



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH**  
REP. PHIL GREEN  
CHAIR

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

9:00 AM

Room 327, House Office  
Building

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Public Health was called to order by Chair Phil Green.

The Chair requested attendance to be called:

Present: Reps. Phil Green, Slagh, Steele, Price, and O'Neal.

Absent: Reps. Kuhn and Maddock.

Excused: Reps. Kuhn and Maddock.

Representative Price moved to adopt the meeting minutes from May 13, 2025. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Sydney Brown, Fiscal Analyst, House Fiscal Agency gave a brief overview to the Subcommittee on the FY 2024-25 appropriations for the maternal and infant health lines. Ms. Brown provided handouts to the Subcommittee.

Ms. Brown received and answered questions from the Subcommittee.

Dawn Shanafelt, Director of the Division of Maternal & Infant Health, DHHS, gave a presentation to the Subcommittee on statewide efforts to support pregnant mothers and infants. Ms. Shanafelt provided copies of her presentation to the Subcommittee.

Ms. Shanafelt received and answered questions from the Subcommittee and agreed to provide the following:

1. Information on the rate of Medicaid covered births in the last 10 years, with particular interest in whether the rate is declining.

Amy Zaagman, Executive Director, Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health (MCMCH), gave a presentation to the Subcommittee on the role of MCMCH and experiences of their provider organizations. Ms. Zaagman provided handouts to the Subcommittee.

Ms. Zaagman received and answered questions from the Subcommittee.

Katie Liebler, Nurse, Nurse Family Partnership of Ingham County, gave a presentation to the Subcommittee on the role of the Nurse Family Partnership in home visiting programs for pregnant mothers and infants. Ms. Liebler provided handouts to the Subcommittee.

Christina Harrington, Director, Saginaw County Health Department, gave a presentation to the Subcommittee on the Be Well Program and the state of maternal and infant care in Saginaw County.

Ms. Harrington received and answered questions from the Subcommittee.

Jim Casha gave testimony to the to the Subcommittee on fetal alcohol syndrome.

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

There being no further business before the Subcommittee, Chair Phil Green adjourned the meeting at 10:24 AM.

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Representative Phil Green, Chair

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