

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Stanley Dreher at 3:30 on February 6, 2003 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Bill Wolff, Legislative Research
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Renaë Hansen, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: **Laurel Murdie**, Legislative Post Audit

Others attending: 15 others, see attached list for those who signed the register..

Laurel Murdie, Legislative Post Audit, handed out performance audit reports on Medicaid Cost Containment: Controlling Costs of Medical Services, Controlling Costs of Long-Term Care (see conferees to obtain copies of reports). She presented findings to the committee on both of these specific areas, focusing on how much costs increased and pinpointing analysis as to why these costs rose. In both areas, it boiled down to and increase in the number of people served, and increase in the number of services obtained, and and increase in the rates.

Questions were posed concerning Medical Services by: Representatives Scott Schwab, Cindy Neighbor, David Huff, Stephanie Sharp, Bonnie Sharp, Patricia Barbieri-Lightner, Bob Grant, and Nile Dillmore.

Questions were posed concerning Long-Term Care by: Representatives Bonnie Sharp, Nile Dillmore, Mary Kauffman, and David Huff.

Comments were offered by Barb Hinton, Legislative Post Audit, to help clarify the questions asked.

Meeting Adjourned by Chair Patricia Barbieri-Lightner.

Next meeting February 11, 2003.