

HEALTH CARE ACCESS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Representative Thomas Huntley began the eleventh meeting of the Health Care Access Commission at 10:27 a.m. on Wednesday, November 28, 2007, in Room 10 of the State Office Building without a quorum present. The clerk noted the roll:

Members Present:

Rep. Huntley, Co-Chair
Sen. Berglin, Co-Chair
Rep. Abeler
Rep. Gottwalt
Rep. Loeffler
Sen. Marty
Rep. Thissen

Members Excused:

Sen. Rosen
Sen. Koering
Sen. Lourey

Other Members Present:

Rep. Bunn
Rep. Murphy, E.
Rep. Maria Ruud

Chair Huntley made opening remarks and pointed out that without a quorum (three commission members present from the House and three commission members present from the Senate, the commission will discuss the various proposals and upon motions being made, informal voting would occur today with formal votes taken at a later date when the complete report is finished. He also mentioned that fiscal notes may affect certain proposals.

The Commission discussed the Statewide Comprehensive Health Promotion Plan of the MN Department of Health. Senator Berglin moved the content of the Transformation Principle 1 be incorporated into the Statewide Comprehensive Health Promotion Plan, in detail. More discussion occurred and Julie Sonier of the MN Department of Health came to the table to respond to questions of commission members and the unofficial motion then prevailed. Senator Berglin then unofficially moved adoption of House Recommendation 1, as amended. The unofficial motion prevailed.

The Commission discussed the Physical Education/Nutrition Requirement, Public Health Rec. #2 recommendation and Senator Berglin unofficially moved Public Health Recommendation #2 be amended to include 30 minutes per day or 150 minutes per week of physical activity of which 90 minutes per week are cardio-type activities, along with supplemental activity of a less strenuous nature. It was agreed the Commission will request a fiscal note on this proposed amendment. More discussion of this proposal occurred and the motion was unofficially adopted.

The Commission discussed the BMI [Body Mass Index] Surveillance System and noted that this recommendation is only for children. Senator Berglin unofficially moved adoption of the BMI Surveillance System, Public Health Recommendation #3. The unofficial motion prevailed.

The Commission discussed Health Care Assessment for Public Programs, New Cost Containment Recommendation #2. Senator Berglin moved unofficial adoption of same, amended to include incentives for at-risk individuals or individuals who have nondiagnosed disease such as diabetes. The unofficial motion prevailed.

Last on the agenda was a presentation by Tom Pender of House Research on reinstating the reserve caps on HMO's. Also testifying were:

John Gross, Director of Health Care Policy, MN Department of Commerce
Phil Griffin, UCare and Preferred One

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Jan Horner, Committee Legislative Assistant