



Priorities

Regional Medical Examiner's Facility

Support \$26.2 million in state bonding for a Regional Forensic Science Center of Excellence.

Child protection

Promote child well-being and achieve positive outcomes for county-involved youth by standardizing practice models, investing upstream in early interventions, and stabilizing the child protection system.

Mental health

Support systems redesign to meet the needs of individuals with mental illness, including expanded supportive housing options and services required for stabilizing individuals in the community.

Systems modernization

Simplify and streamline Health and Human Services program requirements and modernize their technological systems, including METS, MAXIS, SSIS, and MnCHOICES.

Safety-net health services

Support legislation to obtain vital funding that secures the financial vitality of Hennepin County Medical Center, including maximizing existing supplemental and Medicaid payments, creating new supplemental payments and mitigating the impact of revenue assessments on supplemental payments.

Housing

Support the creation of a renewable capital investment fund for development of necessary community housing options for vulnerable individuals.

Platform

Bonding

Regional Medical Examiner's Facility—\$26.2 million

Criminal justice and public safety

Preserve and protect public safety through state funding that covers counties' costs and enables counties to implement state mandates.

- Support increased funding to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to reimburse Hennepin County for two BCA agents to perform timely processing of micro crystal drug chemistry evidence in order to expedite the administration of justice at the county level and to make permanent the existing pilot program between Hennepin County and the BCA.
- Support legislation and continued funding for offender reentry, including transitional housing, work opportunities and community-based treatment.
- Update Hennepin County municipality billing statutes to allow the use of electronic home monitoring (EHM) when appropriate for low-level adult offender management without shifting costs to the county.
- Increase Community Corrections Act (CCA) funding to ensure adequate state funding for supervision of offenders in the community.

Data practices

Improve the delivery and coordination of supportive services through the use of data-driven strategies.

- Support legislation that promotes streamlined service coordination and data sharing across health, education, public safety and human services organizations.
- Support legislation that provides local governments flexibility over retention of electronic official records and correspondence.
- Support legislation that would allow local governments shared access with law enforcement regarding information related to sex offender supervision.

Environment and energy

Protect the environment and conserve resources through responsible management of waste and natural resources and promotion of environmental stewardship.

- Restore SCORE funding to its original purpose (funding county waste reduction, recycling and composting efforts to meet state solid waste goals) by eliminating the diversion of SCORE revenues to the General Fund.
- Ensure that Hennepin County receives a fair share of revenues from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment.
- Support the efficient, transparent and accountable management of water resources, which maximizes the use of financial and technical resources.
- Support legislation and state funding to local jurisdictions within quarantine areas for planning and response to the loss of trees due to invasive pests and pathogens, such as emerald ash borer.
- Support the Partnership on Waste and Energy 2018 Legislative Platform

General government

Partner with the State of Minnesota to improve government services delivery, reduce mandates on local government, re-prioritize government spending and promote effective management of county programs by allowing local control.

- Support improved efficiency of election administration through the use of e-poll books with electronic signature and improvements to in-person absentee voting.
- Amend state statute to allow local governments to publish official documents electronically rather than in print.

- Support renewal of the allocation of Legacy/ Arts and Cultural Heritage funding for libraries with a priority on technology and collection.
- Support the efforts of others to add consistency to investment statutes by allowing large municipalities to make collateralized investments with the same entities currently authorized for uncollateralized investments.
- Support legislation that allows the county authority to solicit bids directly with small business enterprises (SBEs).
- Modernize election statutes by amending outdated voter accessibility technology statutes and repealing 383B elections provisions that are inconsistent with other state statutes.
- Support legislation to expand in-person absentee voting to in-person early voting.

HCMC health system financial vitality

Ensure access to the full continuum of health care services for all.

- **Support legislation to obtain vital funding that secures the financial vitality of Hennepin County Medical Center, including maximizing existing supplemental and Medicaid payments, creating new supplemental payments and mitigating the impact of revenue assessments on supplemental payments.**
- Support comprehensive reform of the state's mental health system to ensure patients receive the appropriate level of care and to improve patient outcomes.
- Target increased payments to safety-net hospitals with the largest uncompensated and undercompensated care burden, including the establishment of a Medicaid payment enhancement that accounts for the patients' social determinants of health.
- Support Medicaid care delivery reform projects that benefit patients seen by safety-net providers.
- Support funding and development of policies that encourage the state's adoption of best practices in health disparities reduction and health equity.
- Maintain or increase current state investment in medical education and health care workforce development funding for HCMC.
- Modify statutory language to allow part-time Emergency Medical Systems (EMS) personnel to be covered under the pension plan to attain parity with other first responders.

Health and human services

Ensure that mental health, chemical health and public health systems work to improve outcomes for all residents, especially the most vulnerable. Support preventative models of care and early intervention service to avoid over-reliance on crisis care and response.

Administrative and technical improvements

- **Simplify and streamline Health and Human Services program requirements and modernize their technological systems, including METS, MAXIS, SSIS and MnCHOICES.**
- Support reforms to the Minnesota Family Investment Partnership (MFIP) that streamline and align eligibility determination with other income support programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and child care assistance.
- Support improvements to the state operated reporting system for the maltreatment of vulnerable adults. System improvements must include accurate and actionable reporting to county workers and eliminate the unnecessary deployment of law enforcement.
- Oppose cost shifting to local governments for clients released from state human services facilities and state operated services (e.g., Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Facility, Minnesota Security Hospital in St. Peter and Community Behavioral Health Hospitals). Support adequate state funding for county services when such clients are placed by the state in community-based settings.

Investment in well-being of our children

- **Promote child well-being and achieve positive outcomes for county-involved youth by standardizing practice models, investing upstream in early interventions, and stabilizing the child protection system.**
- Substantially invest in and reform early childhood development programs, including basic sliding fee child care, foster care child care, early learning scholarships, Head Start and evidence-based targeted home visiting as a means to reduce disparities and invest early in child outcomes.

Investment in health through mental health and chemical health improvements

- **Support systems redesign to meet the needs of individuals with mental illness, including expanded supportive housing options and services required for stabilizing individuals in the community.**
- Support efforts to integrate mental health, chemical health and criminal justice interventions to address the needs of justice-involved persons, to ensure better outcomes for residents and to reduce recidivism.

- Support legislation that promotes and sustains efforts to develop a comprehensive and integrated model of health and human services delivery (similar to Hennepin Health) to outcomes for residents.

Housing

Leverage limited resources more efficiently and advance stable housing for individuals and families.

- **Support the creation of a renewable capital investment fund for development of necessary community housing options for vulnerable individuals.**
- Maintain funding for homeless prevention, outreach and emergency shelters.
- Increase access to affordable long-term housing for low and moderate income residents.
- Support legislation and administrative reforms that provide a continuum of services and housing, including 24-hour supervised care options for persons with acute and chronic care needs.

Taxes

Protect state funding for mandated services and assure flexibility to serve our residents without undue reliance on property taxes.

- Protect essential County Program Aid (CPA) that supports county-mandated services and reduces reliance on property tax.

Transportation

Strengthen the long-term value of neighborhoods and communities through strategic public investments in infrastructure that improve mobility and safety and connect people to jobs.

- Revise statutory end date for projects formally entering the engineering phase of the Federal Transit Administration's New Starts Capital Investment Grant Program from December 31, 2016 to January 31, 2017.
- Support a comprehensive transportation package that provides new revenue for roads, bridges and transit.
- Support elimination of the prohibition on state funding for long-term capital maintenance for the Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) project.
- Modify the special distribution of leased vehicle sales tax in the metro area to fairly include Hennepin and Ramsey counties.
- Oppose any increase in weight or size limits for commercial trucks and other motor vehicles.

Workforce development

Meet the future workforce needs of Hennepin County and other employers and address persistent economic and racial disparities by connecting well-trained and qualified individuals to high demand jobs in our region.

- Support expansion and flexibility of state programs to provide enhanced training and employment opportunities to better address persistent employment disparities.
- Seek funding to increase training and employment services to clients in correctional programs such as Productive Day, Sentencing to Service (STS), STS Homes, probation and electronic home monitoring.
- Support reforms to the SNAP's Employment and Training Program that streamline program administration and restructure participation sanctions, while enhancing program integrity, as a means to increase work participation rates.



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Non-profit requests

Support the following non-profit organizations by serving as the fiscal agent for state bonding proceeds:

- Artspace/Hennepin Center for the Arts — \$2 million
- Children's Theatre Company — \$5 million
- Resource, Inc. (n/k/a Avivo) — \$10 million