

Human Services Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Joe Schomacker, Chair of the Human Services Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:15AM on March 19, 2025, in Room 123 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

SCHOMACKER, Joe Chair
GILLMAN, Dawn Vice Chair
NOOR, Mohamud
KEELER, Heather
BACKER, Jeff
CURRAN, Brion
FISCHER, Peter
FRANSON, Mary
FREDERICK, Luke
GANDER, Steve
GORDON, Jimmy
HICKS, Kim
JACOB, Steve
KNUDSEN Krista
MOMANYI-HILTSLEY, Huldah
MURPHY, Tom
NORRIS, Matt
VIRNIG, Bianca

A quorum was present.

Representative Virnig moved the minutes of March 18, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 1358 (Repinski) – Winona County; supplementary services rate authorized for mental health facilities

Chair Schomacker moved HF 1358 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Erik Sievers, Executive Director for Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center
Nicole Latham, Hiawatha Valley Client

Chair Schomacker laid over HF 1358.

HF 1973 (Perryman) – Catholic Charities of St. Cloud senior dining program funding provided, and money appropriated.

Chair Schomacker moved HF 1973 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Aaron Fisk, President and CEO, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud
Stacy Lund, Director of Community Services, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud

Chair Schomacker laid over HF 1973.

HF 736 (Olson) – Blue Earth County supplemental housing support rate established.

Chair Schomacker moved HF 736 before the committee.

Chair Schomacker moved the A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifier:

Karen Klabunde, Director of Wellcome Manor

Chair Schomacker laid over HF 736 as amended.

Waiver Reimaging Status Update from the Department of Human Services was presented by DHS Budget Director Elyse Bailey and Aging and Disability Chief Administrative Office Colin Stemper.

Public Testimony:

Kathy Jo Ware
Tricia Brisbane
Katrin Bachmeier
Jean Bender
Nate Olson
Linda Ji
Alice Hulbert

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03AM.

Representative Joe Schomacker, Chair

Joseph Fruehauf, Committee Legislative Assistant