



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
REP. MARY WHITEFORD
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 11:00 AM Room 519, House Office Building

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

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Whiteford, Green, Allor, Bollin, Glenn, Huizenga, VanWoerkom, Beson, Hammoud, Hood, Tate, Brabec, Thanedar.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Viola Wild, House Fiscal Agency, read the letter from Appropriations Chair Thomas Albert of the appointment of the 101st Legislature to the Appropriations Subcommittees for the 2021-2022 Legislative Session.

Chairman Mary Whiteford presented a tribute to Ruth Rondon, survivor and former member of the Human Trafficking Health Advisory Board, for her service on the Board.

Nate Knapper, CEO of The Joseph Project, gave a presentation on The Joseph Project and the need for legal representation for human trafficking survivors. Mr. Knapper was joined by Hannah, a human trafficking survivor, and her parents. Hannah and her parents provided testimony to the subcommittee. Questions and discussion followed.

Brigitte Robarge, member of the Human Trafficking Health Advisory Board and human trafficking survivor, gave a presentation on the need for housing and other services for human trafficking survivors. Questions and discussion followed.

Debi Cain, Executive Director, Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (MDSVPTB), gave a presentation on the MDSVPTB's programs and services to human trafficking survivors. Questions and discussion followed.

Sue Lucas, U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation, gave a presentation on human trafficking. Ms. Lucas was joined by Nicole Denson, Mosaic Collective Consulting, LLC, and former human trafficking survivor. Ms. Denson testified before the subcommittee. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Rep. Mary Whiteford adjourned the meeting at 12:14 PM.

Representative Mary Whiteford, Chair

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