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**Healthcare Subcommittee Meeting  
May 7, 2015  
9:00 a.m.  
Room 110 - Blatt Building**

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### **MINUTES**

- I. House Rule 4.5 requires the standing committees of the House to prepare and make available for public inspection, in compliance with Section 30-4-90, the minutes of full committee meetings. House Rule 4.5 further provides that such minutes need not be verbatim accounts of such meetings. It is the practice of the House Legislative Oversight Committee to provide minutes, which are not verbatim accounts of such meetings, for its Subcommittee meetings.
- II. The Healthcare Subcommittee (Subcommittee) meeting was called to order by Subcommittee Chair Nathan Ballentine on Thursday, May 7, 2015, in Room 110 of the Blatt Building, Columbia, South Carolina. The following Subcommittee Members were present: Subcommittee Chair Ballentine, Representative Walton J. McLeod, Representative Bill Taylor, and Representative Mia S. McLeod.
- III. This was the second meeting with the Department of Social Services (DSS) held to provide the agency and the public an update on the status of the oversight study of the agency; allow Subcommittee Members to ask preliminary questions about the agency's Restructuring and Seven Year Plan Report; ensure the agency understood what was required from it in the Program Evaluation Report, which is due May 22, 2015; and allow the Subcommittee Members to ask any additional questions. Subcommittee Chair Ballentine provided an update on the status of the oversight study. He then swore under oath the individual

who was present to speak on behalf of DSS, Mr. William Bray, Chief of Fiscal and Governmental Affairs. After Mr. Bray was sworn in, Subcommittee Chair Ballentine asked several questions to Mr. Bray to ensure the agency understood what was required in the Program Evaluation Report. Each of the Subcommittee Members, then asked several additional questions to the witness.

- IV. This was also a preliminary meeting with the Commission for the Blind held pursuant to Legislative Oversight Committee's Standard Practice 8.3 to discuss preliminary matters relating to the legislative oversight and investigation process with the agency. The discussion referenced the materials the Agency had already received in the mail as well as again that morning regarding: the purpose of legislative oversight as set forth in statute; the Legislative Oversight Committee's Rules and the Legislative Oversight Committee's Standard Operating Procedures. The discussion further referenced the goals for the legislative oversight process; the process the Legislative Oversight Committee and this Subcommittee intends to follow in studying the agency; the Legislative Oversight Committee's expectations of an agency undergoing the study.
- IV. The Subcommittee received a brief overview of the agency in the form of a Power Point presentation from Commission for the Blind Director James M. Kirby. Also in attendance at the meeting from Commission for the Blind were the following: Juan Sims, Comptroller; Rhonda Thompson, Program Manager (Older Blind, Children Services); Shana Robinson, Quality Assurance Manager; Ed Bible, Program Manager (Training and Employment); and Felisa Massey, Interim Director of Vocational Rehabilitation Program (Region I).

Director Kirby was unable to finish the full presentation prior to time running out for the Members to go on the floor, but left a hardcopy of the complete presentation with the Subcommittee Members.

- V. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.