



Legislative Task Force on Aging

Friday, February 9th, 2024

9 AM – 11 AM

Capitol G23

February Meeting Minutes

Present:

Chair Klevorn

Senator Housley

Jen Foley

Maureen Schneider

Councilwoman Armstrong

Dr. Rajean Moone, Associate Director of Policy from the University of Minnesota Center for Healthy Aging and Innovation, as designee for Dr. Joe Gaugler

Absent:

Senator Morrison

Representative Zeleznikar

Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the Task Force meeting on 11/14/2023 were adopted by a voice vote.

Public Testimony

Joan Stockinger of Elder Climate Action, Jonathan Rose of All Elders United for Justice, Myrna Kay Peterson, Dianne Piette, and Rick Heller testified before the Task Force

Long-Term Care Demographics in Minnesota

Dr. Susan Brower, State Demographer, gave a presentation on LTC demographics in Minnesota.

Office of Ombudsman for Long-Term Care Presentation

Genevieve Gaboriault, Deputy Ombudsman, presented what the Ombudsman's office is hearing from residents in LTC settings.

Green House Home Presentation

Dr. Sheryl Zimmerman, University of North Carolina School of Social Work, and Melissa Schneider, Chief Operating Officer, Episcopal Homes, discussed the Green House model of Nursing Home.

SEIU Healthcare Minnesota & Iowa

Rick Varco, Political Director of SEIU Healthcare Minnesota & Iowa, presented on the LTC workforce.

Elder Voices Advocates Testimony

Kristine Sundberg, Executive Director of Elder Voices Advocates, and Kathleen Kelso, Board Member of Elder Voices Advocates, discussed care needs in Minnesota and presented recommendations to the Task Force.

There being no further business before the Task Force, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 AM.