

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 16, 2010  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Consideration of the minutes of the March 23, 2010, meeting

**UNMET HEALTH CARE NEEDS STUDY**

9:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Insurance Department regarding Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota provider payment rates

9:10 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding the department's estimated costs to continue by funding source for the 2011-13 biennium

9:20 a.m. Presentation by representatives of AARP regarding the availability and affordability of health care services in the state

9:30 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota Hospital Association, the North Dakota Medical Association, and the North Dakota Association of County Social Service Board Directors regarding:

- The availability and affordability of health care services in the state
- The role of telemedicine in providing health care services in the state
- Efforts to increase health care services in rural North Dakota

10:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Health Information Technology Office and advisory committee regarding the role of telemedicine in providing health care services in the state and efforts to increase health care services in rural North Dakota

10:10 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study of unmet health care needs

10:20 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of unmet health care needs

**VOUCHER USE AND PROVIDER CHOICE FOR CLIENTS STUDY**

10:25 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding:

- A summary of the cost of substance abuse and mental health services in each region, including contract costs and numbers served by race
- A comparison of the costs associated with the Money Follows the Person demonstration grant services to the costs associated with nursing facility or intermediate care facility services

10:40 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study of voucher use and provider choice for clients in various human services and other state programs

10:50 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of voucher use and provider choice for clients in various human services and other state programs

**OTHER COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

11:00 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Regional Public Health Network Task Force and by the State Health Officer regarding the development of the regional public health network pursuant to 2009 Senate Bill No. 2333

- 11:10 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the North Dakota Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Center regarding the use of funds granted to the center by the State Department of Health pursuant to 2009 Senate Bill No. 2412
- 11:20 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Insurance Department regarding the Insurance Commissioner's recommendation for a private entity to contract with to perform cost-benefit analyses of health insurance mandates during the 2011 legislative session
- 11:30 a.m. Committee discussion regarding consideration of potential recommendations for legislative rules changes regarding the deadlines for legislative measures mandating health insurance coverage
- 11:40 a.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's other responsibilities
- 11:50 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's other responsibilities
- 12:00 noon Luncheon recess

### **SERVICES FOR PREGNANT MINORS STUDY**

- 1:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Human Services regarding:
- The number of women discontinuing services from alternatives-to-abortion services programs, the number of agencies providing services, and the number of clients served by each agency
  - Memorandums of understanding with alternatives-to-abortion program providers, including services reimbursed and reimbursement rates
  - Post-abortion counseling services identified as an outcome in the alternatives-to-abortion services program
- 1:20 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Department of Health regarding the relationship of the rate of teen abortions to the rate of teen pregnancies, the number of abortions in the state by county of residence, and public funding used for abortions in the state
- 1:25 p.m. Presentations by representatives of North Dakota-approved alternatives-to-abortion program providers and maternity homes regarding:
- Services provided and information available regarding the number of women who chose abortion
  - Whether additional education and social services would enhance the potential for a healthy child and a positive outcome for the minor
  - The potential benefits of support services for parents of these minors
  - Guardianship options for minors in cases of parental abuse or neglect
  - Benefit to the minor of subsidies for open adoptions
  - Supportive housing and child care for single parents enrolled in secondary and postsecondary education institutions
- 1:45 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study of existing services for pregnant minors and whether additional education and social services would enhance the potential for a healthy child and a positive outcome for the minor
- 1:55 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of services for pregnant minors

**STUDY OF THE EFFECT OF FEDERAL, STATE, AND  
COUNTY GOVERNMENT FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION ON THE  
SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS OF TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS**

- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the following entities regarding efforts to facilitate the development of proposals to improve the delivery of human service programs on reservations:
- Indian Affairs Commission
  - Department of Human Services
  - North Dakota Association of Counties
  - Native American Training Institute
- 2:40 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study of the effect of federal, state, and county government funding and administration on the social service programs of tribal governments
- 2:50 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of the effect of federal, state, and county government funding and administration on the social service programs of tribal governments

**IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM STUDY**

- 3:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Department of Health regarding:
- An update on the independent quality improvement evaluation of the state's immunization program
  - An update on the processing of the electronic member liable claims
  - The use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funding appropriated in 2009 Senate Bill No. 2333 and the use of any contingent general fund appropriations in Senate Bill No. 2333
  - A summary of the use of funding from the general fund for the immunization system for the 2007-09 and 2009-11 bienniums
- 3:20 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Board of Pharmacy regarding the ability and interest of pharmacists in immunizing children
- 3:40 p.m. Comments by other interested persons regarding the committee's study of the state immunization program
- 4:00 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of the state immunization program
- 4:10 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

**Committee Members**

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