

MINUTES

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

DATE: Thursday, March 3, 2016

The subcommittee meeting was called to order by Representative Pagel at 10:30 a.m.
Roll was taken: Present – Representatives Pagel, Afendoulis, Canfield, Irwin, Yanez, and Durhal
Absent with Excuse – Representative Poleski

I. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Subcommittee Meeting

A motion was moved by Representative Afendoulis to approve the minutes from the subcommittee meeting held on December 3, 2015. The motion prevailed, all of the members voting in the affirmative.

II. Department of Corrections Overview of the FY 2016-17 Executive Budget

Heidi Washington, Director of the Department of Corrections, appeared before the subcommittee and gave an overview of the contents of the FY 2016-17 Executive budget recommendation for the department. She discussed the major appropriation recommendations for existing programs, as well as one-time funding recommendations included in the budget for new initiatives. More specifically, she discussed funding recommendations for the following: rebidding of reentry, substance abuse treatment, and residential sex offender treatment services contracts; mental health and sex offender programming for prisoners; new custody staff training; ballistic vests; drug treatment for prisoners with Hepatitis C; restoration of funding for health care due to overstated contract savings in the prior year budget; and savings from managing prison populations (e.g., taking housing units off-line, closing the Kinross Correctional Facility and transferring prisoners to the former Hiawatha Correctional Facility, and eliminating the leased beds program). Discussion ensued (questions and answers).

III. Announce Next Subcommittee Meeting

The next subcommittee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in room 307, South Tower of the House Office Building. Agenda: Department of Corrections presentations on vocational education (vocational village) and field operations (parole and probation services).

IV. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, Representative Pagel adjourned the subcommittee meeting at 11:15 a.m.