SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY

January 17, 2005   Hearing Room B
1:00 PMTape 1

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair**
                                       Sen. Peter Courtney
                                       Sen. Gary George
                                       Sen. Bill Morrisette

MEMBER EXCUSED: **Sen. Jeff Kruse, Vice-Chair**

STAFF PRESENT: **Rick Berkobien, Committee Administrator**
                                       Brittany Kenison, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD & WITNESSES:
                        Adoption of Committee Rules - Organizational Meeting
                        Introduction of Committee Members – Organizational Meeting
                        Discussion of Committee Work Plan – Organizational Meeting

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These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. <u>Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words.</u> For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 1, A		
003	Chair Monnes Anderson	Calls the committee to order at 1:02 PM. Chair opens organizational meeting.
COMMITTEE RULES - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING		
008	Chair Monnes Anderson	Asks Rick Berkobien, Committee Administrator, to review proposed committee rules.
015	Rick Berkobien	Committee Administrator. Summarizes committee rules **(EXHIBIT A).**
065	**Sen. Morrisette**	**MOTION: Moves to ADOPT the proposed Committee Rules dated 01/17/05.**
070	Sen. Courtney	Asks Berkobien for clarification on rule 1 regarding requirements for a subcommittee.
075	Berkobien	Confirms that only one member needs to be present at a subcommittee meeting for purpose of taking testimony and must declare for the record.
085		**VOTE: 4-0- 1** **EXCUSED: 1 - Kruse**
	Chair Monnes Anderson	**Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.**
INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS – ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING		
095	Chair Monnes Anderson	Notes that Sen. Jeff Kruse is **EXCUSED** and gives his background in Health Policy. Introduces Sen. Bill Morrisette and his background.
105	Sen. Morrisette	Discusses interest area in human services and health care.
115	Chair Monnes Anderson	Introduces Sen. Gary George and his background.
125	Sen. George	Discusses interest and background in health services and health care. Also discusses interest in potential issues and facts.
145	Chair Monnes	Introduces Sen. Peter Courtney and his background.

	Anderson	
150	Sen. Courtney	Expresses interest in health care and mental health area.
160	Chair Monnes Anderson	Introduces committee staff.
170	Chair Monnes Anderson	Introduces herself and background.

DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE WORK PLAN– ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

170	Chair Monnes Anderson	Outlines committee work plan:
		• Mental health: Several State hospital issues; overcrowding, condition of building.
		• Lack of community mental health services for people leaving the state hospital.
		• Lack of community services to prevent state hospitalization.
		Number of people who end up in jail that have mental illness.
220	Sen. Morrisette	Asks about mental health parody bill.
225	Chair Monnes Anderson	Confirms that it will be an issue that will be discussed. Continues discussing mental health plan.
235	Sen. Morrisette	Raises equity issue among counties about mental service resources. Addresses need to work for solution and possibly turn over to Metro.
250	Chair Monnes Anderson	Continues addressing work plan:
		• Health insurance: large number of uninsured Oregonians. Employers have increased cost in health care for employees.
		• Improving access for health care for all Oregonians and employers.
		• Oregon Health Plan issue of cuts and containing costs.
		• New Medicare prescription program and the impact.
		• Health care workforce to include shortage of health care staff.
		• Public health.
315	Sen. George	Asks for the committee to tour the State Hospital.
317	Chair Monnes Anderson	Approves request for tour.
320	Berkobien	Discusses list of acronyms used in human services (**EXHIBIT B**).
330	Chair Monnes Anderson	Announces that acronym jargon that will be used and money will be used to support a charity relating to health.
345	Berkobien	Shows Medicaid publication. Available online at www.kff.org or by calling 1-800-656-4533.
350	Chair Monnes Anderson	Summarizes and concludes. Closes organizational meeting. Adjourns meeting at 1:27 PM.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A. **Rules, Committee, staff, 3 pp**
B. **Work Plan, Committee, list of acronyms, staff, 18 pp**