



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

REP. CHRISTINE MORSE

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

10:30 AM

Room 519, House Office Building

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

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Morse, Martus, Hood, Brabec, O'Neal, Puri, Farhat, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Green, Bollin, Meerman, Kuhn, Steele.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Price joined the committee remotely.

The Chair laid the committee at ease.

With all members present, the Majority Vice Chair Jasper Martus called the committee back to order.

Representative Hood moved to adopt the meeting minutes from February 14, 2024. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Dawn Shanafelt, Director, Maternal & Infant Health Division and Title V Maternal Child Health and Amy Epkey, Senior Deputy Director, Financial Services Operations, gave a presentation on the FY 2024-25 Executive Budget Recommendation for maternal and infant health services to the Subcommittee. The department provided handouts of the presentation to the Subcommittee.

Ms. Shanafelt and Ms. Epkey received and answered questions from the Subcommittee with assistance from the department's Medicaid team. The department agreed to provide the following information to the Subcommittee:

1. The amount of General Fund and Federal reimbursement dollars being used for maternal and infant health services.

2. Maternal morbidity rates for the Upper Peninsula and why they seem to be higher than the rest of Michigan.
3. Data on change in infant mortality rate since starting the Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies initiative.
4. Michigan's infant mortality rate compared to the rest of the country.
5. Potential maternal and infant health programs that may be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement.

Majority Vice Chair Martus laid the committee at ease.

With all members present, the Chair called the committee back to order.

Amy Zaagman, Executive Director, Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health gave a presentation on how the state can support better birth outcomes to the Subcommittee. Ms. Zaagman provided handouts to the Subcommittee.

Ms. Zaagman received and answered questions from the Subcommittee.

Julie Beam, Nurse Supervisor at Kalamazoo Nurse-Family Partnership, gave a presentation on the work of the Nurse-Family Partnership program. Ms. Beam provided handouts to the Subcommittee.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Chair Morse adjourned the meeting at 11:44 AM.

Representative Christine Morse, Chair

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