

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO END POVERTY BY 2020

MINUTES

Sen. John Marty and Rep. Carlos Mariani, co-chairs of the Legislative Commission to End Poverty by 2020, called the second meeting to order at 10:20 AM on Thursday, August 2, 2007, in Room 10 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll:

Members Present:

Rep. Morrie Lanning	Sen. John Marty
Rep. Frank Moe	Sen. Mary Olson
Rep. Jim Abeler	Sen. Michael Jungbauer
Rep. Carlos Mariani	Sen. Steve Dille
Rep. Nora Slawik	Sen. Sandra Pappas
Rep. Mary Ellen Otremba	Sen. Paul Koering
Rep. Bud Nornes	Michael Hawton
Rep. Neva Walker	Donna Bauer

Members Excused:

Rep. Bruce Anderson	Sen. Tony Lourey
	Sen. Claire Robling
	Sen. Scott Dibble

Chairs Marty welcomed the commission members and audience to the meeting.

Welcome and introduction of 2 new governor appointees to the commission: Michael Hawton and Donna Bauer.

Introduction of and welcoming comments from Senator John Hottinger, original senate author of the bill to establish a Legislative Commission to End Poverty.

Donna Bauer, second governor appointee, arrived and introduced herself.

Testimony and presentations:

Patrick Ness, Catholic Charities, Office of Social Justice
Tina Linton, Family Children's Services Shelter.
"Budgeting for Poverty" Video

Questions and Discussion followed.

Tom Stinson, State Economist and Tom Gillaspay, State Demographer

Questions and Discussion followed.

Kris Jacobs, JOBS NOW Coalition, Executive Director

Presentation of web-based wage calculator which showed county to county pricing indicating wage requirements to meet basic needs.

Questions and Discussion followed.

Steve Hine, Labor Market Information Director, Department of Employment and Economic Development

Questions and Discussion followed.

Business Items:

Chair Mariani moved approval of the 6/27/2007 meeting minutes. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Marty gave brief update on the executive director hiring process. The timeline has been delayed a couple of weeks due to the large quantity of applications and interest in the position. The commission hopes to approve the director selection at the September business meeting.

Sen. Dille moved approval of the commission phase I schedule. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Additional Public Testimony:

Richard Cook, citizen advocate, Jackson City

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 PM.