



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH**  
REP. PHIL GREEN  
CHAIR

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

9:00 AM

Room 327, House Office  
Building

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Health was called to order by Chair Phil Green.

The Chair requested attendance to be called:

Present: Reps. Phil Green, Kuhn, Slagh, Steele, Price, and O'Neal.

Absent: Rep. Maddock.

Excused: Rep. Maddock.

Representative O'Neal moved to adopt the meeting minutes from April 22, 2025. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Sydney Brown, Fiscal Analyst, House Fiscal Agency gave a brief overview to the Subcommittee on the FY 2024-25 appropriations for Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) and Child Advocacy Centers- Supplemental Grants. Ms. Brown provided handouts to the Subcommittee.

Ms. Brown received and answered questions from the Subcommittee and agreed to provide the following:

1. Programs, services, and funds being funded by the Justice System Fund.

Josh Bissell, Director of Multidisciplinary Team Training & Initiatives, Child Advocacy Centers of Michigan (CAC-MI) provided an overview of the functions of Child Advocacy centers across the state. Mr. Bissell was joined by Matt Henry, Executive Director, Lapeer CAC, Tricia Schuster, Program Director, Care House CAC, Rachael Dewitt, Executive Director, Ottawa CAC, and Alex Brace, Executive Director, Small Talk CAC. The speakers provided the Subcommittee with information regarding the need for CACs in the state, services provided, demographic data on individuals served, and current barriers to increased services. The speakers received and answered questions from the Subcommittee and agreed to provide the following:

1. Information on any overlap of services or duties that are provided by both Child Advocacy Centers and DHHS Child Welfare staff.
2. Information on best practices or services utilized by other states.
3. Barriers or gaps in programming that would provide higher levels of care.

The following person wished to speak but due to time was unable to:

Jim Casha, representing foster children and adopted children with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)

Representative Kuhn moved to excuse Representative Maddock from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the Subcommittee, Chair Phil Green adjourned the meeting at 10:27 AM.

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Representative Phil Green, Chair

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