STATE OF MINNESOTA SEVENTH MEETING

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETIETH SESSION

CHILDCARE ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE

**MINUTES**

Representative Franson, Chair of the Childcare Access and Affordability Subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M. on February 27, 2017, in Room 200 of the State Office Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

FRANSON, Mary, Chair

PETERSON, Roz, Vice Chair

FLANAGAN, Peggy, Minority Lead

ALBRIGHT, Tony

KOEGEL, Erin

KRESHA, Ron

QUAM, Duane

Members excused:

SANDSTEDE, Julie

Representative Flanagan moved to approve the minutes of February 22, 2017. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF1583 (Peterson) Basic sliding fee child care funding priorities and allocation formula modified.**

Representative Peterson moved that HF1583 be approved and recommended to the Committee

on Health and Human Services Reform.

Marti Fishbach, Director of Employment and Economic Assistance in Dakota County, provided testimony on HF1583.

Representative Peterson renewed the motion that HF1583 be approved and recommended to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HFXXXX (Flanagan) Child care business training.**

Representative Flanagan moved that HFXXXX be approved and recommended to the Committee

on Health and Human Services Reform.

Testimony was taken on HFXXXX:

Elaine Wyatt, Executive Director, WomenVenture

Yolanda Maxwell, Co-Owner, Little Steps Childcare Center, St. Paul

Representative Flanagan renewed the motion that HFXXXX be approved and recommended to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF1407 (Flanagan) Women-run cooperative child care businesses in low-income urban areas pilot program funding provided, reports required, and money appropriated.**

Representative Flanagan moved that HF1407 be approved and recommended to the Committee

on Health and Human Services Reform.

Testimony was taken on HF1407:

Elaine Wyatt, Executive Director, WomenVenture

Elizabeth Bangert, Executive Director, Here We Grow, Mankato

Representative Flanagan renewed the motion that HF1407 be approved and recommended to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF1459 (Flanagan) Family child care licensors oversight and training required, and training curriculum development required.**

Representative Flanagan moved that HF1459 be approved and recommended to the Committee

on Health and Human Services Reform.

Testimony was taken on HF1459:

Cyndi Cunningham, Cyndi’s Daycare, St. Paul

Hollee Saville, Happee Hollee’s Licensed Family Child Care, St. Michael

Tracy Stengel, President, Minnesota Association of Childcare Professionals, Mankato

Representative Flanagan renewed the motion that HF1459 be approved and recommended to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Representative Peterson assumed the gavel at 7:16 P.M.

**HF1299 (Franson) Human Services commissioner duty to inform county agencies and license holders of changes in statute, rule, federal law, regulation, and policy modified.**

Representative Franson moved that HF1299 be approved and recommended to the Committee on

Health and Human Services Reform.

Testimony was taken on HF1299:

Tracy Stengel, President, Minnesota Association of Child Care Professionals, Mankato

Julie Seydel, Licensed Family Child Care Providers of Anoka County, Andover

Hollee Saville, Happee Hollee’s Licensed Family Child Care, St. Michael

Cyndi Cunningham, Cyndi’s Daycare, St. Paul

Elizabeth Bangert, Executive Director, Here We Grow, Mankato

Kim Leipold, Association of Minnesota Family Child Care Licensors

Representative Franson renewed the motion that HF1299 be approved and recommended to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF1300 (Franson) Child care licensing definition of annual modified.**

Representative Franson moved that HF1300 be approved and recommended to the Committee on

Health and Human Services Reform.

Representative Franson moved the A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testimony was taken on HF1300, as amended:

Tracy Stengel, President, Minnesota Association of Child Care Professionals, Mankato

Julie Seydel, Licensed Family Child Care Providers of Anoka County, Andover

Hollee Saville, Happee Hollee’s Licensed Family Child Care, St. Michael

Cyndi Cunningham, Cyndi’s Daycare, St. Paul

Representative Franson renewed the motion that HF1300, as amended, be approved and recommended to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF1301 (Franson) Child care correction order posting requirements modified.**

Representative Franson moved that HF1301 be approved and recommended to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform.

Testimony was taken on HF1301:

Tracy Stengel, President, Minnesota Association of Child Care Professionals, Mankato

Julie Seydel, Licensed Family Child Care Providers of Anoka County, Andover

Hollee Saville, Happee Hollee’s Licensed Family Child Care, St. Michael

Cyndi Cunningham, Cyndi’s Daycare, St. Paul

Elizabeth Bangert, Executive Director, Here We Grow, Mankato

Kim Leipold, Association of Minnesota Family Child Care Licensors

Representative Franson renewed the motion that HF1301 be approved and recommended to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF1329 (Franson) Correction order quotas for child care licensing prohibited.**

Representative Franson moved that HF1329 be approved and recommended to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform.

Testimony was taken on HF1329:

Tracy Stengel, President, Minnesota Association of Child Care Professionals, Mankato

Julie Seydel, Licensed Family Child Care Providers of Anoka County, Andover

Elizabeth Bangert, Executive Director, Here We Grow, Mankato

Kim Leipold, Association of Minnesota Family Child Care Licensors

Representative Franson renewed the motion that HF1329 be approved and recommended to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF1422 (Franson) Child care status report to the legislature required.**

Representative Franson moved that HF1422 be approved and recommended to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform.

Testimony was taken on HF1422:

Hollee Saville, Happee Hollee’s Licensed Family Child Care, St. Michael

Elizabeth Bangert, Executive Director, Here We Grow, Mankato

Representative Franson renewed the motion that HF1422 be approved and recommended to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF1306 (Franson) Child care assistance expanded to foster care parents.**

Representative Franson moved that HF1306 be approved and recommended to the Committee on

Health and Human Services Reform.

Representative Franson moved the A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testimony was taken on HF1306:

Julie Seydel, Licensed Family Child Care Providers of Anoka County, Andover

Hollee Saville, Happee Hollee’s Licensed Family Child Care, St. Michael

Kim Leipold, Association of Minnesota Family Child Care Licensors

Representative Franson renewed the motion that HF1306, as amended, be approved and recommended to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Representative Franson assumed the gavel at 8:16 P.M.

**HF1311 (Quam) County Licensing agencies required to offer and conduct exit interviews for family child care providers, and fix-it ticket alternative to a correction order authorized.**

Representative Quam moved that HF1311 be approved and recommended to the Committee on

Health and Human Services Reform.

Representative Quam moved the A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testimony was taken on HF1311, as amended:

Hollee Saville, Happee Hollee’s Licensed Family Child Care, St. Michael

Cyndi Cunningham, Cyndi’s Daycare, St. Paul

Kim Leipold, Association of Minnesota Family Child Care Licensors

Ariane Blomberg, Chair of Advocacy, FCCI, Rochester

Tracy Stengel, President, Minnesota Association of Child Care Professionals, Mankato

Elizabeth Bangert, Executive Director, Here We Grow, Mankato

Representative Quam renewed the motion that HF1311, as amended, be approved and recommended to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF604 (Quam) Hands Off Child Care Act Adopted.**

Representative Quam moved that HF604 be approved and recommended to the Committee on

Health and Human Services Reform.

Testimony was taken on HF604:

Tracy Stengel, President, Minnesota Association of Child Care Professionals, Mankato

Hollee Saville, Happee Hollee’s Licensed Family Child Care, St. Michael

Julie Seydel, Licensed Family Child Care Providers of Anoka County, Andover

Cyndi Cunningham, Cyndi’s Daycare, St. Paul

Melissa Donovan, licensed child care provider, Chisago County

Representative Quam renewed the motion that HF604 be approved and recommended to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

Representative Mary Franson, Chair

Karen Johnson, Committee Legislative Assistant