

MINUTES

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

DATE: March 1, 2016

The Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Representative Poleski at 12:00 pm.

Roll was taken: Present - Representatives Poleski, McCready, Kelly, VerHeulen, Banks,
and Yanez
Excused - None

I. Motion to Approve Minutes

Representative Kelly made a motion to approve minutes of the previous meeting held on February 23, 2016. Motion passed.

II. Motion to Excuse Absent Members

Representative VerHeulen made a motion to excuse absent members. Motion passed.

III. DHHS Presentation: Field Operations and Local Offices

Terry Beurer, Senior Deputy Director, Field Operations Administration, DHHS, and Farah Hanley, Senior Deputy Director, Financial Operations Administration, appeared before the Subcommittee. Members and others in attendance were provided with a 27-page presentation which provided detailed information concerning programs and their services.

Mr. Beurer presented an overview of the Field Operations and Local Offices within DHHS which included information concerning the following:

- Update on Field Operations actions for the Flint Declaration of Emergency
- Overview on Field Operations Programs
- Office consolidations, closures, or relocations
- Pathways to Potential programs
- FIP and FAP caseload information
- Update on Public Assistance Workers' Caseloads
- State Emergency Relief Programs
- Disability Determination Services
- Child Support Enforcement
- FY 2016-17 Executive Recommendation

Discussion ensued (questions and answers).

IV. DHHS Presentation: Wages and Fringe Benefits

Ms. Hanley presented information concerning the funding of wages and fringe benefits and stated that the Department is closely monitoring payroll expenses and is producing a monthly report to the Legislature. The hiring freeze was lifted on October 27, 2015.

Discussion ensued (questions and answers).

V. Adjourn

Representative Poleski adjourned the Subcommittee meeting at 12:40 p.m.