

HEALTH CARE ACCESS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Representative Thomas Huntley called the meeting of the Health Care Access Commission to order at 9:09 a.m. on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, in Room 10 of the State Office Building. The clerk noted the roll:

Members Present:

Rep. Huntley, Co-Chair
Sen. Berglin, Co-Chair
Rep. Abeler
Rep. Gottwalt
Rep. Loeffler
Rep. Thissen
Sen. Lourey
Sen. Marty

Members Excused:

Sen. Koering
Sen. Rosen

Other Members Present:

Rep. Bunn
Sen. Lynch
Rep. Murphy, E.
Rep. Norton
Rep. Ruud
Sen. Prettnner-Solon
Sen. Torres-Ray
Sen. Sheran

A quorum was present.

Chair Huntley thanked members of the working groups, as well as staff, for their hard work, long hours and dedication and further noted that implementation of some recommendations may not occur immediately in 2008, but will be phased in over future years. Recommendations were reported in varying degrees of detail from the following Work Groups:

Public Health – Rep. Gottwalt/Senator Torres-Ray

Cost Containment: New Cost Containment Strategies – Rep. Abeler/Sen. Lynch

Cost Containment: Identifying Health Care Costs/Savings – Rep. Erin Murphy/Senator Lynch

Bridging the Health Care Continuum – Senator Kathy Sheran

There was no time remaining to take questions of members so the Chair asked Senator Sheran to return to the next meeting scheduled for November 14, 2007, and adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Jan Horner, Committee Legislative Assistant