

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: January 28, 2010

Place: Room 116

Convended: 1/28/2010
10:15 AM

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Adjourned: 1/28/2010
11:45 AM

Present: Senators Hatch-CH, Ragan-VC, Johnson-RM, Hartsuch, Schmitz
Representatives Heddens-CH, Thede-VC, Heaton-RM, Miller, L., Rayhons, Schulte, Smith,
Wessel-Kroeschell

Absent: None

Excused: Representative Shomshor

Representative Heddens called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. Roll call was taken and recorded. The minutes of the January 26, 2010 meeting were approved.

Members of the Mental Health Institute Task Force provided an overview of their report and recommendations. Ro Foege, chair of the Task Force thanked DHS staff for assisting the task force and introduced five (5) members of the task force who gave overviews of the Task Force's recommendations.

Judge Annette Scieszinski -Forensic Evaluation Treatment
Neil Broderick- Continuum of Care
Maggie Tinsman - Resource Utilization
Christine Louscher - Personal testimony
Danny Homan - Support for staff at mental health institutes and personal testimony

Subcommittee members thanked the members of the Task Force and DHS for their time, written report and testimony and asked questions/provided comments about release forms, decrease in care results in increased prison population, number of available pediatric beds, jails/correction facilities becoming the default mental health system, lack of good assessment, need for a reconnaissance-like assessment team, immediate access and importance of proximity to families.

Senator Hatch provided the following information from a Senate subcommittee on reorganization that met on Monday, January 25th, where they are discussing changes in the delivery system which may include:

- *increasing the capacity for mental health training programs
- *transferring adults from Clarinda to Cherokee
- *transferring juveniles from Cherokee to Independence
- *transferring gero-psychiatric from Clarinda to either the Veterans home or Glenwood Resource Center.
- *closing the Clarinda facility.

Rep. Heaton stated these recommendations will have a significant effect on the communities and asked that the citizens of the communities have the opportunity to express their concerns to the subcommittee or the appropriate decision makers. Senator Hatch said the appropriate venue is the Senate State Government committee.

Rep. Heddens announced that a False Claims meeting will be held at 10:00 am, Monday, February 1st, in the House Lounge.

Senator Schmitz moved to arise at 11:45.

Representative Lisa K. Heddens

Doris Taylor, Committee Secretary