



HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

Monday, March 18, 2024
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:30 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the November 29, 2023, meeting](#)

STUDY OF THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF NORTH DAKOTA

9:35 a.m. [Distribution](#) of information provided by the Insurance Department regarding the Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota (CHAND)

9:40 a.m. Comments by a representative of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota regarding recent actions related to CHAND

9:55 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of CHAND

STUDY OF THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH BRAIN INJURY

10:00 a.m. Presentation by Dr. Joshua Wynne, Dean, University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, regarding the status of the hyperbaric oxygen therapy project

10:30 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of the care and treatment of individuals with brain injury

STUDY OF THE DELIVERY OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

10:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding Medicaid reimbursement rates for rural emergency medical services and options to increase reimbursement rates

10:55 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota University System regarding emergency medical services coursework at higher education institutions and options to increase collaboration among institutions

11:05 a.m. Committee discussion regarding potential bill drafts to allow emergency medical service personnel to participate in the Public Employees Retirement System public safety retirement plan

11:20 a.m. Committee discussion regarding options to require public safety answering points to report when an ambulance service fails to respond to a call for service

11:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the North Dakota EMS Association regarding potential legislation to address distressed ambulance services

12:00 noon Recess

1:00 p.m. Presentation by a representative of the Highway Patrol regarding emergency medical services training provided at the Law Enforcement Training Academy and options to provide additional training after completion of the academy

1:15 p.m. Committee discussion regarding options to provide liability protection for 988 hotline operators

- 1:25 p.m. [Comments](#) by a representative of FirstLink regarding options to provide liability protection for 988 hotline operators
- 1:35 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Health and Human Services regarding mental health resources for first responders
- 1:50 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the study of emergency medical services
- 2:00 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 2:15 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.

Committee Members

Senators: Kristin Roers (Chairman), Michelle Axtman, Jeff Barta, Judy Lee

Representatives: Gretchen Dobervich, Kathy Frelich, Dwight Kiefert, Carrie McLeod, Alisa Mitskog, Emily O'Brien, Todd Porter, Robin Weisz

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