



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

REP. AMOS O'NEAL

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 7, 2024

10:30 AM

Room 308, House Office Building

The House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Corrections was called to order by the Chair, Representative O'Neal.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. O'Neal, McKinney, Morse, Snyder, Slagh, Bollin, and Lightner.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Slagh moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on February 29, 2024. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Kyle Kaminski, Offender Success Administrator and Legislative Liaison, and Marti Kay Sherry, Healthcare Administrator, appeared before the subcommittee to give an overview of the prisoner healthcare system and various services. They gave an update on healthcare staffing, overall healthcare costs, prisoners' healthcare needs, and increasing mental health care caseloads. They discussed the following topics in more detail: changes with the healthcare contract; healthcare staffing challenges; prisoners with substance use disorders and overdoses in facilities; Medication Assisted Treatment programs at facilities; treatment of prisoners with Hepatitis C; the aging prison population, challenges presented by the aging prison population, and caring for medically frail or elderly prisoners. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Representative O'Neal adjourned the meeting at 11:25 AM.

Representative Amos O'Neal, Chair

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