

MINUTES

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

DATE: February 20, 2019

The subcommittee meeting was called to order by Representative Albert at 10:30 a.m.

Roll was taken: Present – Representatives Albert, Slagh, VanSingel, Lightner, Maddock, Pagan, Sabo,
Anthony, and Kennedy
Absent – None

I. Approval of Minutes from Previous Subcommittee Meeting

A motion was moved by Representative Slagh to approve the minutes from the subcommittee meeting held on February 13, 2019. The motion prevailed, a majority of the members voting in the affirmative.

II. Prisoner Health Care Services

Kyle Kaminski, Offender Success Administrator/Legislative Liaison, and Lia Gulick, Acting Deputy Director, Budget and Operations Administration, appeared before the subcommittee to give an overview of prisoner physical and mental health care systems and services. They discussed the following topics:

- a.) Department's legal obligation to provide medically necessary, evidence-based health care
- b.) Bureau of Health Care Services
- c.) Wayne State University partnership agreement, which allows the department to access the university's network of medical experts, protocols, and research, and provides clinical leadership and direction
- d.) Health care clinics at correctional facilities, bed capacity, and staffing
- e.) Process by which prisoners access health care
- f.) Preventative care, specialty services, and other health care services offered by the department
- g.) Health care system and staffing challenges
- h.) Mental health care system overview, continuum of care, and additional mental health care services
- i.) Aging prisoner population and challenges involved in caring for medically or elderly frail prisoners
- j.) Hepatitis C in the prison population
- k.) Initiatives for pregnant prisoners
- l.) Infectious disease challenges
- m.) Improved efficiencies
- n.) Medicaid-related projects

Discussion ensued (questions and answers).

III. Adjourn

Representative Albert adjourned the subcommittee meeting at 11:55 a.m.