

MINUTES

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

DATE: Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Call to Order

Representative Mary Whiteford, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Attendance

Members Present: Representatives Whiteford, Green, Inman, Allor, Yaroch, Glenn, Huizenga, VanWoerkom, Hammoud, Hoadley, Brixie, and Cherry.

Members Excused: Representative Love.

Approval of the March 21, 2019 and April 8, 2019 Minutes

Representative Glenn made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2019 and April 8, 2019 meetings. There being no objection, the minutes were adopted.

Legislative Transfer Request 2019-2

Viola Wild, Kevin Koorstra, and Susan Frey of the House Fiscal Agency (HFA) presented a summary of FY 2018-19 budget transfers requested for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as included in Legislative Transfer Request 2019-2 dated March 21, 2019. HFA and DHHS answered questions from Subcommittee members.

DHHS agreed to provide the following information to the Subcommittee:

- List of entities receiving funds from the \$30.0 million federal State Opioid Response grant, and summary of how the distribution of funds is determined and what criteria are used

DHHS Presentation on Population Health

Karen MacMaster, DHHS Acting Senior Deputy Director of Population Health Administration, and Farah Hanley, DHHS Senior Deputy Director of Financial Operations Administration, presented on population health issues and programs including the Executive Recommendation for FY 2019-20 budget changes. DHHS provided written testimony and answered questions from Subcommittee members.

DHHS agreed to provide the following information to the Subcommittee:

- Initiatives to increase behavioral health workforce capacity to meet need
- Percentage of funding spent at each level for preventing opioid misuse (page 6): prevention, early intervention, and treatment
- Whether eliminating prior authorization for use of the pharmaceutical Suboxone, if required, would help with the opioid crisis and cases of overdose

- Whether law enforcement are notified of emergency room cases of opioid overdose, and what rules or laws prevent notification, including HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act)
- Turnaround time for testing by DHHS public health laboratory for PFAS chemical contamination
- Number of DHHS staff overseeing 70 Master's level mental health providers in 50 high-need K-12 schools (page 4 of presentation)

DHHS Presentation on Aging and Adult Services

Scott Wamsley, DHHS Deputy Director of Aging and Adult Services, and Farah Hanley, DHHS Senior Deputy Director of Financial Operations Administration, presented on aging and adult services issues and programs including the Executive Recommendation for FY 2019-20 budget changes. DHHS provided written testimony to the Subcommittee.

Public Testimony

Heidi Powers, Brandi Knivila, and Andrea Traskos testified before the Subcommittee on senior volunteer programs, and provided written testimony. Three senior volunteers attending the meeting were introduced, Caroline Bacome, Theresa Billingsley, and Margaret Curtis.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Whiteford at 11:36 a.m.