

Committee: House Health and Human Services

Thursday, January 19, 2023 8:00 AM

Roll Call

Present: Rep. Cammack, Rep. Deutsch, Rep. Donnell, Rep. Healy, Rep. Heermann, Rep. Kull, Rep. Moore, Rep. Mulder, Rep. Nelson, Rep. Schaeffbauer, Rep. Weisgram, Rep. Rehfeldt, and Rep. Kevin Jensen

OTHERS PRESENT: See Original Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Representative Kevin Jensen

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH

Moved by: Rehfeldt
Second by: Weisgram
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING:

Department of Health (Handout #1)

Melissa Megstadt, Secretary of the Department of Health, provided an overview on departmental divisions, and the strategic plan.

Dr. Josh Clayton, State Epidemiologist, shared statistics gathered regarding causes of death by population in South Dakota.

Beth Dokken, Division Director of Family and Community Health, provided an overview of programs in this arena, to include the Bright Start Program.

Emily Kiel, Division Director of Health Care Access, provided an overview of programs in this division (Handout #2) with focus on telemedicine, lifepak replacement devices, and regional services

Lynne Valenti, Deputy Secretary and Division Director of Licensure and Accreditation, provided information on the medical cannabis program, and a link to the need for nursing home beds.

Melissa Megstadt, Secretary of the Department of Health, previewed departmental Legislation for the 98th Session.

At the conclusion of the presentation committee member questions were addressed.

Department of Social Services (Handout #3)

Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger, Deputy Secretary, provided an overview of the departmental divisions, mission, and strategic goals.

Alex Mayer, Chief of Children and Families, provided information regarding his division.

Sarah Aker, Medicaid Director, discussed the medicaid entitlement program in South Dakota, and medicaid expansion.

Melanie Boetel, Director of Behavioral Health Services, provided an overview of services covered.

Jeremy Johnson, Director of Human Services, shared information regarding programming in the division.

Brenda Tidball-Zeltinger encouraged committee members to reach out with questions at any time.

Due to time limits Representative Jensen, Chair, asked committee members to send their questions to him in writing or to Vice Chair, Representative Rehfeldt, to pass on to the Department of Social Services.

MOTION: ADJOURN

Moved by: Weisgram
Second by: Schaeffbauer
Action: Prevailed by voice vote

Pam Kean, Committee Secretary

/s/ KEVIN D. JENSEN
Kevin D. Jensen, Chair