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Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee Meeting Monday, November 30, 2017, at 10:00 am

Blatt Building Room 321

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Attendance

I. The Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee is called to order by Chair Phyllis J. Henderson on Monday, November 30, 2017, in Room 321 of the Blatt Building. All members of the Subcommittee are present for all or a portion of the meeting, except Representative Bill Bowers.

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. It is the practice of the Legislative Oversight Committee to provide minutes for its subcommittee meetings.

II. Representative Douglas moves to approve the meeting minutes from the November 6, 2017, meeting.

Representative Douglas				Not
moves to approve the	Yea	Nay	Not Voting	Voting
meeting minutes from the	1 Ca	Inay	(Absent)	(Present)
November 6, 2017 meetings				
Rep. William K. Bowers	✓			
Rep. MaryGail Douglas	✓			
Rep. Henderson	✓			
Rep. Taylor			✓	

Meeting

- I. Chair Henderson explains that this is the fifth meeting with the Department of Disabilities and Special Need (DDSN).
- II. Chair Henderson explains that the purpose of today's meeting is to hear testimony from two of DDSN's partner agencies, Department of Health and Hunan Services and the Department of Vocational Rehab, and from a panel of executive directors of entities that provide services to DDSN clients.
- III. Chair Henderson explains that all testimony given to this subcommittee, which is an investigating committee, must be under oath. She reminds those sworn in during prior meetings that they remain under oath. Chair Henderson swears in the following individuals:
 - a. Joshua Baker, Interim
 Director, South Carolina
 Department of Health and
 Human Services
 - b. Peter Liggett, Deputy
 Director, Long Term Care
 and Behavioral Health
 Services
 - c. Laura Spears, Transition Services Coordinator, Department of Vocational Rehab.
 - d. Mark Wade, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Vocational Rehab.
 - e. Margaret Alewine Director of Planning and Program Evaluation, Department of Vocational Rehab.
 - f. Gerald Bernard, Charles Lea Center

- g. Ralph Courtney, Tri-Development Center
- h. Susan John, Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs
- i. Judy Johnson, Babcock Center
- j. Mary Poole, MaxAbilities
- k. Tyler Rex, Thrive Upstate
- Thoyd Warren, Sumter County Disabilities and Special Needs

IV. Joshua Baker, Interim Director of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, provides testimony about Medicaid in general and DDSN's provider payment system options.

Subcommittee members ask questions, which Mr. Baker and different agency representative's answer. Topics questioned include:

- a. Fee-for-Service & Coordinated Care
- b. Waiver Services Billing
- c. Band System Payments
- d. Direct Billing
- V. Laura Spears, Transition Services Coordinator, Mark Wade, Assistant Commissioner, and Margaret Alewine Director of Planning and Program Evaluation, from the Department of Vocational Rehab, provide testimony about the transition of DDSN-eligible youth out of school and into the workforce.

Subcommittee members ask questions, which Ms. Spears and different agency representative's answer. Topics questioned include:

- a. Sub-Minimum Wage
- b. Youth Enrollment
- V. Seven provider executive directors provide testimony about their relationship with the agency and their concerns. Executive directors presented in the following order:
 - a. Thoyd Warren, Sumter County Disabilities and Special Needs
 - b. Mary Poole, MaxAbilities
 - c. Ralph Courtney, Tri-Development Center
 - d. Gerald Bernard, Charles Lea Center
 - e. Susan John, Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs
 - f. Judy Johnson, Babcock Center
 - g. Tyler Rex, Thrive Upstate

Subcommittee members ask questions, which different provider executive directors answer. Topics questioned include:

VI. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.