STATE OF MINNESOTA SIXTEENTH MEETING

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-SECOND SESSION

HEALTH FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

**MINUTES**

Representative Tina Liebling, Chair of the Division, called the virtual Health Finance and Policy Committee meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. on February, 2021 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting is being broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

LIEBLING, Tina, Chair

HUOT, John, Vice Chair

SCHOMACKER, Joe, Minority Lead

AKLAND, Susan

BACKER, Jeff

BAHNER, Kristin

BIERMAN, Robert

BOLDON, Liz

DEMUTH, Lisa

FREIBERG, Mike

GRUENHAGEN, Glenn

KIEL, Debra

MORRISION, Kelly

MUNSON, Jeremy

PRYOR, Laurie

QUAM, Duane

REYER, Liz

SCHULTZ, Jennifer

WOLGAMOTT, Dan

A quorum was present.

Diogo Reis, Fee-for-Service Policy and Rates Manager and Matt Anderson, Assistant Commissioner, Health Care Administration/State Medicaid Director, both from the Minnesota Department of Human Services gave a presentation on dental services in public programs.

**HF838 (Bierman)** Adult dental service medical assistance coverage expanded to include periodontal disease nonsurgical treatment.

Representative Bierman requested that HF838 be heard and laid over for possible inclusion in the Health Finance and Policy Committee bill.

Representative Bierman presented his bill.

Testifying:

1. Jessica Flotterud, Executive Director, Hope Dental Clinic, St. Paul

2. Dr. Mary Seieroe, Chief of Dentistry, Hennepin Healthcare System

Chair Liebling laid over HF838 for possible inclusion in the Committee bill.

**SF475 (Freiberg)** COVID-19; dentists authorized to administer coronavirus vaccinations.

Representative Freiberg moved that SF475 be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the General Register.

Representative Freiberg moved the S0475A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Freiberg presented his bill.

Testifying:

1. Dr. Jim Nickman, Minnesota Dental Association

Kris Ehresmann, Director, Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Prevention and Control, Minnesota Departmetn of Health, responded to member questions.

Representative Freiberg renewed his motion that SF475 be recommended to pass, as amended, and be sent to the General Register.

Chair Liebling stated there would be a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

**AYE**

LIEBLING, Tina

HUOT, John

SCHOMACKER, Joe

AKLAND, Susan

BACKER, Jeff

BAHNER, Kristin

BIERMAN, Robert

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**NAY**

On a vote of 19 AYES and 0 NAYS THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF620 (Demuth)** Health professional education loan forgiveness program eligibility requirements modified, greater Minnesota general practice dental residency grant program established, and money appropriated.

Representative Demuth moved that HF620 be heard and laid over for possible inclusion in the Health Finance and Policy Committee bill.

Representative Demuth moved the H0620A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Demuth presented her bill.

Testifying:

1. Sarah Wovcha, JD, MPH, Executive Director, Children's Dental Services

2. Dr. Michael Helgeson, CEO, Apple Tree Dental

Chair Liebling laid over HF620 for possible inclusion in the Committee bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 P.M.

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Representative Tina Liebling, Chair

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Krysta Niedernhöfer, Committee Legislative Assistant