



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

REP. CHRISTINE MORSE

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 10:30 AM Room 352, House Appropriations, State Capitol Building

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services was called to order by Chair Morse.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Morse, Martus, Hood, Brabec, O'Neal, Puri, Farhat, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Green, Bollin, Meerman, Kuhn, Steele.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Skaggs moved to adopt the meeting minutes from February 28, 2024. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Demetrius Starling, Senior Deputy Director, Children's Services Agency and Amy Epkey, Senior Deputy Director, Financial Operations Administration gave a presentation on the FY 2024-25 Executive Budget Recommendation for the Children's Services Agency to the Subcommittee. The department provided handouts to the Subcommittee.

Mr. Starling and Ms. Epkey received and answered questions from the Subcommittee. The department agreed to provide the following information to the Subcommittee:

1. Information on the full kinship caregiver approval process.

Dr. Dan Gowdy, President & CEO, Wedgwood Christian Services and AACFA Chairman, Mary Muliatt, LMSW, Chief Executive Officer, D.A. Blodgett St. Johns, and Rachel Sykes, Executive Director, Legacy Adoption Services, gave a presentation on the child welfare continuum of care to the Subcommittee. The presenters provided handouts to the Subcommittee.

Dr. Gowdy, Ms. Muliatt, and Ms. Sykes received and answered questions from the Subcommittee.

Dr. Gowdy and Ms. Sykes provided written testimony after the meeting.

Connie Conklin, CEO, Livingston County CMH gave a presentation on behavioral health supports for youth in foster care to the Subcommittee.

There being no further business before the Subcommittee, Chair Morse adjourned the meeting at 11:54 AM.

Representative Christine Morse, Chair

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