

Subcommittee: House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military and Veterans Affairs
Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015
Location: 424 State Capitol
Time: 9:03am – 10:09am

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Inman at 9:03am.
2. The Clerk took attendance:
 - Present: Inman, Potvin, Canfield, and Yanez
 - Absent: None
 - Excused: Jenkins
3. Representative Potvin made a motion to approve minutes from the Appropriations Subcommittee on Military and Veterans Affairs meeting on 10/29/2015, which was approved by unanimous vote.
4. Jim Dunn, Deputy Director of the MVAA, gave testimony on the Grand Rapids home for veterans and the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette. Mr. Dunn discussed the current state of the homes, the age of the facilities and equipment at the homes, the costs of both unforeseen and planned repairs, updating and improving the facilities at the homes, accessing federal matching dollars for capital improvements, and investment in new equipment.

Mr. Dunn took and answered questions from the committee members.

Lino Pretto, Member of the Board of Managers for the Grand Rapids Home, was present but did not provide testimony or take questions.
5. Mark Williams, Union Representative with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, gave testimony on the conditions at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans, the staffing levels at the home, and his concerns over management of the home.

Mr. Williams took and answered questions from the committee members.
6. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Inman at 10:09am.