

HUMAN SERVICES POLICY MINUTES

Representative Peter Fischer, Chair of the Committee on Human Services Policy, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on February 6, 2023, 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, Republican 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 Backer moved that the minutes from February 1, 2023, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 339 (Curran) Adult foster care licensure requirements modified for community residential settings.

Representative Curran moved that HF 339 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Representative Curran presented HF 339.

Testifying on HF 339:

- Sara Grafstrom, Director of State and Federal Policy, Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota (ARRM)
- Alaina Gallagher, Executive Project Manager, ARRM
- Kathy Nesheim-Larson, Director of Brain Injury Services, Sevita

Representative Curran renewed the motion that HF 339 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 716 (Finke) Access to shared services under home and community-based service waivers expanded.

Representative Finke moved that HF 716 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Representative Finke presented HF 716.

Testifying on HF 716:

- Steven Schmidt, Attorney, Minnesota Disability Law Center
- Brittanie Wilson, Disability Advocate, St. Paul
- Julia Page, Public Policy Director, The Arc Minnesota

Representative Finke renewed the motion that HF 716 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 813 (Hicks) Home and community-based workforce incentive fund grants established, awareness-building campaign for recruitment of direct care professionals established, and money appropriated.

Representative Hicks moved that HF 813 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee.

Representative Hicks presented HF 813.

Testifying on HF 813:

- Sara Grafstrom, Director of State and Federal Policy, ARRM
- Cindy Ostrowski, CEO, Hiawatha Homes
- Jasmin Phury, Supervisor, Bear Creek Services
- Frances Thiam, Residential Providers Association of Minnesota

Representative Hicks renewed the motion that HF 813 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Human Services Finance Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Meeting adjourned at 2:21 PM.

Representative Peter Fischer, Chair

Jared Margolis, Committee Legislative Assistant