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Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee Meeting Monday, September 16, 2019, at 10:00 am Blatt Building Room 427

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#### Attendance

 Chair Jay West calls the Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee to order on Monday, September 16, 2019, in Room 427 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 Taylor moves to approve the meeting minutes from the August 27, 2019, meeting. The motion passes.

Representative Taylor's motion to approve the meeting minutes from the August 27, 2019, meeting.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)	Not Voting (Present)
Rep. Robert Ridgeway				✓
Rep. Bill Taylor	$\checkmark$			
Rep. Chris Wooten	√			
Rep. Jay West	✓			

#### Meeting

- I. Chair West explains this is the Subcommittee's thirteenth meeting with the Department of Mental Health and that the purpose is to learn about the Vulnerable Adults Fatalities Review Committee and ask additional questions of the Department of Mental Health.
- II. After being sworn in, Greg Shore, chairperson of the Vulnerable Adults Fatalities Review Committee, provides testimony about the committee's work and responds to Subcommittee member questions.
- III. Mark Binkley, DMH Interim Director, provides testimony about the agency's interaction with the Vulnerable Adults Fatalities Review Committee.
- IV. Representative Wooten moves to include the following findings in the subcommittee study report:
  - The charge of the Vulnerable Adults Fatalities Review Committee remains important, particularly its functions related to aggregating and disseminating data, detecting trends, identifying opportunities for cross training, and communicating deficiencies in our statutory infrastructure to the General Assembly and Governor.
  - There is not a record of the Vulnerable Adults Fatalities Review Committee communicating recommendations or a lack of a need for any changes to the General Assembly.
  - State law only requires each of the nine ex-officio member to provide "sufficient staff and administrative support to carry out the responsibilities of the article." It does not direct any one agency to be responsible. While it is not required, SLED's vulnerable adult investigations unit, the unit "provides administrative support for the Committee by tracking, compiling, and sending vulnerable adult case files to committee members for consideration and review prior to each meeting. SLED also provides support staff who record minutes during the meetings, send committee emails to coordinate Committee matters, maintain a record of committee member information, and who prepare the agendas for each meeting." Additional administrative support might be required for the Vulnerable Adults Fatalities Review Committee to fulfill its statutory requirements.
  - The Committee's membership is not currently up-to-date on the Secretary of State's website.
  - The Committee should communicate any findings or recommendations about a state agency to the agency's leadership via a letter.

The motion passes.

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V. The subcommittee recedes for lunch.

### Joint Meeting with the Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee

- I. Ad hoc Subcommittee Chairman Tallon explains that the ad hoc subcommittee has been joined by the Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee for the purpose of discussing how the Department of Corrections (SCDC) and Department of Mental Health provide mental health services to people involved in the criminal justice system (e.g., criminal defendants, inmates, and parolees).
- II. Mr. Mark Binkley, DMH Interim State Director, and Mr. Bryan Stirling, SCDC Executive Director, present information on ways in which the two agencies interact and collaborate, which includes, but is not limited to, the following topics:
  - a. Comparison of agency mandates
  - b. Comparison of agency missions
  - c. Agencies' goals
  - d. Overview of agencies' mental health services
  - e. DMH treatments, locations, and statistics
  - f. DMH interaction with the criminal justice system
  - g. A video about a telepsychiatry program in Charleston
  - h. SCDC mental health services overview and statistics
  - i. SCDC mental health screening and evaluation
  - j. SCDC mental health lawsuit overview
  - k. Current agency collaborations
  - 1. Opportunities for enhanced collaboration
- III. Members ask questions, which Director Binkley, Director Stirling, and other agency staff answer.
- IV. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.