

**Medicaid Reform Advisory Council
Minutes
September 18, 2006**

Members Present: Senator Don Pederson (Chair), Gayle-ann Douglas, Mary Lee Fitzsimmons, Linda Ollis, Cory Shaw, and Pat Snyder.

Members Absent: Kathy Campbell, Senator Phil Erdman, and Steve Martin.

The meeting was convened by Senator Pederson at 10:00 a.m. CT at the Nebraska State Capitol, room 1510, in Lincoln, Nebraska. Senator Pederson called the meeting to order. The agenda for the meeting was approved as presented.

The council, upon a motion by Senator Pederson, unanimously elected Kathy Campbell to serve as vice chair of the Medicaid Reform Council.

Jeff Santema, legal counsel to the Health and Human Services Committee, presented an overview of substantive provisions of LB 1248 (2006). Mr. Santema reported that Senator Jensen intends to appoint a Medicaid recipient to the Medicaid Reform Council prior to the council's next meeting.

Richard Nelson, Director of HHS Finance and Support, presented a brief review of the Nebraska Medicaid program with updated figures for FY 2006 and provided a preview of the upcoming biennial summary and analysis of the Medicaid program, due in draft form to the council by October 1, 2006. The council briefly discussed Mr. Nelson's presentation and asked questions.

Public comment was provided by Kathy Hoell, of Lincoln, representing the Nebraska State Independent Living Council; and Deborah Weston, of Lincoln, representing the ARC of Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned by Senator Pederson at approximately 11:15 a.m. The next scheduled meeting of the council will be on Wednesday, October 11, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. in room 1510 of the State Capitol in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Minutes prepared by Health and Human Services Committee staff. Minutes are intended to provide only a general summary of council proceedings. A complete transcript of the meeting is available.