

MINUTES

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

DATE: Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Call to Order

Representative Edward Canfield, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Attendance

Members Present: Representatives Canfield, Allor, Bizon, Inman, Whiteford, LaSata, Yaroch, Faris, Yanez, and Santana.

Members Absent and Excused: Representative Kosowski.

Approval of Minutes

Representative LaSata made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2017 Subcommittee meeting. There being no objection, the minutes were adopted.

Presentations on Guardianship

Georgia Callis and Steven Burnham, from the Michigan Guardianship Association, gave a presentation on the role and challenges of public guardians. Ms. Callis and Mr. Burnham also answered questions from Subcommittee members.

Alison Hershel, from the Michigan Elder Justice Initiative, gave a presentation on the need for adequate vetting of guardians and for stakeholders to meet in order to find solutions. Ms. Hershel also provided written testimony and answered questions from Subcommittee members.

Dr. Debra Pinals and Lewis Roubal, from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, gave a presentation on the governing statutes of guardianship and sources of funding. Dr. Pinals and Mr. Roubal also provided written testimony and answered questions from Subcommittee members. Dr. Pinals and Mr. Roubal agreed to provide the number of guardianships funded by Medicaid.

Mark Reinstein, from the Mental Health Association, requested that the Mental Health Code be changed to require the guardian to meet the individual face to face, similar to what is required in the Estates and Protected Individuals Code.

Bradley Geller submitted written testimony to the Subcommittee.

Excuse Absent Members

Representative Faris made a motion to excuse absent members. There being no objection, absent members were excused.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Canfield at 1:14 p.m.