

LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON CHILD PROTECTION
STATE OF MINNESOTA
SEVENTH MEETING: NOVEMBER 10, 2015

MINUTES

Representative Ron Kresha, Co-Chair of the Legislative Task Force on Child Protection, called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 in Room 10 of the State Office Building.

Legislative Assistant Lisa Moriarity noted the roll.

Task Force members present:

Representative Ron Kresha, Co-Chair
Senator Kathy Sheran, Co-Chair
Representative Joe Mullery
Representative Peggy Bennett
Senator Carla Nelson
Senator Julie Rosen

Task Force members excused: Representative Tom Anzels and Senator Jeff Hayden

Representative Peggy Bennett moved to adopt the October 27, 2015 meeting minutes. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Jim Koppel, DHS Assistant Commissioner, and Jerry Kerber, DHS Inspector General, gave an overview of the Foster Care Working Group recommendations.

Assistant Commissioner Koppel also provided a status update about the request for proposal (RFP) application for disparity grants. The funding for disparity grants was passed in the 2015 legislative session.

Representatives from DHS and MACSSA (Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators) gave an update about the Child Protection Strategy Workgroup.

Jamie Sorenson, Child Safety and Permanency Director, DHS
Eric Ratzmann, MACSSA Director
Stacy Hennen, MACSSA President

Co-Chair Kresha asked for members to consider recommendations for the final Task Force Report due February 1, 2016.

Representative Kresha opened the meeting to public testimony.

Jeanne Ronayne, Executive Director, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Rich Gehrman, Executive Director, Safe Passage for Children of Minnesota
Lisa Hollensteiner, Physician, Emergency Department, Fairview Health Services

The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

Representative Ron Kresha, Co-Chair

Legislative Assistant, Lisa Moriarity