

## MINUTES

### HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON **Health and Human Services**

DATE: Thursday, November 12, 2015

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Representative Rob VerHeulen, Chair.

Legislators in attendance at the meeting were Representatives VerHeulen, Poleski, Bizon, McCready, Afendoulis, Canfield, Cox, Inman, Santana, Yanez, Faris, and Pagan. Representative Santana made a motion to excuse absent members. The motion was approved without objection.

Representative Poleski made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting of the Subcommittee. The motion was approved without objection.

Chair VerHeulen welcomed Mr. Nick Lyon, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Mr. Lyon provided 2 handouts and made a presentation to the Subcommittee on the status of the April 2015 merger creating DHHS from the former Department of Human Services and the former Department of Community Health. Mr. Lyon was assisted in his presentation by Mr. Tim Becker, Chief Deputy Director, DHHS, and Ms. Karla Ruest, Director of Legislative Affairs, DHHS. Mr. Lyon introduced other DHHS deputy directors present at the meeting, who were available to respond to questions of the Subcommittee members.

Mr. Lyon, Mr. Becker, and Ms. Ruest responded to questions from Subcommittee members.

Chair VerHeulen noted that a detailed report is due from DHHS on this topic by December 31, 2015 and quarterly thereafter pursuant to FY 2015-16 budget act boilerplate.

Subcommittee members were also provided with a summary of the DHHS FY 2015-16 enacted budget as background information, prepared by House Fiscal Agency staff.

Representative Afendoulis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the Subcommittee meeting was adjourned by Chair VerHeulen, at 1:24 p.m.