

MINUTES

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

DATE: Wednesday, October 4, 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, Kosowski, Yanez, and Santana. No members were absent.

Approval of Minutes

Representative Bizon made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2017 Subcommittee meeting. There being no objection, the minutes were adopted.

Presentations on Opioid Crisis Funding

Dr. Eden Wells, Dr. Debra Pinals, and Larry Scott, from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), gave a presentation on current demographics and current programming available to address the opioid crisis, including Medicaid, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Block Grant, federal State Targeted Response (STR), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and state general funding. DHHS also provided written testimony and answered questions from Subcommittee members.

Christina Nicholas, from Oakland Community Health Network, gave a presentation on local decision making as a key to treatment and recovery and raised inconsistencies and ambiguities with the state statute that governs involuntary admissions of individuals with substance use disorders. Ms. Nicholas also provided written testimony and answered questions from Subcommittee members.

Sam Price, from Ten16 Recovery Network, gave a presentation on the importance of recovery coaches. Mr. Price also provided written testimony and answered questions from Subcommittee members.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Canfield at 1:30 p.m.