

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

WELFARE REFORM COMMITTEE

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 2-3, 1997
Cass County Social Services, Fargo, North Dakota
Grand Forks County Office Building, Grand Forks, North Dakota

**Tuesday, December 2, 1997 - Cass County Social Services, 1010 Second Avenue South,
Fargo**

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of minutes of the October 28-29, 1997, meeting
- 9:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services of a status report regarding the implementation of the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program including:
- Status report on the implementation of the training, education, employment, and management (TEEM) program
 - Updated caseload data and projected expenditures for the TANF program
 - Updated caseload data on the food stamp and medical assistance programs
 - Information regarding the current TANF work participation rate as compared to the requirements of the TANF legislation
 - A status report on the evaluation of the state's implementation of welfare reform
 - An update of proposed rules for a benefit cap policy
 - An update on the children's health insurance program (CHIP)
 - The status of development of a welfare reform task force
 - A status report on child care funding, including funds reallocated from federal fiscal year 1997 and the use of quality improvement funds
- 10:00 a.m. Presentation by Ms. Kathy Hogan, Director, Cass County Social Services, regarding the implementation of welfare reform, including caseload information, client work participation rates, availability of child care, and client employment opportunities, and regarding the agency's efforts with local employers to improve client child care and employment opportunities
- 11:00 a.m. Comments by representatives of area county social service offices regarding the implementation of welfare reform, including caseload information, client work participation rates, availability of child care, and client employment opportunities
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess

1:00 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the state's implementation of welfare reform, including clients and child care providers

4:30 p.m. Recess and travel to Grand Forks

Wednesday, December 3, 1997 - Grand Forks County Office Building, 201 South Fourth Street, Grand Forks

9:00 a.m. Presentations by Mr. Dave Braaten, Director, Grand Forks County Social Services, regarding the impact of the 1997 spring flood on county caseloads and responsibilities and information regarding the status of the county's implementation of welfare reform, including caseload information, client work participation rates, availability of child care, and client employment opportunities

10:00 a.m. Comments by representatives of area county social service offices regarding the implementation of welfare reform, including caseload information, client work participation rates, availability of child care, and client employment opportunities

11:00 a.m. Comments by other interested persons, including clients and child care providers regarding welfare reform

12:00 noon Travel to University Children's Center, 525 Stanford Road, for lunch and a tour, including a presentation regarding the child care services provided at the center and the training provided University of North Dakota students

2:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators Jim Yockim (Chairman), Judy L. DeMers, Tom Fischer, Judy Lee, Donna L. Nalewaja, Bob Stenehjem, Russell T. Thane

Representatives LeRoy G. Bernstein, Linda Christenson, Jack Dalrymple, Connie Johnsen, Ralph L. Kilzer, Carol A. Niemeier, Clara Sue Price, Robin Weisz