

HUMAN SERVICES POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Peter Fischer, Chair of the Committee on Human Services Policy called the meeting to order at 1:00 am on Wednesday, February 19, 2024 in room 200 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

FISCHER, Peter, Chair
FREDERICK, Luke, Vice Chair
KIEL, Debra, Lead
BACKER, Jeff
BAKER, Dave
CURRAN, Brion
EDELSON, Heather
ENGEN, Elliot
FINKE, Leigh
HANSON, Jessica
HICKS, Kim
NOOR, Mohamud
NOVOTNY, Paul

A quorum was present.

Representative Frederick moved to approve the minutes from February 14. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3098 (Hicks) Somali mental health pilot project funding provided, and money appropriated

Rep Hicks moved HF 3098 to be laid over.

Rep. Hicks moved the A-1 authors amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Rep Hicks presented the bill as amended.

Testifying on HF 3098 as amended:

- Mohamed Jama, Administrative Assistant and After-School Activities Coordinator
- Omar Nur, Executive Director, Somali American Social Service Association
- Ahmed Osman, Family Services Manager, Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association

Rep Hicks renewed her motion that HF 3098, as amended, be laid over. THE BILL WAS LAID OVER.

HF 3419 (Hicks) Medical assistance for employed persons with disabilities program modified

Rep. Hicks moved that HF 3419 be referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Rep. Hicks presented the bill.

Testifying on HF 3419:

- Jillian Nelson, Community Resource and Policy Advocate, Autism Society of MN
- Bobby Brown, Self-Advocate
- Trevor Turner, Director of Public Policy, Minnesota Council on Disability
- Thabiso Rowan. Self-Advocate
- Mark Hughes, Self-Advocate
- Ann Bobst, Department of Human Services

Rep. Hicks renewed her motion that HF 3419 be referred to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3445 (Hicks) Commissioner of human services required to issue request for proposals for a continuous improvement study of access to disability services, report required, and money appropriated.

Rep. Hicks moved that HF 3445 be referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Rep Hicks presented her bill.

- Jillian Nelson, Community Resource and Policy Advocate, Autism Society of MN
- Trevor Turner, Director of Public Policy, Minnesota Council on Disability
- Milena Bates, Parent
- Fatima Molas, Founder, Multicultural Autism Action Network
- Julia Molas, Youth Advocate
- Jonathan Murray. Self-Advocate

Rep. Hicks renewed the motion that HF 3445 be re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice Chair Frederick assumed the gavel.

HF 3533 (Fischer) County-Administered Rural Medical Assistance Model (CARMA)

Chair Fischer moved that HF 3533 be referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee.

Chair Fischer presented the bill.

Testifiers:

- Steve Gottwalt, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of County Health Plans
- Brad Anderson, Commissioner, Goodhue County
- Matt Freeman, Policy Analyst, Association of Minnesota Counties

Chair Fischer renewed the motion that HF 3533 be referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM

Representative Peter Fischer, Chair

Spencer Crose, Committee Legislative Assistant