

LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON CHILD PROTECTION

STATE OF MINNESOTA
FIFTH MEETING: OCTOBER 13, 2015

MINUTES

Representative Ron Kresha, Co-Chair of the Legislative Task Force on Child Protection, called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 in Room 10 of the State Office Building.

Legislative Assistant Lisa Moriarity noted the roll.

Task Force members present:

Representative Ron Kresha, Co-Chair
Senator Kathy Sheran, Co-Chair
Representative Joe Mullery
Representative Peggy Bennett
Senator Carla Nelson
Senator Jeff Hayden
Senator Julie Rosen

Task Force members excused: Representative Tom Anzelc

Representative Peggy Bennett moved to adopt the September 22, 2015 meeting minutes. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Tribal Child Welfare Representatives gave a presentation of the child protection system.

Ted Waukey, Family Preservation Supervisor, Mille Lacs Family Services
Candace Lagou, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Advocate, Red Lake Family and
Children Services
Tracey Howg, Targeted Case Manager, Bois Forte Family Health Services ICWA
Laurie York, Director, White Earth Indian Child Welfare
Richie Smith, ICWA Guardian AD Litem, Fourth Judicial District Court

Daron Korte, Assistant Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), gave a presentation about the collaboration between MDE and the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) within the child protection system. Jennifer Alexander, MDE Supervisor of Compliance and Assistance, answered questions of the committee.

Jim Koppel, DHS Assistant Commissioner, provided an update about the DHS Foster Care Working Group.

Representative Kresha opened the meeting to public testimony.

Tonya Long, Board Chair, American Indian Community Specific Board

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Representative Ron Kresha, Co-Chair

Legislative Assistant, Lisa Moriarity