

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Tentative Agenda

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 6, 2007
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the previous meeting

UNSPENT APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY

9:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services on the department's unspent general fund appropriation authority for the 2005-07 biennium and on actual Medicaid expenditures compared to appropriated amounts for the 2005-07 biennium

MEDICAID MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

9:25 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services on the status of the Medicaid management information system computer project

**STUDY OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE AND COUNTIES**

9:45 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of statutory provisions relating to the division of responsibility between the state and counties in the delivery and financing of economic assistance programs

10:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding grant cost changes and county administrative costs for economic assistance programs resulting from the "swap" agreement since 1997, including:

- Programmatic computer system changes
- Computer system costs
- Indian county payments, county caseload percentages, and statewide average costs

10:40 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the study

10:50 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the study

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES STUDY

11:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services on the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program, including:

- The anticipated annual amount of federal TANF block grant funds to be received by the state
- Information on the uses of federal TANF funds each year, including a review of programs and services being provided
- Statistical information regarding the TANF program, including:

State spending above the minimum maintenance-of-effort level

Number of TANF recipients that are no longer on the program due to exceeding the 60-month maximum and the number that have received an exemption from the 60-month maximum

The number of TANF clients that are no longer receiving TANF benefits but continue to receive other assistance, including food stamps, heating assistance, etc.

Unemployment rates by county, the number of clients exempt from the work requirement, and the work participation rates

Program results, including reasons why individuals are no longer receiving TANF benefits and the quality of jobs being obtained

The average length of time families are receiving TANF benefits

Actual TANF spending by biennium since the program began

11:45 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the study

11:55 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the study

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Department of Human Services regarding the state children's health insurance program annual report pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 50-29-02

1:25 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the children's health insurance program

VARIOUS COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

1:30 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the University of North Dakota College of Nursing regarding the status of activities of the Nursing Education Consortium pursuant to Senate Bill No. 2379

2:00 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the Nursing Education Consortium

2:10 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Drug Utilization Review Board regarding the board's progress in managing the utilization of certain drugs pursuant to House Bill No. 1422

2:30 p.m. Comments by other interested persons

2:35 p.m. Presentation by representatives from the State Department of Health's Immunization Task Force regarding the impact of the immunization program transition on local public health units and by the State Health Officer regarding the estimated fiscal impact of the transition pursuant to House Bill No. 1435

3:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota on the immunization program transition

3:15 p.m. Presentation by representatives of public health units regarding the immunization program transition

3:45 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the immunization program transition

4:15 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Representatives Jeff Delzer (Chairman), Patrick R. Hatlestad, Curt Hofstad, Lee Kaldor, James Kerzman, Gary Kreidt, Jon Nelson, Vonnie Pietsch, Chet Pollert, Clara Sue Price, Ken Svedjan, Robin Weisz

Senators JoNell A. Bakke, Dick Dever, Robert S. Erbele, Aaron Krauter, Judy Lee, Jim Pomeroy, John M. Warner