

# AGENDA

## Expanding Horizons – A Southwestern Minnesota Experience

January 10-11, 2008

**Attendees:** Rep. Morrie Lanning; Sen. Michael Jungbauer; Sen. John Marty; Rep. Nora Slawik; Donna Bauer, Governor Appointee; Michael Hawton, Governor Appointee; Executive Director Gregory Gray, Kara Zetzman, staff; Laura Blubaugh, staff; Amy Brenengen, Executive Director of the Office on the Economic Status of Women; Andrea Lindgren, staff. Attending for local portions: Sen. Jim Vickerman, Rep. Marty Seifert, Rep. Terry Morrow, Rep. Kathy Brynaert, Sen. Kathy Sheran

**Please bring:** change of clothes and other overnight items

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<b>Thursday January 10</b>	<b>Leave from Capitol Steps</b>	75 Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd St. Paul, MN 55155
<b>7:45am</b>	Commission members must meet in front of the Capitol steps to carpool down to St. Peter.	
<b>9:00am - 10:00am</b>	<b>St. Peter Visit</b>	Community Center 600 South Fifth Street
<b>10:15am - 10:45am</b>	<b>Travel Time to Kilkenney</b>	
<b>10:45am – 11:15am</b>	<b>Home Visit-Kilkenney</b> Two elderly sisters living on old family farmstead. Sharing stories of how they have benefited and used community action programs.	
<b>11:15am – 11:45am</b>	<b>Travel Time to Mankato</b>	
<b>11:45am – 12:15pm</b>	<b>Home Visit-FAIM House in Mankato</b> Young woman who is breaking the cycle of poverty thanks to the FAIM program	137 Jacob Dr. Mankato
<b>12:15pm – 12:30pm</b>	<b>Travel Time</b>	
<b>12:30pm - 1:15pm</b>	<b>Site Visit at Theresa House-Mankato (Lunch)</b> Interim housing for families and women with children.	512 E Mulberry St Mankato
<b>1:15pm - 2:00pm</b>	<b>Travel Time to St. James</b> People and/or agencies from St. James speak to commissioners during bus ride	
<b>2:00pm – 2:20pm</b>	<b>St. James Visit</b>	
<b>2:20pm – 2:45pm</b>	<b>Travel Time to Mountain Lake</b> People and/or agencies from Mountain Lake speak to Commissioners during bus ride.	
<b>2:50pm – 3:10pm</b>	<b>Mountain Lake: Elizabeth House</b>	510 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Mountain Lake, MN

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<b>3:10pm – 3:30pm</b>	<b>Travel Time to Windom</b> People and/or agencies from Windom speak to Commissioners during bus ride.	
<b>3:30pm - 3:55pm</b>	<b>Windom Visit #1: Laundromat</b>	1615 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave. Windom, MN
<b>3:55pm – 4:05pm</b>	<b>Travel Time</b> Windom story on the bus	
<b>4:05pm – 4:30pm</b>	<b>Windom Visit #2: ALC Church</b> Poverty Alleviation Fund	906 Prospect Ave. Windom, MN
<b>4:30pm – 5:00pm</b>	<b>Travel Time to Jackson</b> People and/or agencies from Jackson speak to Commissioners during bus ride.	
<b>5:00pm – 5:25pm</b>	<b>Jackson Visit #1: Home Visit</b> Visit home affected by rental ordinance	
<b>5:25pm – 5:35pm</b>	<b>Travel Time</b> People from business community will speak to the Commissioners during bus ride.	
<b>5:35pm – 6:05pm</b>	<b>Jackson Visit #2: Downtown Walking Tour</b>	Historic State Theater, 600 2 <sup>nd</sup> St.; Strom's Fashions, 409 2 <sup>nd</sup> St.; Jackson County Pilot & Livewire, 310 2 <sup>nd</sup> St.
<b>6:05pm – 6:15pm</b>	<b>Travel Time</b> People and/or agencies from Jackson speak to Commissioners during bus ride.	
<b>6:15pm – 6:50pm</b>	<b>Jackson Visit #3: Family Style Meal</b>	WCA 115 South Highway
<b>6:50pm – 8:40pm</b>	<b>Jackson: Listening Session</b> Matched circles, access to health care stories, teen stories, and talking circles.	WCA 115 South Highway
<b>8:40pm - 8:50pm</b>	<b>Travel Time to Sleeping Accommodations</b> Emergency Housing story on the bus by local agency	
<b>8:50pm</b>	<b>Retire for the Evening</b>	
<b>Friday, January 11</b>		
<b>7:30am - 8:15am</b>	<b>Breakfast in Jackson-Good Samaritan</b> Sub-living wage jobs	601 West St. Jackson, MN
<b>8:15am – 8:45am</b>	<b>Travel Time to Worthington</b>	
<b>8:45am – 9:15am</b>	<b>Worthington Event #1-Opportunity Council</b> Round table discussion re: changing face of poverty Testimonials re: housing	SMOC 1106 3rd Ave Worthington, MN 56187

<b>9:15am – 9:15am</b>	<b>Worthington Event #2-Headstart</b> Poverty and diversity	
<b>9:45am – 9:50am</b>	<b>Travel Time</b>	
<b>9:50am - 10:15am</b>	<b>Worthington Event #3-Food Shelf</b>	
<b>10:15am – 11:45am</b>	<b>Travel Time to Marshall</b>	
<b>11:45am – 12:35pm</b>	<b>Marshall: Lunch</b> With clients, homeless, and other folks experiencing poverty.	WCA: Marshall 400 West Main Street
<b>12:35pm – 1:05pm</b>	<b>Marshall: Food Shelf/Mobile Food Market Tour and stories</b>	WCA: Marshall 400 West Main Street
<b>1:05pm - 1:20pm</b>	<b>Travel Time to Marshall Event #3</b>	
<b>1:20pm – 1:50pm</b>	<b>Marshall: Head Start Classrooms</b>	Headstart
<b>1:50pm – 2:05pm</b>	<b>Travel Time to Marshall Event #4</b>	
<b>2:15pm – 2:35pm</b>	<b>Marshall: Home Visit</b> Issues: rehabilitation and energy assistance	
<b>2:35pm – 3:30pm</b>	<b>Travel Time to Walnut Grove</b> Walnut Grove residents speak to Commission during bus ride about their evolving small community.	
<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>Drop off Walnut Grove residents</b>	
<b>3:30pm – 5:00pm</b>	<b>Travel Time back to vans in Mankato</b>	
<b>5:00pm – 6:30pm</b>	<b>Travel Time to Capitol</b>	

**Additional Information:**

Primary speakers at each of the various hearings will include those who are using the services.

Contacts:

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Greg Warner-Western Community Action Tour Coordinator (Jackson):

Jerry Carrier-Western Community Action Tour Coordinator (Marshall):

Neal Steffl-Southern Minnesota Opportunity Council Tour Coordinator (Worthington):