

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Seventy-Fourth Session  
February 7, 2007**

The Committee on Health and Human Services was called to order by Chair Sheila Leslie at 1:33 p.m., on Wednesday, February 7, 2007, in Room 3138 of the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. The meeting was videoconferenced to Room 4401 of the Grant Sawyer State Office Building, 555 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. Copies of the minutes, including the Agenda ([Exhibit A](#)), the Attendance Roster ([Exhibit B](#)), and other substantive exhibits are available and on file in the Research Library of the Legislative Counsel Bureau and on the Nevada Legislature's website at [www.leg.state.nv.us/74th/committees/](http://www.leg.state.nv.us/74th/committees/). In addition, copies of the audio record may be purchased through the Legislative Counsel Bureau's Publications Office (e-mail: [publications@lcb.state.nv.us](mailto:publications@lcb.state.nv.us); telephone: 775-684-6835).

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie, Chair  
Assemblywoman Susan Gerhardt, Vice Chair  
Assemblyman Bob Beers  
Assemblyman Joseph P. (Joe) Hardy  
Assemblywoman Ellen M. Koivisto  
Assemblywoman Kathy McClain  
Assemblywoman Bonnie Parnell  
Assemblywoman Peggy Pierce  
Assemblyman Lynn D. Stewart  
Assemblywoman Valerie E. Weber  
Assemblywoman RoseMary Womack

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sarah J. Lutter, Committee Policy Analyst  
Bonnie Borda Hoffecker, Committee Manager  
Patricia Evans, Committee Secretary  
Sherrada Fielder, Committee Secretary  
Olivia Lloyd, Committee Assistant



**Chair Leslie:**

[Called the meeting to order.] This is our first meeting. We will be meeting here for a few minutes and upon adjournment will reconvene for a joint meeting with the Senate Committee on Human Resources and Education.

Before we get started we want to run through the basic rules. Remember that we are being audio taped and all these meetings are broadcast live. The Committee has a broad spectrum of issues relating to health and welfare. I encourage you to ask questions but to be cognizant of our time. The Assembly Committee on Education meets at 3:45 p.m., and we have members on both committees. We will try to adjourn by 3:30 p.m.

This session we can anticipate hearing bills related to issues such as health planning, health-care providers and health-care professionals on methamphetamine, and child welfare issues.

I would like to start with introductions of our Committee members and allow each of you to give an introduction.

**Assemblywoman Gerhardt:**

I am pleased to serve as your Vice Chair on this Committee. I represent District 29 in Las Vegas. My particular interest is in child welfare.

**Assemblywoman Koivisto:**

This is my fifth session serving on this Committee. I represent District 14 in Las Vegas, which is the Sunrise Mountain area. My particular area of interest is educating more nurses and nurse staffing.

**Assemblywoman McClain:**

I represent District 15. About 75 percent of my district is over age 65. I have a strong interest in seniors and women's health-care issues. I am on the National Women's Legislative Network, and women's health is one of its priorities as well.

**Assemblywoman Parnell:**

I represent the vast majority of Carson City and a small portion of Washoe County, East Lake. This is my third session on Health and Human Services. I also have a concern about access to provider care for Medicaid and Medicare and the State employee health program.

**Assemblywoman Weber:**

I am pleased to be back. During the interim I sat on the Committee for Persons with Disabilities. I represent District 5 in Clark County near Summerlin. I have

the largest population of Asian constituents in the Clark County area and have served on the task force on cervical cancer. I am also interested in the areas of consumer health.

**Assemblyman Hardy, M.D.:**

I would disclose that I am a family practitioner. I belong to three voluntary boards and work at Fremont Medical Center in Henderson. I am interested in health care.

**Assemblywoman Pierce:**

My district is westside Las Vegas. Many of my constituents are senior citizens. I come to this Committee with a general concern for the uninsured. This is my third term on the Committee.

**Assemblywoman Womack:**

I represent District 23, which is old Henderson. My concern is for seniors, and I advocate for seniors with dementia and Alzheimer's.

**Assemblyman Stewart:**

I represent District 22 in the southern part of the Las Vegas valley.

**Assemblyman Beers:**

District 21 in Henderson is my district. I requested this Committee, and it is a definite interest of mine.

**Chair Leslie:**

I represent Reno. My particular interest is mental health and substance abuse. Also, we have our staff including Sarah J. Lutter, our Research Analyst. The Committee Manager is Bonnie Borda Hoffecker, Committee Assistant is Olivia Lloyd, and Committee Secretaries Patricia Evans and Sherrada Fielder. Our Legal Counsel is Kim Guinasso.

You have a folder, which includes the agendas and the Standing Rules ([Exhibit C](#)). Nothing has changed from last session for the Committee rules. I will entertain a motion.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN MOVED TO ADOPT THE  
STANDING RULES FOR THE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES.

DR. HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Chair Leslie:**

This Committee meets on Monday and Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. We generally start and end on time. Monday we do have two bills scheduled, so please review them. We only have three bills, and we will have a presentation on access to health care issues next week.

[Chair Leslie adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.]

**Upon adjournment, the Committee reconvened in Room 1214 of the Legislative Building for a Joint Committee Meeting of the Assembly Health and Human Services and Senate Human Resources and Education Committees.**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Sherrada Fielder  
Committee Secretary

APPROVED BY:

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Assemblywoman Sheila Leslie, Chair

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**ASSEMBLY  
EXHIBIT LIST WORKSHEET**

**Committee:** HHS

**Date:** February 7, 2007

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