



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

REP. AMOS O'NEAL

CHAIR

## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 23, 2023

10:30 AM

Room 308, House Office Building

The House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Corrections was called to order by the Chair, Representative O'Neal.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. O'Neal, McKinney, Morse, Snyder, Slagh, Bollin, and Lightner.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Snyder moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on March 16, 2023. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Kyle Kaminski, Offender Success Administrator and Legislative Liaison, and Marty Kay Sherry, Healthcare Administrator, appeared before the subcommittee to give an overview of prisoner physical and mental health care systems and services. They discussed the following topics: the department's legal obligation to provide medically necessary, evidence-based health care; health care clinics at correctional facilities, bed capacity, and staffing; preventative care, specialty services, and other health care services; Hepatitis C in the prison population; mental and behavioral health care, continuum of care, and additional mental health care services; and the aging prisoner population and challenges involved in caring for medically or elderly frail prisoners. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

Mr. Kaminski remained in front of the subcommittee and proceeded to give an overview of department staffing levels and vacancies. He discussed staff recruitment efforts and recruitment challenges, staff retention, and employee wellness programming and initiatives. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Representative O'Neal adjourned the meeting at 11:40 AM.

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Representative Amos O'Neal, Chair

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