



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

REP. SARAH L. LIGHTNER

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

12:00 PM

Room 308, House Office Building

The House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Judiciary was called to order by the Chair, Representative Lightner.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Lightner, Yaroch, Green, Borton, C.A. Johnson, T. Carter, and Brabec.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Borton moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on March 1, 2022. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Kristen Staley, Executive Director, Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC), appeared before the subcommittee to present background information on the MIDC. She described events leading up to the creation of the commission and discussed requirements of the MIDC Act, 2013 PA 93. She briefly described membership composition of the commission and staff that serve the commission and their roles. Also part of the discussion were the 6 approved MIDC standards, the 3 standards that are pending final approval, the MIDC annual grant process, the MIDC annual compliance process, indigent defense system costs statewide, history of state appropriations for MIDC grants and operations, categorical grant spending, public defender offices around the state, and managed assigned counsel systems. Ms. Staley finished her presentation by talking more in depth about the first 4 approved MIDC standards. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Representative Lightner adjourned the subcommittee meeting at 12:50 PM.

Representative Sarah Lightner, Chair

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