

## MINUTES

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

DATE: Thursday, March 2, 2017

#### Call to Order

Representative Edward Canfield, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 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 Faris made a motion to approve the March 1, 2017 Subcommittee minutes. There being no objection, the minutes were adopted.

#### DHHS Public Assistance and Field Operations Presentation

Terry Beurer, Senior Deputy Director of the Field Operations Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), gave a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Executive Budget Recommendation for Public Assistance and Field Operations programs.

Susan Kangas, Director, Bureau of the Budget within DHHS, assisted in the presentation.

Mr. Beurer and Ms. Kangas provided written testimony and responded to questions from Subcommittee members. The Department agreed to discuss further and/or provide the following:

- A copy of both the current public assistance application form and the newly developed form being used in the pilot programs (Project Re:form)
- The amount of additional Food Assistance benefits that is estimated to be received by Michigan citizens through the state's participation in the Heat and Eat Program.
- Information concerning SSI disability program, benefits, and the eligibility determination and verification process.
- Additional information on the Pathways to Potential Program, including its effectiveness, effect on local office staffing, and more detail on the proposed expansion.

- Information on Child Support Enforcement: what areas of the program need more investment, and if a greater investment is made, where in the budget would any savings be made.
- Information on investigations of fraud and recent statistics concerning fraud-related activities and cases.

#### Written Testimony

Members of the Subcommittee were provided with written testimony from Gilda Z. Jacobs, President and CEO of Michigan League for Public Policy (MLPP) concerning support for certain proposals in the Governor's FY 2018 DHHS budget recommendation.

#### Adjournment

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