**Committee on Early Childhood Finance and Policy**

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Room 200 State Office Building

Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

Summary of interim hearings and Early Childhood Caucus interim update

Overview of Early Childhood spreadsheet

* Emily Adriaens, Fiscal Analyst

*Why Early Childhood Matters* by James Heckman, Henry Schultz Distinguished Service Professor of Economics at The University of Chicago and a Nobel Memorial Prize winner in Economics

Update from Department of Human Services on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

* Deb Swenson-Klatt, Manager, Early Childhood Development, DHS
* Cherie Kotilinek, Manager, Child Care Assistance Program, DHS

Update from MN Head Start Association on American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

* Yasmina Vinci, Executive Director, National Head Start Association
* Kraig Gratke, Early Head Start Manager, Tri‑County Community Action, Inc.