

Ladder Out of Poverty Task Force

Friday, January 21, 2011, 10:00 a.m.

Room 107 Capitol

Present:

Rep. Patti Fritz

Mr. Kermit Fruechte, Office of the Attorney General

Sen. Michael Jungbauer

Rep. Morrie Lanning

Sen. John Marty

Mr. Kevin Murphy, Department of Commerce

Rep. Ron Shimanski

Excused:

Rep. Larry Hosch

Sen. Michelle Fischbach

Sen. Kathy Sheran

Call to Order

Sen. Michael Jungbauer, Task Force co-chair, convened the meeting of the Ladder Out of Poverty Task Force at 10:18 a.m. A quorum was present.

2011 Legislative Proposals

Rep. Morrie Lanning presented House File 77: Healthy community and circle of support initiative grant program funding provided, and money appropriated, to the task force for review and discussion. A panel provided information on the proposed bill, including:

- Mary Ackerman, Search Institute
- Maureen Kenney, Northern Connections
- Alice Moren, CAP Circles of Support Program in Itasca County
- Xavier Bell, CAP Circles of Support Program in St. Louis County/Duluth

Rep. Lanning and the panel stood for questions. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Ron Elwood, representing the Asset Development Working Group, presented two legislative proposals for consideration by the task force.

Mr. Elwood stood for questions.

The task force agreed by consensus that a letter, authored by the two chairs of the Task Force, would be written and delivered to the Commissioners of Commerce and Revenue addressing the directives in the proposals presented by Mr. Elwood.

Chair Jungbauer transferred the gavel to Rep. Lanning, co-chair of the Task Force.

Ms. Andrea Ferstan and Ms. Trish Olson, representing the Financial Education Working Group, provided an update of activity of the working group, and stood for questions.

Announcements

Chair Lanning and Ms. Amy Brenengen made general announcements

Next Meeting

The next full task force meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2011 from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., location TBD.

Working groups will continue to meet during Session. Please check the website for further detail: <http://www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/ladder/ladder.html>

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.