

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MINUTES

Representative Paul Anders Ogren, Chair of the Committee on Health and Human Services, called the twenty-sixth meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 1987, at the Bethany Home in Alexandria, Minnesota.

Representative Ogren instructed the clerk to note the roll.

Those present:

Ogren, Chair	Ogren
Clark	Swiggum
Jefferson	Swanson
Kelso	Tompkins
McLaughlin	

Those excused:

Anderson	Ogmont
Clausnitzer	Quist
Cooper	Radosovich
Dauner	Segal
Dorn	Stanis
Greenfield	Vellenga
Gruenes	Welle
Orenstein	Wymia

Rep. Karen Clark presented a resolution urging the University of Minnesota to maintain its Public Health Nursing Program and re-examine cutbacks in the Baccalaureate Nursing Program. (See attachment A.)

Rep. Clark MOVED that the resolution be recommended to pass. The motion PREVAILLED.

The following people testified as representatives of the residents of several area nursing homes:

Viola Diedrich,	Bethany Home Alexandria
Luella Erickson	" "
Celo Gundershaug	Knute Nelson Mem. Home Alexandria
Ruth Quinn	Community Nursing Home Osakis
Marie Hausen	" " "
Fern Smedsted	Glenwood Retirement Home Glenwood
Gordon Ambie, Exec. Dir.	" " "
Debbie Shea	Crestview Manor Evansville
Richard Anderson	" "
Leslie Brecht	Lakeview Care Center Glenwood
George Brundage	" " "
George Nicholson	" " "

Three staff people from the Bethany Home testified on several issues which they see as serious problems facing many nursing homes.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



Paul Anders Ogren, Chair



La Finnergan, Clerk

RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
MINNESOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Regarding University of Minnesota Public Health and Baccalaureate
Nursing Programs

Introduced by Clark, Ogren, Onnen, Vellenga, Segal, Cooper, Ozment

WHEREAS,

the State of Minnesota is committed to expanding its high quality and cost effective community health service programs;

and

WHEREAS,

the quality of such programs is dependent on educated public health nurses; and

WHEREAS,

the University of Minnesota provides the only graduate level public health nursing program in the state; and

WHEREAS,

certified public health nurses prepared in baccalaureate nursing programs help assure that Minnesota citizens receive quality, cost effective care by conducting nursing home preadmission screening, functioning as case managers for high risk clients and performing skilled nursing assessments; NOW,

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED By the Health and Human Services Committee of the Minnesota House of Representatives that it goes on record and strongly urges the Regents of the University of Minnesota that the University of Minnesota graduate public health nursing program be maintained at least at the current levels of funding and programming and not be eliminated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Minnesota School of Nursing current and planned decrease in size to 80 positions be re-examined in relationship to Minnesota's growing demand for professional nursing services and the current and anticipated nurse shortage, and that consideration be given to expanding, not decreasing frontline baccalaureate nurse positions.