



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
REP. JOHN ROTH
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Noon.

Room 521, House Office
Building

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Services was called to order by Chair Roth.

The Chair requested attendance to be called:

Present: Reps. Roth, Kelly, Mueller, Beson, DeSana, Edwards, and Longjohn.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Edwards moved to adopt the meeting minutes from April 15, 2025. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Catherine Distelrath, Director, Corporation for Supportive Housing and Rebecca Binder, Executive Director, Northwest Michigan Supportive Housing (NMSH) gave a presentation to the Subcommittee on supportive housing services offered in the northern region of the State along with how these services improve the community. Ms. Distelrath and Ms. Binder provided copies of their presentation to the Subcommittee.

Ashley Halladay-Schmandt, Director, Northwest Coalition to End Homelessness presented to the Subcommittee via Zoom about services provided to homeless individuals in the State.

Yarrow Brown, Executive Director, and Kent Wood, Policy Advisor, from Housing North gave a presentation on access and barriers to constructing affordable housing in the northern region of the State. Ms. Brown and Mr. Wood provided copies of the presentation and supplemental documentation to the Subcommittee.

Dwayne Haywood, Senior Deputy Director, Economic Stability Administration, Department of Health and Human Services gave a presentation on statewide supportive housing services. Mr. Haywood provided copies of his presentation to the Subcommittee.

The speakers received and answered questions from the Subcommittee.

Ms. Binder agreed to provide the following:

1. The number of people served in a year.
2. Data on reductions in emergency department utilization as a result of supportive housing services.

3. The average length of utilization for supportive services.
4. Potential health services savings from supportive housing case management.

Mr. Haywood agreed to provide the following:

1. Department opinion on including housing supports in Medicaid waivers.
2. The average length of utilization for supportive services.

Takisha Jones, Supervisor, Emergency Shelter Program, Salvation Army provided written testimony.

There being no further business before the Subcommittee, Chair Roth adjourned the meeting at 1:03 PM.

Representative John Roth, Chair

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