

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO END POVERTY BY 2020

MINUTES

Sen. John Marty, co-chair of the Legislative Commission to End Poverty by 2020, called the third meeting to order at 9:45 AM on Wednesday, September 5, 2007, in Room 10 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll:

Members Present:

Sen. Scott Dibble	Rep. Bruce Anderson
Sen. Steve Dille	Rep. Morrie Lanning
Sen. Tony Lourey	Rep. Carlos Mariani
Sen. John Marty	Rep. Bud Nornes
Sen. Mary Olson	Rep. Mary Ellen Otremba
Sen. Sandra Pappas	Rep. Nora Slawik
Sen. Claire Robling	Rep. Neva Walker

Members Excused:

Rep. Jim Abeler
Rep. Frank Moe
Sen. Paul Koering

A quorum was present.

Chair Marty welcomed the commission members and audience to the meeting. Chair Marty handed out and discussed a recent Star Tribune editorial: "A Mostly Glum Report for State's Families," Aug. 30, 2007.

Chair Marty handed out and discussed the executive summary "Restoring the Minnesota Dream," the Report of the Governor's Commission on Poverty, 1986. The full report is available in the Legislative Library.

Chair Marty discussed the Commission listening tour sign ups, postponement of the Winona/Rochester area tour, and the Commission's priorities for the tours

Chair Marty gave a recap of the August 2, 2007 meeting and an overview of what the Commission intends to cover in the next few months.

Testimony and presentations:

“Poverty and People with Disabilities,” PowerPoint Presentation

Ms. Joan Willshire, Executive Director, Minnesota State Council on Disability in Conjunction with the Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Mr. Jason Watson, Self Advocate, Merrick, Inc.

Mr. Matthew Klingeseisen, Self-Advocate, Merrick, Inc.

Ms. Sally Fremo, Self-Advocate, Merrick, Inc.

Mr. Jeffrey Nurick, Self-Advocate, Merrick, Inc.

Testimony for Mr. Scott Liptak and Ms. Lilli Ann Sprintz were included as handouts.

Questions and Discussion Followed.

Ms. Mary Hartnett, Executive Director, Minnesota Council Serving Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Handout: “Disability in America” Executive Summary, Frank Bowe

Questions and Discussion Followed.

Chair Marty called on a testifier from the “Poverty and People with Disabilities” presentation who was inadvertently skipped during their presentation.

Ms. Susan Reys, Self Advocate

“Child Poverty in Minnesota” PowerPoint Presentation

Ms. Andi Egbert, Research Director, Children’s Defense Fund Minnesota

Handout: “Seven Basic Needs: Minnesota KIDS COUNT Report 2007,” Children’s Defense Fund Minnesota

Questions and Discussion Followed.

Chair Marty moved a recess at 12:30 PM to reconvene at 1:10 PM. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Mariani reconvened the Commission at 1:20 PM.

Chair Mariani announced that the LCC and LCEP hiring committee had selected an Executive Director candidate to be voted on by the full Commission.

Mr. Greg Hubinger, Executive Director, Legislative Coordinating Commission, explained the Executive Director selection process.

Sen. Robling moved the appointment of Mr. Gregory Gray as Executive Director of the Legislative Commission to End Poverty by 2020.

Chair Mariani, Chair Marty, and Sen. Robling spoke to Mr. Gray’s qualifications as Executive Director.

Sen. Robling renewed her motion to appoint Mr. Gray as Executive Director. THE MOTION PREVAILED. MR. GRAY IS APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO END POVERTY BY 2020.

Mr. Gray introduced himself to the Commission.

“Presentation to the Legislative Commission to End Poverty” PowerPoint Presentation
Dr. Greg Owen, Consulting Scientist, Wilder Research
Ms. Ellen Shelton, Wilder Research

Questions and Discussion followed.

“Recent Data on Homeless Students in Minnesota” PowerPoint Presentation
Mr. John McLaughlin, State Coordinator, Education of Homeless, Neglected and Delinquent Children and Youth, Minnesota Department of Education, No Child Left Behind Division

Handouts: “Homeless and Highly Mobile Students: Minneapolis Public Schools”
“St. Paul Public Schools Title I Homeless Program”

Questions and Discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM.

Sen. John Marty, Co-Chair

Rep. Carlos Mariani, Co-Chair

Celeste Marin, Committee Legislative Assistant