



# Association of Minnesota Counties

## Public Safety Policy Committee and Health and Human Services Committee

### Joint Meeting

*Intercontinental Hotel, Saint Paul*

February 14, 2019

AMC Legislative Conference

### DRAFT MINUTES

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Larry Anderson, Cottonwood County  
Eliot Belgard, Martin County  
Marv Bodie, Carlton County  
Jeff Docken, Rice County  
Matt Gilbertson, Chippewa County  
Rick Gnemi, Steele County  
Steven Heinen, Benton County  
Christine Husom, Wright County  
David Kenworthy, Dodge County  
Bruce Lawrence, Pennington County  
Mary Jo McGuire, Ramsey County  
George McMahon, Chisago County  
Dave Mills, Cook County  
Sheldon Monson, Wadena County

Susan Morris, Isanti County  
Rollie Nissen, Kandiyohi County  
Will Purvis, Blue Earth County  
Cody Rogahn, Pope County  
David Salberg, Traverse County  
Rick Schmidt, Renville County  
Steve Schmidt, Meeker County  
Jack Swanson, Roseau County  
Teresa Walter, Houston County  
Dwight Walvantne, Grant County  
Laurie Westerlund, Aitkin County  
Grant Weyland, Clay County  
Scott Windschitl, Brown County

#### GUESTS PRESENT:

Tom Adkins, Washington County  
Nina Arneson, Goodhue County  
Midge Christianson, 6W Community  
Corrections  
Jessica Erickson, Fillmore County  
Tim Gabrielson, Mower County  
Steve Hammes, Stearns County

Wayne Johnson, Washington County  
RaeAnn Keeler, Yellow Medicine, County  
TamiJo Lieberg, Kandiyohi County  
Joe Nagel, McLeod County  
Michael Virnig, Mille Lacs County  
Brad Vold, Morrison County

#### I. Call to Order

Health and Human Services Chair Rodney Peterson called the joint meeting of the Health and Human Services and Public Safety Policy Committees to order at 9:30 a.m. The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### II. Presentation on Competency Restoration

Members heard an overview of competency restoration services in the state. The Department of Human Services recently announced that it would no longer provide competency restoration services for individuals at state facilities that no longer meet medical criteria in part because of the demand for mental health beds. Those individuals will be provisionally discharged. Minnesota statute does not designate which entity may be responsible for providing competency restoration services.

a. Leah Kaiser, Hennepin County Manager for Adult Behavioral Health gave an overview of competency restoration and outlined the need for counties to engage in these issues.

b. Beth Sullivan, Associate General Counsel, DHS summarized the competency process.

c. KyleeAnn Stevens, MD, Executive Medical Director for Behavioral Health, DHS provided a summary of the role of DHS.

The DHS presentation is posted on the AMC website: Competency Restoration - DHS

d. Timothy Carey, Assistant Ramsey County Attorney outlined a proposal the county attorney association has been drafting that calls for a combination of state and community-based competency restoration services.

**III. The joint committee recessed.**

**IV. Call to Order**

Chair Jack Swanson called the Public Safety Policy Committee to order. Chair Swanson introduced the new Public Safety Policy Analyst, Carli Stark.

**V. Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Will Purvis made a motion to approve the December 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner Eliot Belgard seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**VI. Dispatch Phone CPR Legislation**

Lorna Schmidt from the American Heart Association presented on legislation that would require dispatchers around the state to be trained in phone CPR. For those that are unable to train their staff in phone CPR, the legislation includes an opt-out protocol which would allow the dispatcher to transfer the call to a trained dispatcher in another county. Members asked questions about the liability that a county could incur if the CPR was administered incorrectly by the 911 caller, and what the protocol would be if a county could not support a phone CPR training system. Members were generally supportive of the goal of the legislation.

**VII. Committee Discussion**

Chair Jack Swanson lead a discussion about topics of concern for members. Members brought up concerns regarding a lack of Emergency Medical Services funding and the possibility of pursuing a stable funding formula in the legislature. The idea of using hands-free phone violation fees to support EMS costs was proposed.

**VIII. Adjourn**

Public Safety Policy Committee Chair Jack Swanson adjourned the meeting at 11:15 A.M.