

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 24, 2016

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Packer, Representatives Hixon, Perry, Romrell, Vander Woude, Beyeler, Redman, Troy, Rusche, Chew

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Vander Woude

GUESTS: None.

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 9:03

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17 and 23, 2016, meetings.

Rep. Rusche asked for a correction to the March 23, 2016, minutes. On page 3, 2nd line, after PCMH insert "this will do little except to improve their cash flow."

**WITHDRAWAL
OF MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Packer** withdrew her motion.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2016, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2016, meeting with corrections.

Rep. Hixon asked his comments **in opposition** be changed to "**Rep. Hixon** expressed concern that there was a growing burden on the middle class."

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2016, meeting with corrections. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

MOTION: **Rep. Chew** made a motion to change her comments to: "**in opposition** to the motions said it is a lose, lose because the clinics are set up to a false expectation that they can provide and they cannot. And a lose because patients cannot get complete care." **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Wood thanked our second-half of the session page, **Hannah Bergmann**, for her service to the committee. He also thanked the committee secretary, **Irene Moore**, for all she did during the session.

Rep. Perry read and requested attachment to the minutes of her letter expressing her concerns and resolution surrounding **H 644** and **HCR 63** (see Attachment 1)

Vice Chairman Packer read and requested attachment to the minutes of her letter expressing her concerns and resolution surrounding **H 644** and **HCR 63** (see Attachment 2).

Rep. Romrell asked to submit a letter for attachment to the minutes regarding his discomfort at not doing anything for the gap population (see Attachment 3).

Rep. Troy read and requested attachment to the minutes of her letter expressing her concerns and resolution surrounding **H 644** and **HCR 63** (see Attachment 4).

Rep. Rusche said he would not be submitting a letter. He appreciates the message from the Representatives and truly values their statements and support of the Idaho citizens. Clearly, the politics and not policies dictated the bills presented and the proposal going forward. He will implore the Governor to call a special session to address this issue.

Rep. Beyeler commented the limited options were better than nothing, so he will support them. He said he would feel badly if next year at the beginning of the session there was nothing meaningful to take us where we need to go. The entire body, with engagement of the minority party, needs to work to achieve a more inclusive legislation. He joined the position expressed by **Reps. Troy, Packer, and Perry** and asked to have a letter attached to the minutes (see Attachment 5).

Rep. Hixon said he has great respect for the legislators in the building. Healthcare needs a lot of work and is currently the number one national issue for both the middle class and the gap population. The middle class works hard and is shouldering tremendous burdens as they watch premiums and co-pays rise. Wanting to put forward viable solutions for the gap and middle class populations, he will be open to future ideas.

Chairman Wood thanked the committee for expressing their thoughts and concerns.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary