortion program providers regarding a proposed evidence-based program to provide additional education and social services that would enhance the potential for a healthy child and a positive outcome for the minor, including the amount and sources of funding for the proposed program
- 1:45 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study of existing services for pregnant minors and whether additional education and social services would enhance the potential for a healthy child and a positive outcome for the minor
- 1:55 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of services for pregnant minors, including consideration of changes to Medicaid income eligibility levels for pregnant women

**STUDY OF THE EFFECT OF FEDERAL, STATE, AND  
COUNTY GOVERNMENT FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION ON THE  
SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS OF TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS**

- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff regarding South Dakota programs for child welfare services on Indian reservations
- 2:10 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Indian Affairs Commission regarding an update on the efforts to facilitate the development of proposals to improve the delivery of human service programs on reservations, including a list of barriers to the development of proposals
- 2:25 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study of the effect of federal, state, and county government funding and administration on the social service programs of tribal governments
- 2:30 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of the effect of federal, state, and county government funding and administration on the social service programs of tribal governments

**IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM STUDY**

- 2:35 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Department of Health regarding:
- An update on the independent quality improvement evaluation of the state's immunization program
  - An update regarding the delay in the processing of the electronic member liable claims
  - Estimated cost to operate a reminder/recall program for immunizations
- 3:00 p.m. Presentation by Legislative Council staff of a bill draft regarding the administration of influenza shots and other immunizations to children by pharmacists
- 3:05 p.m. Distribution of written comments provided by representatives of the North Dakota Medical Association regarding the immunization of children by pharmacists
- 3:15 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the proposed bill draft and the committee's study of the state immunization program
- 3:30 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the proposed bill draft and the committee's study of the state immunization program
- 3:45 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

**Committee Members**

Representatives Robin Weisz (Chairman), Larry Bellew, Tom Conklin, Kari L. Conrad, Jeff Delzer, Mary Ekstrom, Robert Frantsvog, Curt Hofstad, Richard Holman, Gary Kreidt, Vonnie Pietsch, Chet Pollert, Louise Potter, Alon C. Wieland  
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