



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON MEDICAID AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
REP. GREG VANWOERKOM  
CHAIR

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

10:30 AM

Room 326, House Office  
Building

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Medicaid and Behavioral Health was called to order by Chair VanWoerkom.

The Chair requested attendance to be called:

Present: Reps. VanWoerkom, Phil Green, Roth, Robinson, and Rogers.

Absent: Reps. Kuhn and Glanville.

Excused: Reps. Kuhn and Glanville.

Representative Rogers moved to adopt the meeting minutes from April 15, 2025. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, Chief Medical Executive, Department of Health and Human Services, and Thomas Stallworth, Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, representing the Michigan Opioids Task Force, presented before the Subcommittee an update on programming and services related to the treatment and prevention of opioid-related addiction and death. Dr. Bagdasarian and Mr. Stallworth provided copies of their presentation and an additional supplemental document to the Subcommittee.

Dr. Bagdasarian and Mr. Stallworth received and answered questions from the Subcommittee, and agreed to provide the following information:

1. Total number of participating members of the Task Force, as well as the number of members that work directly with the public.
2. Year-to-date expenditure details for appropriated Opioid Settlement funds.

Dr. Cara Poland, Chair, Opioid Advisory Commission, presented before the Subcommittee on the Commission's recommendations for opioid-related addiction and death treatment and prevention, and the recommendation for a statewide needs assessment. Dr. Poland provided copies of her testimony and the Commission's recommendations to the Subcommittee.

Dr. Poland received and answered questions from the Subcommittee.

Representative Rogers moved to excuse Representatives Kuhn and Glanville from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the Subcommittee, Chair VanWoerkom adjourned the meeting at 11:41 AM.

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Representative Greg VanWoerkom, Chair

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