



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**  
REP. CHRISTINE MORSE  
CHAIR

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 15,            10:30            Room 352, House Appropriations, State Capitol  
2023                                    AM                                    Building

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

The Chair requested attendance be called:

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

Absent: None.

Excused: Reps. Hood, Puri.

Representative Price moved to adopt the meeting minutes from March 8, 2023. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Jeff Patton, CEO, Integrated Services of Kalamazoo, Chip Johnston, CEO, Centra Wellness (Manistee and Benzie Counties), and Bill Ward, CEO, Network180 (Kent County) provided testimony on Community Mental Health services to the Subcommittee. Mr. Patton, Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Ward provided handouts to the Subcommittee.

Mr. Patton, Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Ward answered questions from the Subcommittee.

Laura Appel, Executive Vice President, Government Relations and Public Policy, and Lauren LaPine, Senior Director, Legislative and Public Policy, presented on behalf of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association to the Subcommittee. Ms. Appel and Ms. LaPine provided handouts to the Subcommittee.

Ms. Appel and Ms. LaPine answered questions from the Subcommittee.

George Mellos, MD, Senior Deputy Director for State Hospital Administration, and Amy Epkey, Senior Deputy Director for Financial Operations Administration, presented on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services to the Subcommittee. Dr. Mellos and Ms. Epkey provided handouts to the Subcommittee.

Dr. Mellos and Ms. Epkey answered questions from the Subcommittee.

Representative Price moved to excuse Representatives Hood and Puri from the meeting.  
There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Chair Morse adjourned the meeting  
at 11:40 AM.

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Representative Christine Morse, Chair

Kent Dell  
Committee Clerk