

FIRST MEETING

HEALTH CARE ACCESS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Senator Linda Berglin, called the first meeting of the Health Care Access Commission to order at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2007, in Room 123 of the State Capitol, St. Paul Minnesota.

The secretary noted the roll.

Members Present:

Sen. Berglin
Sen. Koering
Sen. Lourey
Sen. Marty

Rep. Abeler
Rep. Gottwalt
Rep. Huntley
Rep. Loeffler
Rep. Thissen

Member Absent:

Sen. Rosen

Other Members Present:

Sen. Lynch
Sen. Sheran
Sen. Solon

A quorum was present.

The first item on the agenda was a presentation on the Cost Containment Pilot Project: Emergency Room Diversion to Establish a Medical Home given by the following person:

Tom Riley, Vice President, Community Solutions, Global Health Direct, Inc., 403 Genesee St., P.O. Box 180022, Delafield, WI 53018.

The second item was introduction of members and staff.

Senator Lourey moved that Sen. Berglin and Rep. Huntley serve as co-chairs of the Health Care Access Commission. The **MOTION PREVAILED**.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation on payment reform by:

Linda Wick, CNP Manager, Heart Failure Program, St. Mary's/Duluth Clinic Health System, Duluth, MN.

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Payment Reform – Regional Medicare “646” Demonstration Project:

1. Senator Dave Durenberger.
2. Jeanne Ripley, Vice President, government Programs Consulting, Hallechand Health Consulting.
3. Joseph Grant, Elder Care/MSHO Clinic Manager, St. Mary’s, Duluth, MN.

Uninsured Study – People with Access to Employer Based Health Care:

Julie Sonier, Director, Health Economics Program, Department of Health.

Following the presentations the commission members discuss the establishment of working groups.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

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