

Meeting #2: Advisory Task Force on Governance and Financing of Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc.

Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: In-person, Room 1200 at the Minnesota Senate Building (95 University Ave W, Saint Paul, MN 55103), online viewing available through Teams

Objectives

Task force members will:

- Examine the proposed structure of the legislative report and the Task Force's charge under the 2026 session law, and review preliminary findings from the review of publicly operated hospital systems;
- State what the Task Force understands its charge to include and what it considers outside that charge, and what decision the preliminary report has to enable in the 2027 legislative session;
- Consider Hennepin Healthcare's role and standing within Minnesota's broader health care landscape;
- Assess Hennepin Healthcare's current financial condition, including notable developments over recent months; and
- Understand how consultation and public engagement will be carried out, how members of the public can take part, and how what is gathered will be used in Task Force meetings and in the reports.

Agenda

- I. Welcome, review of Meeting 1, upcoming meeting dates, and overview of Meeting 2: Jan Malcolm, Chair
- II. Proposed structure of the report, the Task Force's charge, and preliminary findings from the national scan of publicly owned hospital systems: Dr. Yael Harris, Laurel Health Advisors, with discussion led by Jan Malcolm, Chair
 - The report skeleton. The architecture of both reports, the three layers, the twenty four sections, and the version by version drafting plan, with each statutory duty mapped to the sections that discharge it.
 - The national scan. How comparable systems were defined and selected, how each is coded, the preliminary findings available at this date, and what the scan will not establish.
 - Discussion, led by the Chair, of the two questions the report is built backward from: what the Task Force understands its charge to include and what it considers outside it; and what decision the preliminary report has to enable in the 2027 session.

- III. Role of Hennepin Healthcare in Minnesota's Health System: Stefan Gildemeister, State Health Economist, Minnesota Department of Health
- IV. Break
- V. Current financial status of Hennepin Healthcare and developments since the 2026 Legislative Session: Hennepin Healthcare Staff
- VI. Consultation and public engagement: the plan, where it stands, and how what is gathered will be used: Dr. Yael Harris, Laurel Health Advisors
 - The plan. Consultation with the ten areas of expertise the session law identifies at Section 18, Subdivision 4, paragraph (7): who is consulted, in what order, and on what questions, and how that differs from public participation at open meetings.
 - Where and how to take part. The channels open to the public and to organizations, what happens to what they send, and when input has to arrive to reach a given increment of the report.
 - How it is used. Every consultation is entered in the Consultation Ledger with a written disposition and published as an appendix to both reports, including entries not adopted and the reason. Where engagement stands today.
- VII. Task Force Member Round-Robin: Advisory Task Force Members
- VIII. Closing: Jan Malcolm, Chair

Materials circulated in advance

- The report skeleton, version 0.1 revised: the architecture of both reports.
- A short preview of the national scan: how comparable systems were defined, which are in the set, and what the coded evidence shows so far.
- A one page note on consultation: who is consulted, how anyone can take part, and how input is recorded and used.

Public participation

- The meeting is open to the public. Anyone may attend in person at the location above or view it online through Teams.
- Written comments may be sent to the Health Subcabinet at health.subcabinet.mmb@state.mn.us at any time and are provided to Task Force members.
- To ask for an accommodation, contact the Health Subcabinet at the same address, as far in advance as you can.

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