

## MINUTES

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

DATE: Thursday, February 22, 2018

#### Call to Order

Representative Edward Canfield, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:55 p.m.

#### Attendance

Members Present: Representatives Canfield, Allor, Bizon, Inman, LaSata, Whiteford, Yaroch, Faris, Kosowski, Santana, and Yanez. No members were absent.

#### Approval of Minutes

Representative Allor made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2018 Subcommittee meeting. There being no objection, the minutes were adopted.

#### DHHS Public Assistance and Field Operations Presentation

Terrence M. Beurer, Senior Deputy Director of Field Operations Administration, and Farah Hanley, Senior Deputy Director of Financial Operations Administration, within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) gave a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Executive Budget Recommendation for Public Assistance and Field Operations, including program overviews and caseworker caseload statistics. Mr. Beurer and Ms. Hanley provided an 18-page PowerPoint document as written testimony and answered questions from Subcommittee members.

DHHS agreed to discuss further and/or provide the following:

- The number of FIP recipients that have obtained employment.
- A history of the number of FIP recipients and reasons for exiting program.
- Caseload data on how many applicants were rejected for public assistance.

#### Public Testimony

Ron Tatro, Vice President, Elder Law of Michigan, provided testimony concerning the services provided by Elder Law, including helping educate senior citizens about food and public assistance benefits. Mr. Tatro provided written testimony and answered questions from Subcommittee members.

Rachel Richards, Michigan League for Public Policy, provided written testimony on the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Executive Recommendation to the Subcommittee.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business before the Subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Canfield at 2:47 p.m.