

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 25, 2011
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes from the August 2, 2011, meeting
- STUDY OF GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES**
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding current guardianship services provided through the department's Developmental Disabilities and Aging Services Divisions
- 9:25 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the judicial branch regarding current guardianship services, including the number of guardianships appointed by the court system
- 9:40 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the study of guardianship services
- 9:50 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum summarizing information included in the proposals submitted for the study of guardianship services
- 10:00 a.m. Presentations by representatives of the consultants that submitted proposals for the guardianship services study:
- Mr. Winsor C. Schmidt
 - North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities
- 10:40 a.m. Committee discussion and recommendation of a consultant for the study of guardianship services
- STUDY OF THE QUALIFIED SERVICE PROVIDER SYSTEM**
- 11:00 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding:
- Enrollment of a qualified service provider (QSP)
 - The number of QSPs and a map of QSP coverage areas of the state
 - QSP rates
 - The amount of funding being spent by the state on QSP services
 - Suggested changes for the QSP system
- 11:20 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study of the QSP system
- OTHER COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding the status of the substance abuse services pilot voucher payment program
- 11:45 a.m. Luncheon recess
- STUDY OF THE AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER**
- 12:45 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding specific services provided for individuals with autism spectrum disorder through the:
- Infant development program, including information on private entities providing early intervention services
 - Developmental Disabilities Division, including information on the number of individuals in the system that have an autism spectrum disorder

- Vocational Rehabilitation Division
 - Mental Health and Substance Abuse Division
- 1:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding the status of its regional autism spectrum disorder centers of early intervention and achievement pilot program
- 1:30 p.m. Comments by families affected by autism spectrum disorder regarding the diagnosis and early treatment of, care for, and education of individuals with autism spectrum disorder
- 2:15 p.m. Comments by treatment providers, early childhood service providers, caretakers, and nonprofit intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities regarding the diagnosis and early treatment of, care for, and education of individuals with autism spectrum disorder
- STUDY OF DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' CASELOADS AND PROGRAM UTILIZATION**
- 3:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum regarding the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for 2013
- 3:05 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding the status of the department's 2011-13 legislative appropriation, including information regarding the fiscal impact of the state's decreased FMAP for 2013
- 3:15 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding historical caseloads and program utilization, including information regarding increases and decreases by program and reasons for the changes in caseload and utilization, and anticipated and actual caseloads and program utilization for the 2011-13 biennium for the following programs:
- Economic Assistance Division
 - Temporary assistance for needy families (TANF)
 - Supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP)
 - Low-income home energy assistance program (LIHEAP)
 - Child care assistance
 - Children and Family Services Division
 - Foster care
 - Subsidized adoption
- 4:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding the estimated impact of the federal Affordable Care Act on the department's anticipated caseloads and budget and potential appropriation requests to be considered by the Legislative Assembly during its November 2011 special session
- 4:15 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Alon Wieland (Chairman), Dick Anderson, Roger Brabandt, Donald L. Clark, Tom Conklin, Curt Hofstad, Kathy Hogan, Richard Holman, Robert Kilichowski, Vonnie Pietsch, Chet Pollert, Jim Schmidt
 Senators Dick Dever, Robert Erbele, Tim Mathern, Joe Miller, Gerald Uglem

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