



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

REP. MARY WHITEFORD

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 10:30 AM Room 352, House Appropriations, State Capitol Building

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services was called to order by Chair Whiteford.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Whiteford, Green, Allor, Bollin, Glenn, VanWoerkom, Beson, Fink, Brabec, Hood, Tate, Thanedar, O'Neal.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Green moved to adopt the meeting minutes from March 2, 2022. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Farah Hanley, Chief Deputy Director for Health, Kate Massey, Senior Deputy Director of the Health and Aging Services Administration, and Al Jansen, Senior Deputy Director of the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration, gave a presentation on the FY 2022-23 Executive Budget Recommendation for the Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration to the Subcommittee. The department provided handouts of the presentation to the Subcommittee.

Ms. Hanley, Ms. Massey, Mr. Jansen, and Beth Nagel, Senior Deputy Director for the Policy, Planning and Operational Support Administration, received and answered questions from the Subcommittee. The department agreed to provide the following information:

1. The progress of obtaining federal waivers to maximize the use of Medicaid funds for reimbursements for justice-involved recipients of state behavioral health services.
2. The current wait-list length, and wait-time, for MIChoice applicants.

George Mellos, M.D., Senior Deputy Director of the State Hospital Administration, and Ms. Hanley gave a presentation on the FY 2022-23 Executive Budget Recommendation for the State Hospital Administration to the Subcommittee. The department provided handouts of the presentation to the Subcommittee.

Dr. Mellos and Ms. Hanley received and answered questions from the Subcommittee. The department agreed to provide the following information:

1. The number of beds in state psychiatric hospitals 15 to 20 years ago.
2. Breakdown of the budget for each of the State's psychiatric hospitals.

Sean Bennett, civil rights advocate, and the PACE Association of Michigan provided written testimony to the Subcommittee.

There being no further business before the Subcommittee, Chair Whiteford adjourned the meeting at 12:17 PM.

Representative Mary Whiteford, Chair

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