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**Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee Meeting
Monday, December 9, 2019, at 12:45 p.m.
Blatt Building Room 427**

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Attendance

- I. Chair Jay West calls the Healthcare and Regulatory Subcommittee to order on Monday, December 9, 2019, in Room 427 of the Blatt Building. All members of the Subcommittee except Representative Wooten 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 November 12, 2019, meeting. The motion passes.

Representative Taylor's motion to approve the meeting minutes from the November 12, 2019, meeting.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)	Not Voting (Present)
Rep. Robert Ridgeway	✓			
Rep. Bill Taylor	✓			
Rep. Chris Wooten			✓	
Rep. Jay West	✓			

Discussion of the Department of Mental Health (DMH)

- I. Chair West explains the purpose of this meeting is to consider the following proposed amendments to the recommendations the Subcommittee made during the course of the DMH study:

Proposed Amendments to DMH Study Recommendations
The Department of Mental Health should randomly test employee knowledge of DMH policies and procedures. Random testing should include both written tests and hands-on strategies <u>by trained staff with appropriate expertise</u> to determine whether employees are aware of and employing appropriate care techniques.
The Vulnerable Adult Fatalities Review Committee should submit an annual report as required by S.C. Code of Laws Ann. § 43-570(6) in accordance with the electronic transmission process described in S.C. Code of Laws Ann. § 2-1-230. In addition to statutorily required sections (i.e., findings and recommendations for changes), the report should include a summary of non-confidential portions of minutes, member attendance records, statistical information on cases reported and reviewed, <u>committee member credentials</u> , identified systemic deficiencies in care, and trending issues facing vulnerable adults.
The Department of Mental Health should continue to review and update its performance measures for the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Accountability Report. In doing so, the agency may wish to avail itself of resources available from the Department of Administration's Executive Budget Office (EBO), including but not limited to consulting with EBO's performance and accountability manager. The agency should also determine whether the current set of performance measures would assist agency management <u>leaders</u> in determining <u>evaluating whether</u> if the agency is accomplishing its mission.

The Department of Mental Health should collect data to evaluate its recruitment efficacy (e.g., ask each new employee how he or she learned about the position). ~~and use that data to determine which recruitment strategies work the best to recruit eventual employees.~~

The Department of Mental Health and the Department of Corrections should form a committee constituted of professionals of ~~each agency~~ these and other appropriate entities to devise a plan to provide a seamless transition for inmates who are under the care of a mental health professional upon the release of the inmate. The plan should be implemented by the participating agencies.

Proposed Additional Recommendation

The Department of Mental Health should post contact information for members of the South Carolina Mental Health Commission on its website.

- II. DMH Director Mark Binkley responds to a question from Chair West about these proposed changes.
- III. Rep. Ridgeway moves that the proposed amendments and addition be adopted. The motion passes.

Representative Ridgeway’s motion to adopt the proposed amendments and addition to the Subcommittee’s recommendations in its study of the Department of Mental Health.	Yea	Nay	Not Voting (Absent)	Not Voting (Present)
Rep. Robert Ridgeway	✓			
Rep. Bill Taylor	✓			
Rep. Chris Wooten			✓	
Rep. Jay West	✓			

- IV. Chair West directs Committee staff to incorporate the adopted changes into the Subcommittee’s report and distribute it to the full Committee for review.
- V. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.