

HEALTH CARE ACCESS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Senator Linda Berglin, called the Health Care Access Commission to order at 9:10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, in Room 15 of the State Capitol, St. Paul Minnesota.

The secretary noted the roll.

Members Present:

Sen. Berglin, Co-Chair
Sen. Koering
Sen. Lourey

Rep. Huntley, Co-Chair
Rep. Abeler
Rep. Loeffler
Rep. Thissen

Members Absent:

Sen. Marty
Sen. Rosen

Rep. Gottwalt

Other Members Present:

Sen. Erickson Ropes
Sen. Lynch
Sen. M. Olson
Sen. Sheran

Rep. Bunn
Rep. Fritz
Rep. Laine

A quorum was present.

The Health Care Access Commission Work Groups presented their final recommendations as follows:

- A. Bridging the Health Continuum:
 - 1. Senator Kathy Sheran, Chair.
 - 2. Michael Scandrett, Halleland Health Consulting
 - 3. Jan Malcolm, Executive Director, Courage Center

Representative Huntley assumed the chair at 9:30 a.m.

- B. Cost Containment: Restructure the Health Care System through the Identified Savings:
 - 1. Representative Paul Thissen, Co-Chair.
 - 2. Senator Linda Berglin, Co-Chair

C. Insurance Market Reform:

1. Representative Diane Loeffler, Co-Chair
2. Senator Mary Olson, Co-Chair

D. Health Care for Long Term Care Workers:

1. Senator Paul Koering, Co-Chair
2. Representative Patti Fritz, Co-Chair

E. Single Payer Health Care:

1. Representative Ken Tschumper
2. Senator Sharon Erickson Ropes
3. Representative Carolyn Laine, Member of the Working Group
4. John Schwartz, Member of the Working Group
5. Dr. Jim Hart, Member of the Working Group

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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