

HEALTH CARE ACCESS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Chair Thomas Huntley began the nineteenth meeting of the Health Care Access Commission at 9:12 a.m. on Friday, February 13, 2009, in Room 10 of the State Office Building. A quorum was not present.

Dr. Sanne Magnan, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health, gave an overview of their report “The Eliminating Health Disparities Initiative (EHDI)” and responded to questions of members. Also testifying briefly was Mitchell Davis, Director, Office of Minority Health.

Mark Schoenbaum, Director, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, Department of Health, gave an overview on “Health Workforce Shortage Study Report.” Also testifying was Dr. Mary Chesney, Pediatrician and Advanced Nursing Practitioner.

Julie Sonier, Health Economics Program Director, MDH, gave an overview of the “Health Insurance Affordability Study.” Also testifying was Shannon McMahon, Health Care Administration, DHS.

Mark Schoenbaum, Director, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, MDH, gave an overview of the “Oral Health Practitioner Recommendations” along with Marshall Shragg, Executive Director, Minnesota Board of Dentistry.

Health Care Reform Update:

Scott Leitz, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Health
Provider peer grouping

Jim Golden, Director, Division of Health Policy, MDH
Data privacy information

Pat Adams, Assistant Commissioner, MDH
State Health Improvement Program (SHIP) Update

Dr. Jeff Schiff, Medical Director, DHS
Health Care Homes (began overview but due to time constraint, will
continue at a later date)

At 12:03 p.m. Chair Huntley formally called the meeting to order, the clerk having noted the roll as follows:

Members Present:

Sen. Linda Berglin, Co-Chair
Sen. Tony Lourey
Sen. Paul Koering
Sen. John Marty

Rep. Thomas Huntley, Co-Chair
Rep. Erin Murphy
Rep. Paul Thissen

Members Excused:

Rep. Jim Abeler
Rep. Steve Gottwalt
Sen. Julie Rosen

Other Members Present:

Rep. Julie Bunn
Rep. Diane Loeffler
Sen. Ann Lynch
Sen. Kathy Sheran

Jan Horner, Committee Legislative Assistant