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Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee Meeting Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at 9:00 am Blatt Building Room 321

Archived Video Available

I. Pursuant to House Legislative Oversight Committee Rule 6.8, 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 is called to order by Chair Jay West on Tuesday, March 5, 2019 in Room 321 of the Blatt Building. All members of the Subcommittee are present for all or a portion of 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. It is the practice of the Legislative Oversight Committee to provide minutes for its subcommittee meetings.
- II. Representative Ridgeway moves to approve the meeting minutes from the February 19, 2019, meeting. The motion passes.

Representative Ridgeway's				Not
motion to approve the	Yea	Nay	Not Voting	Voting
meeting minutes from the			(Absent)	(Present)
February 19, 2019, meeting.				
Rep. Robert Ridgeway	✓			
Rep. Bill Taylor	✓			
Rep. Chris Wooten	✓			
Rep. Jay West	✓			

Meeting

- I. Chair West explains that this is the Subcommittee's third meeting with the Department of Mental Health, and that the purpose is to receive further testimony about inpatient services.
- II. Chair West explains that all testimony given to this subcommittee, which is an investigating committee, must be under oath. He reminds those sworn in during prior meetings that they remain under oath. Chair West swears in the following people:
 - a. Phylliss Ross, Advocate (Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities)
 - b. Ted Jones, Administrator (DMH Roddey Pavillion)
 - c. Robert Morgan, Administrator (DMH Stone Veterans Home).
- III. Ms. Phylliss Ross provided testimony regarding the combined impacts of changes in the state's Medicaid payment system and the closure of two buildings previously used to serve juveniles from the Department of Juvenile Justice with behavioral and serious mental health issues. Members asked questions regarding the timing of the changes, and the need for beds.
- IV. Interim Director Binkley, Deputy Director Bellamy, and other DMH staff provide testimony about provides testimony about inpatient facilities, highlighting unique aspects of each facility.
- V. Subcommittee members ask, and agency staff respond to questions about the following subjects:
 - a. SVPTP capacity and use of telemedicine;
 - b. Opioid treatment time;
 - c. Cooperation with the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services;
 - d. Efficiency of contracting some services out; and
 - e. Veteran's nursing home capacity.
- VI. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.