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HEALTH SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting Jointly with
Medicaid Subcommittee
of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

DATE: Tuesday, February 23, 2016

The Health Services Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Representative Rob VerHeulen, Chair. Legislators in attendance at the meeting were Representatives VerHeulen, Bumstead, Bizon, Cox, Santana, and Pagan. No members were absent.

This being the first meeting of the Health Services Subcommittee, Chair VerHeulen read a letter dated October 21, 2015 from House Committee on Appropriations Chair Al Pscholka creating three Subcommittees of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, including the Health Services Subcommittee.

Ms. Lynda Zeller, Senior Deputy Director of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) was invited to testify. Ms. Zeller provided a handout and presented an overview of DHHS behavioral health service programs, an update on Fiscal Year 2015-16 initiatives, and a summary of proposed changes included in the Executive Budget Recommendation for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Ms. Farah Hanley, Senior Deputy Director of Financial Operations Administration, assisted in the presentation.

Ms. Zeller and Ms. Hanley responded to questions from Subcommittee members. The Department agreed to provide the following information:

- Information on policies which prohibit direct payment for Medicaid services to certain standalone psychiatric inpatient facilities including Institutes for Mental Disease (IMDs)
- Of the 46 community mental health services programs (CMHSPs), the number that do not directly deliver services
- Five-year plan addressing fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, and objectives for FY 2016-17
- Non-MDHHS action items related to the Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force Recommendations

Subcommittee members were also provided with a Summary of the Executive Budget Recommendation for FY 2016-17 for DHHS prepared by House Fiscal Agency staff.

There being no further business before the Subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned by Chair VerHeulen at 11:46 a.m.