

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MINUTES

Representative Paul Anders Ogren, Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services, called the twenty-fifth meeting to order at 10:20 AM on Wednesday, October 14, 1987, in Room 5 of the State Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Representative Ogren instructed the clerk to note the roll.

Those present:

Ogren, Chair	Ozment
Kelso, Vice Chair	Quist
Clark	Segal
Cooper	Stanius
Dauner	Sviggum
Greenfield	Swenson
Gruenes	Tompkins
Jefferson	Welle
Onnen	Wynia
Orenstein	

Those excused:

Anderson	McLaughlin
Clausnitzer	Rodosovich
Dorn	Vellienga

A quorum was present.

The chairman introduced himself and the committee staff to the members of the committee.

Representative Ogren called attention to the revised Committee procedures and the revised Committee Member Listing enclosed in each members' folder. He stressed that they contact the House Research people to draft amendments for them.

Representative Ogren stated that he has referred House File 1381 (Clark) to the Physical/Mental Health Subcommittee. This bill would require training for employees in nursing homes and correction facilities for exposure to infectious agents.

Representative Ogren also stated he was in the process of appointing members to a task force to study the long term future of Regional Treatment Centers. Representative Peter Rodosovich will chair the task force.

Representative Ogren indicated that two hearings are planned for the November Mini Session in Alexandria. One would be with a resident council in an Osakis nursing home and the second meeting would be held to hear testimony on Rule 38, the licensing rule for DAC's.

Representative Quist moved adoption of the minutes of the April 28, 1987, meeting.

THE MOTION PREVAILED.

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Testifying before the committee on the University of Minnesota Task Force recommendation to eliminate the Public Health Nursing Program and cutback on the B.A. Nursing Program were:

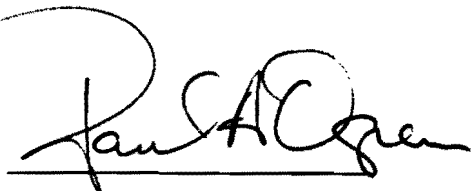
- A. Representative Karen Clark
- B. Edward Foster, University of Minnesota, Acting Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
- C. Dr. Neal Vanselow, University of Minnesota, Vice President for Health Sciences
- D. Public Health Panel
 - LaVohn Josten, Director of Public Health Nursing Section, Minnesota Department of Health
 - Kathy Mattner, Student, U of M, Public Health Nursing Program
 - Mary Lou Christensen, School of Public Health Alumni Society
 - Gayle Hallin, R.N., M.P.H., Public Health Administrator, City of Bloomington, MN. Public Health Association
 - Vonna Henry, R.N., Nursing Director, Sherburne County Health Services, MN. Public Health Nursing Directors Association
- E. Nursing Panel
 - Sharon Aadalen, R.N., M.S., Ph.D., MN. Office of Nurse Executives (Director of Nursing Education and Research, United Hospital, St. Paul)
 - Christine Gentry, R.N., MN. Nurses Association
 - Karin Hangsleben, R.N., C.N.M., MN. Chapter of American College of Nurse Midwives
 - Cynthia Schuster, School Nurses of Minnesota
 - Kay McKenzie, School of Nursing, Alumni Society
- F. Mary Beth Curry, Policy Analyst, Gov. Relations Division, Minnesota Hospital Association
- G. JoAnne Rohricht, Consumer, (Chairperson, Board of Directors St. Anthony Park Block Nurses Association)
- H. Barbara O'Grady, Director, Ramsey County Public Health Nursing Service

The following persons submitted copies of testimony to committee members:

Dr. Edward Foster, Kathy Mattner, MN. Alumni Association, and the Minnesota Public Health Nursing Directors Association. The Association of Counties and Pat Sjostrand submitted written testimony to the committee.

Representative Clark submitted a resolution (Attachment A) to the members for review and requested action be taken at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.



PAUL ANDERS OGREN, CHAIR



Yvonne S. Amey, Clerk

Attachment

Dark *Att. 1... + A*
Whereas the State of Minnesota is committed to expanding its high quality and cost effective community health service programs, and

Whereas the quality of such programs is dependent on educated public health nurses, and

Whereas the University of Minnesota provides the only graduate level public health nursing program in the state, and

Whereas certified public health nurses prepared in baccalaureate nursing programs help assure that Minnesota citizens receive quality, cost effective care by conducting nursing home preadmission screening, functioning as case managers for high risk clients and performing skilled nursing assessments;

Therefore be it resolved that the Health and Human Services Committee of the Minnesota House of Representatives goes on record and strongly urges the Regents of the University of Minnesota that --

- the University of Minnesota graduate public health nursing program be maintained at least at the current levels of funding and programming and not be eliminated;
- the University of Minnesota School of Nursing current and planned decrease in size to 80 positions be re-examined in relationship to Minnesota's growing demand for professional nursing services, the current and anticipated nurse shortage, and that consideration be given to expanding, not decreasing frontline baccalaureate nurse positions.