

MINUTES OF THE MCSSA ADULT AND HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2008

MCSSA OFFICE

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Those Participating

County

District

In Person:

Jamie Cripe

MCSSA

Mel Haga

MCSSA

Shelley Jipson-Lomax

MCSSA

By Phone:

Liz Krause

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Dale MacDonald

Isabella

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Allen Adams

DHS

I. Meeting Called to Order at 1:05 pm by Acting Chair, Dale MacDonald.

II. Disposition of Minutes of January 21, 2008

Minutes accepted as presented.

A. Agenda Updated.

III. Reports

A. DHS – Allen Adams

Allen's office is in the process of instituting an increase for home help providers to \$7.50 per hour in May.

HB 5581 has been introduced and will expand death review for the elderly. Rachel Richards has reviewed the bill and suggested that deaths of the developmentally disabled be included. Not including these individuals could mean an entire group of vulnerable people being unrepresented in the death review process. Adult Services staff are required to be involved in the review. This may mean a need for additional adult services staff. Committee consensus was to support the bill although with staffing concerns.

Dale commented on how valuable it is to have Allen with us.

B. MCSSW

Bonnie and her MCSSW committee have adopted a resolution asking that a chart much like a Gantt chart be developed for MCSSW and MCSSA resolutions that can be posted to the website. This committee endorsed the idea and the consensus was that Shelley be directed to develop such a chart for the website and keep it updated to the extent possible.

C. MCSSA – Mel Haga

Mel noted that the legislative priorities are ready to go and will be sent within the next few days. We were able to add a couple of comments about the Governor's budget and endorse her recommendation for \$75 per child for the clothing allowance, \$3 per month, per person for cash assistance grants, and \$5 for SDA grants.

Dale noted his concern about the Legislative Committee's lack of action on the support for HB 5418. This committee supports the effort of the Child and Family Services Committee and Jay Bortz to support this legislation. We don't agree with the action of the Legislative Committee and prefer to protect the rights of the children, who cannot speak for or defend their rights, rather than the rights of adults.

IV. New Business

A. Adult Legislation

1. HB 5669 – Requires complainant's signature to file a criminal complaint in cases alleging vulnerable adult abuse; prohibits magistrate from refusing to accept complaint because the complaint was signed by individual other than the victim. Committee consensus was to support. Offers APS staff, and others, an ability to report. However, the staffing implications are a concern. Committee consensus was to support.
2. HB 5726 – Expands mandatory reporting requirements of suspected abuses and neglect to health care providers. Committee consensus was to support. Allen reported on some agreements between some banks and APS staff. Without this language being in law some banks feel compelled to protect privacy of individuals rather than to protect them from exploitation. The support is to include the financial institution being required to furnish supporting documentation to APS. Committee consensus was to support.
3. HB 5728 – Provides reporting requirements for financial professionals and employees of financial institutions of financial exploitation. Committee consensus was to support.
4. HB 5577 – Clarifies and utilizes consistently the definition of certain home care agencies and services. Committee tabled discussion until next month. Committee members are to review the bill.

V. Meeting Adjourned at 1:55 pm by Dale MacDonald.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Cripe

ADULT AND HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2008

AGENDA

- I. Call to order at 1:00pm
- II. Disposition of the minutes of January 21, 2008
 - A. Agenda update
- III. Reports
 - A. DHS Central Office
 - B. DCH Central Office
 - C. MCSSW
 - D. MCSSA
 - E. AAA Association
- IV. Unfinished Business
 - A. Adult Business
 - B. Health Business
 - C. Health Legislation
 - 1. HB 5577
- V. New Business
 - A. Adult Legislation
 - 1. HB 5669
 - 2. HB 5726
 - 3. HB 5728
 - 4. HB 5581
 - B. Health Legislation
- VI. Adjournment