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Healthcare Subcommittee Meeting November 9, 2015

**Immediately following the Legislative Oversight Committee Meeting
Room 516 - Blatt Building**

ARCHIVED VIDEO AVAILABLE

- I. You may access archived video of this meeting by visiting the South Carolina General Assembly's website (<http://www.scstatehouse.gov>) and click on "Citizens' Interests," then click on "House Legislative Oversight Committee Postings and Reports." Lastly, click on "Video Archives" for a listing of archived videos for the Legislative Oversight Committee.

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 Monday, November 9, 2015, in Room 516 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. Representative Taylor had to leave the meeting before its conclusion.
- III. Representative McLeod moved to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2015 Subcommittee meeting. A roll call vote was held.

Rep. McLeod's Motion to Approve the Minutes from the May 7 Subcommittee Meeting:	Aye	Nay	Not Voting
Nathan Ballentine	✓		
Mia S. McLeod	✓		
Walton J. McLeod	✓		
Bill Taylor	✓		
Wm. Weston J. Newton, at his discretion			
Laurie Slade Funderburk, at her discretion to have a quorum			

- IV. This was the third 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 any questions of the agency. Chairman Ballentine swore under oath those present to speak on behalf of the DSS: Susan Alford, State Director; Barbara Derrick, Director of Administration; Joan Meacham, Chief of Staff; Karen Wingo, Director of Communications and Legislative Affairs; Katie Morgan, Director of Child Support Services; and William Bray, Director of Financial Services Division.
- V. Committee staff provided an overview of the study process and of the types of information that could be found in the staff study.
- VI. Chairman Ballentine explained that the DSS officials would explain the recommendations from a given category, and then answer the members' questions about those recommendations; the process would be repeated for each category of questions.

The DSS explained the recommendations related to the streamlining of functions at the agency. Representative Mia McLeod moved that the Subcommittee adopt the agency's recommendations relating to the streamlining of functions. A roll call vote was held.

Rep. Mia McLeod's Motion to Adopt the Recommendations Relating to the Streaming of Functions, and to Include them in the Subcommittee's Report:	Aye	Nay	Not Voting
Nathan Ballentine	✓		
Mia S. McLeod	✓		
Walton J. McLeod	✓		
Bill Taylor	✓		

Director Alford explained the agency's recommendations relating to the bloated state of the agency's administrative functions. Representative Mia McLeod moved to adopt the agency's recommendations. A roll call vote was held.

Rep. McLeod's Motion to Adopt the Recommendations Relating to Administrative Functions at the DSS, and to Include them in the Subcommittee's Report:	Aye	Nay	Not Voting
Nathan Ballentine	✓		
Mia S. McLeod	✓		
Walton J. McLeod	✓		
Bill Taylor			Not Present

Director Alford explained the agency's recommendations relating to the overuse of contract services by the agency. Representative Mia McLeod moved to adopt the agency's recommendations. A roll call vote was held.

Rep. McLeod's Motion to Adopt the Recommendations Relating to Contract Services at the DSS, and to Include them in the Subcommittee's Report:	Aye	Nay	Not Voting
Nathan Ballentine	✓		
Mia S. McLeod	✓		
Walton J. McLeod	✓		
Bill Taylor			Not Present

Director Alford explained the agency's recommendations relating to the structure of the agency and the supervision therein. Chairman Ballentine moved to adopt the agency's recommendations. A roll call vote was held.

Chairman Ballentine's Motion to Adopt the Recommendations Relating to Structure and Supervision at the DSS, and to Include them in the Subcommittee's Report:	Aye	Nay	Not Voting
Nathan Ballentine	✓		
Mia S. McLeod	✓		
Walton J. McLeod	✓		
Bill Taylor			Not Present

- VII. Committee Staff read the agency's recommendations related to changes that would need to be made in law, and officials from the DSS explained those recommendations. Chairman Ballentine asked the DSS to work with Committee staff in order to provide these recommendations in more detail.

Chairman Ballentine moved to schedule a meeting in January in order to allow members of the public to provide comment to the Subcommittee concerning the DSS.

Chairman Ballentine's Motion to Schedule a Subcommittee Meeting in January to Allow for Public Comment on the DSS:	Aye	Nay	Not Voting
Nathan Ballentine	✓		
Mia S. McLeod	✓		
Walton J. McLeod	✓		
Bill Taylor			Not Present

VIII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.