

LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON CHILD PROTECTION
STATE OF MINNESOTA
September 22, 2015

MINUTES

Senator Sheran called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 in Room 10, State Office Building.

Task Force Members Present: Senator Kathy Sheran, Co-Chair, Representative Ron Kresha, Co-Chair, Representative Joe Mullery, Representative Peggy Bennett, Senator Carla Nelson, Senator Jeff Hayden

Task Force Members Present by Phone: Representative Tom Anzelc

Task Force Members Excused: Senator Julie Rosen

- I. Senator Sheran announcements: The 2015 Minnesota Legislature allocated \$1.5 million for grants to address disparities in child welfare. Minnesota DHS will hold two public meetings to engage with the community to develop grant criteria and procedures, outcomes, and develop a plan to award the grants. Those meetings will be held:
 - a. Tuesday, October 6, 2015 2-6 p.m. at the Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC), 2001 Plymouth Ave North, Minneapolis, MN 55411; and
 - b. Thursday, October 8, 2015 4-6 p.m. at the Prairie's Edge Casino Resort, Room Dakota 2, 5616 Prairie's Edge Lane, Granite Falls, MN 56241.

The Legislative Task Force on Child Protection will recess, beginning November 10, 2015 and reconvene on January 19, 2015. Meetings will continue to be held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month and the end time will be extended to 1:00 p.m.

- II. Representative Mullery moved to adopt the August 25, 2015 and September 8, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion passed, via voice vote.
- III. DHS Update on and discussion of the Draft Child Maltreatment Screening Guidelines.
 - a. Carole Wilcox, Child Safety and Prevention Manager, Children and Family Services, Minnesota Department of Human Services; and
 - b. Jim Koppel, Assistant Commissioner, Children and Family Services, Minnesota Department of Human Services.
- IV. County presentation on efforts to implement laws related to Child Protection and Recommendations from the Governor's Task Force on the Protection of Children.
 - a. Brenda Mahoney, Division Director, Stearns County Family and Children Services;
 - b. Jodi Wentland, Director of Olmsted County Children and Family Services Division; and
 - c. Stacy Hennen, Director, Grant County Social Services.
- V. Public testimony
 - a. Lisa Hollensteiner, MD;
 - b. Mary Regan, Executive Director, Minnesota Council of Child Caring Agencies;
 - c. Kelis Houston, MN DFL African American Caucus.

The meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Senator Kathy Sheran, Co-Chair

Kristy Graume, Legislative Assistant