



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
REP. JOHN ROTH
CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Noon.

Room 521, House Office
Building

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Services was called to order by Chair Roth.

The Chair requested attendance to be called:

Present: Reps. Roth, Kelly, Mueller, Beson, DeSana, Edwards and Longjohn.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Mueller moved to adopt the meeting minutes from March 4, 2025. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Amy Epke, Senior Deputy Director, Financial Operations, DHHS, and Demetrius Starling, Senior Deputy Director, Children's Services Administration, DHHS, gave a presentation to the Subcommittee on state juvenile justice efforts and information on the closure of the Shawono Center. Ms. Epke and Mr. Starling provided copies of their presentation to the Subcommittee.

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

1. The number of adjudicated youths that are county wards that are placed in other states by the courts.
2. The amount of funding used to support youth sent out of the state for juvenile justice services.

Dr. Ray Moss, Director, Rite of Passage gave a presentation to the Subcommittee on the services provided by Rite of Passage. Dr. Moss was joined by Kyari Brown, Acari Rees, and Bryce Alberts. The speakers received and answered questions from the Subcommittee.

Matthew Wollack, President, Wolverine Human Services and Lauren Skinner, Vice President of Residential Programs, Wolverine Human Services gave a presentation to the Subcommittee on services provided by Wolverine Human Services and proposed improvements to the Juvenile Justice system.

Mr. Wollack and Ms. Skinner received and answered questions from the Subcommittee.

Cameron Clark, Family Court Administrator, Leelanau Family Court gave a presentation to the Subcommittee on the need for secure Juvenile Justice facilities in the northern region of the state.

Warren C. Evans, County Executive, Wayne County submitted written testimony to the Subcommittee.

There being no further business before the Subcommittee, Chair Roth adjourned the meeting at 12:58 PM.

Representative John Roth, Chair

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