



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON MEDICAID AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
REP. GREG VANWOERKOM
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

10:30 AM

Room 326, House Office
Building

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Medicaid and Behavioral Health was called to order by Chair VanWoerkom.

The Chair requested attendance to be called:

Present: Reps. VanWoerkom, Phil Green, Roth, Kuhn, Robinson, Rogers, and Glanville.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Phil Green moved to adopt the meeting minutes from March 11, 2025. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Amy Epkey, Senior Deputy Director, Financial Operations Administration, and Dr. George Mellos, Deputy Director, State Hospitals Administration, Department of Health and Human Services gave a presentation on the state psychiatric hospitals to the Subcommittee. Ms. Epkey and Dr. Mellos provided copies of the department presentation to the Subcommittee.

Ms. Epkey and Dr. Mellos received and answered questions from the Subcommittee, and agreed to provide the following:

1. Information regarding the transition to prioritization of placements in private sector inpatient psychiatric care facilities and associated costs.
2. Actual full-time equated (FTE) authorization required to fully staff the state psychiatric hospitals.
3. Costs related to maintaining state psychiatric hospital properties when no longer in use.

There being no further business before the Subcommittee, Chair VanWoerkom adjourned the meeting at 11:09 AM.

Representative Greg VanWoerkom, Chair

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