

LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON CHILD PROTECTION
STATE OF MINNESOTA
January 19, 2016

MINUTES

Senator Sheran called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 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 Jeff Hayden, Senator Carla Nelson

Task Force Members Excused: Senator Julie Rosen, Representative Tom Anzelc

- I. Senator Nelson moved to adopt the November 10, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion passed, via voice vote.
- II. Update on Quality Assurance Reviews
 - a. Jamie Sorenson, Child Safety and Permanency Director, MN DHS; and
 - b. Lori Munsterman, Training, Quality Assurance and Research and Evaluation Manager, MN DHS.
- III. Ombudsperson Work Group Update
 - a. Senator Hayden and Representative Mullery.
- IV. Update on 24/7 Coverage for Child Maltreatment Reports
*Members requested that DHS provide follow-up information on the current statutory authority of DHS to direct and overturn local child welfare agency screening decisions.
 - a. Jamie Sorenson, Child Safety and Permanency Director, MN DHS; and
 - b. Carole Wilcox, Child Safety and Prevention Manager, MN DHS.
- V. Child Foster Care Work Group Draft Recommendations
 - a. Jerry Kerber, Inspector General, MN DHS; and
 - b. Marvin Davis, Child Safety and Permanency Deputy Director, MN DHS.
- VI. Review Draft Child Protection Task Force Report
 - a. Laura Larson, MN House Committee Administrator for Legislative Task Force on Child Protection.
- VII. Public Testimony
 - a. Patrice O'Leary, Senior Director, Youth, Housing and Family Resources;
 - b. Amelia Burgess, MD, Minnesota Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics;
 - c. Jennifer Rosenthal;
 - d. Angela Eder;
 - e. Rich Gehrman, Safe Passage, Executive Director;
 - f. Jill Esch, American Indian Ombudsperson;
 - g. Angela Carlson, RN;
 - h. Sara Hendrix; and
 - i. Kelis Houston, Founder, Village Arms.

The meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Senator Kathy Sheran, Co-Chair

Kristy Graume, Legislative Assistant