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### **Legislative Oversight Committee**

Monday, May 24, 2021  
2:00 pm Blatt Room 321

#### **Archived Video Available**

- I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.7, South Carolina ETV was allowed access for streaming the meeting. You may access an archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly's website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and clicking on *Committee Postings and Reports*, then under *House Standing Committees* click on *Legislative Oversight*. Then, click on *Video Archives* for a listing of archived videos for the Committee.

#### **Attendance**

- I. The Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Chair John Taliaferro (Jay) West on Monday, May 24, 2021, in Room 321 of the Blatt Building. All members were present for all or a portion of the meeting, except Representative Timothy A. "Tim" McGinnis. Representative Gil Gatch participated virtually in the meeting.

#### **Minutes**

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires standing committees to prepare and make available to the public the minutes of committee meetings, but the minutes do not have to be verbatim accounts of meetings.

**Approval of Minutes**

- I. Representative Henderson-Myers makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the May 3, 2021, meeting. A roll call vote was held, and the motion passed.

<b>Rep. Henderson-Myers motion to approve the May 3, 2021, meeting minutes.</b>	Yea	Nay	Not Voting
Rep. Gatch	✓		
Rep. Henderson-Meyers	✓		
Rep. McGinnis			✓
Rep. West	✓		

**Discussion of Department of Health and Human Services**

- I. Chair West places the following under oath: Ms. Janelle Smith, Deputy Director of Health Programs; Ms. Rhonda Morrison, Deputy Director of Systems Development & Acting Chief Information Officer; and Mr. Jeff Leieritz, Director of External Affairs; and Ms. Margaret Alewine, Program Manager, Community Options, Ms. Jordan Desai, Clinical Quality Director.

Chair West reminds Mr. Robert M. Kerr, Director; and Mr. T. Phillip Clark, Chief Financial Officer, that they remain under oath.

- II. Deputy Director Smith provides an overview of the agency’s health improvement programs. Topics discussed include:
  - a. Program Evaluation Report information;
  - b. Medicaid population;
  - c. Quality improvement and payment reform;
  - d. Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C (BabyNet);
  - e. Behavioral health benefit;
  - f. Opioid crisis strategies; and
  - g. COVID-19 Impact.

- III. Deputy Director Singleton provides an overview of the agency’s community-based services waiver programs. Topics discussed include:
  - a. Waiver programs structure and scope;
  - b. SCDHHS administered and operated waivers;
  - c. External agency operated waivers;
  - d. Waiver enrollment;
  - e. COVID-19 impact; and
  - f. Waiver renewals and outlook.

- IV. Ms. Rhonda Morrison provides an overview of the agency's Replacement Medicaid Management Information System. Topics discussed include:
- a. Program Evaluation Report information and organizational charts;
  - b. Background;
  - c. Vision and objectives;
  - d. Overview and modules;
  - e. COVID-19 impact; and
  - f. Outlook.
- V. Mr. Jeff Leieritz, Director of External Affairs, provides an overview of the agency's communications. Topics discussed include:
- a. Main audience and vehicles;
  - b. Refocus on social media;
  - c. Proactive provider communications; and
  - d. Proactive member communications.
- VI. Subcommittee members ask questions relating to the following:
- a. Employee satisfaction and turnover;
  - b. Engagement of outside resources;
  - c. Patient satisfaction with interaction with providers;
  - d. Collaboration and contracts with multiple entities;
  - e. Social determinants of health;
  - f. BabyNet;
  - g. Mental health services;
  - h. Reimbursements to therapeutic foster parents;
  - i. Opioid crisis;
  - j. Telehealth;
  - k. Waivers evaluation and waiting lists;
  - l. Performance metrics in terms of covered services –
  - m. Turnover in IT and agency's efforts to improve aging technology;
  - n. Benchmarks with other states; and
  - o. Agency communications.

Agency staff respond to the members' questions.

## **Adjournment**

- I. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.