

LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON CHILD PROTECTION

STATE OF MINNESOTA
THIRD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

MINUTES

Representative Ron Kresha, Co-Chair of the Legislative Task Force on Child Protection, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, in Room 10 of the State Office Building.

Legislative Assistant Lisa Moriarity noted the roll.

Task Force members present:

Rep. Ron Kresha, Co-Chair
Sen. Kathy Sheran, Co-Chair
Rep. Peggy Bennett
Rep. Tom Anzelc – via phone
Rep. Joe Mullery
Sen. Carla Nelson
Sen. Jeff Hayden

Task Force members excused:

Sen. Julie Rosen

Carole Wilcox, Child Safety and Prevention Unit Manager at the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), gave an overview of the child protection screening process.

Ms. Wilcox also discussed the DHS Work Group Recommendations Milestones and Work Group Charges and indicated that the timeline is on track.

Chair Kresha introduced drafts of the Task Force Report Outline and Task Force Work Plan and asked members to review both documents and make comments at a future meeting. Laura Larson, Committee Administrator for the House, presented details about the documents. Representative Bennett made a motion to approve the draft Work Plan. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Chair Kresha announced the creation of an Ombudsperson Working Group. Senator Hayden and Representative Mullery agreed to co-chair the working group.

Chair Kresha announced Senator Hayden and Representative Bennett as vice chairs of the Task Force.

The following people offered public testimony:

Jodi Wentland, Director, Child and Family Services, Olmsted County
Ann Hill, Ombudsperson for African American Families
Kidane Shulve, parent

Sen. Sheran set the next meeting for Tuesday, September 22, at 10 a.m. in Room 10 of the State Office Building.

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Representative Ron Kresha, Co-Chair

Lisa Moriarity, Legislative Assistant