



Finance Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

Chairwoman Sara P. Carruthers

March 14, 2023

Chairwoman Carruthers called the meeting of the House Finance Subcommittee on Health and Human Services to order at 9:30am in Room 313. The roll was taken and a quorum was present. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved without objection.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Kim Hauck, Director of the Department of Developmental Disabilities, to provide testimony to the subcommittee. Director Hauck responded to questions asked by the subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Michael Denlinger, Chairman of the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, to provide testimony to the subcommittee. Mr. Denlinger responded to questions asked by the subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Peter Moore, President/CEO of the Ohio Provider Resource Association, Gary Tonks, President/CEO of The Arc of Ohio, Debbie Jenkins, Policy Director for the Ohio Health Care Association, and Adam Herman, President/CEO of the Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities, to provide panel testimony. The panel responded to questions asked by subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Christine Brown, Board Member for Ohio Self Determination Association, to provide testimony to the subcommittee. Ms. Brown responded to questions asked by the subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Bill Adams to provide testimony to the subcommittee. No questions were asked.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Matt O'Nesti to provide testimony to the subcommittee. Mr. O'Nesti responded to questions asked by the subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Rebecca Sharp, CEO of Open Door Columbus, Pam Drakeford, Lead DSP at Open Door Columbus, Steven and Debbie Streng, and Erin Forson, Service Consultant for Union County Board of Developmental Disabilities, to provide panel testimony. The panel responded to questions asked by subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Dan Connors, President/CEO for St. Joseph Home, Stacey Browning, and Ashley Brocious, CEO for RT Industries, to provide panel testimony. No questions were asked.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Bethany Toledo, Director for the Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals and Joshua Peterson, to provide panel testimony. The panel responded to questions asked by subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers recessed the subcommittee at 12:53pm and stated the recess would last until 1:45pm, more or less.

Chairwoman Carruthers called the subcommittee back to order at 1:50pm.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Kara Wentz, Director for the Governor's Office of Children's Initiative, to provide testimony on the proposed new agency on Children and Youth. Director Wentz responded to questions asked by the subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Katie Kelly, Executive Director for PRE4CLE, to provide testimony to the subcommittee. Ms. Kelly responded to questions asked by the subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Lynanne Gutierrez, Chief Operating and Policy Officer for Groundwork Ohio, Mary Auch, Regional Director for PNC, Robyn Lightcap, Executive Director for Preschool Promise Dayton and Montgomery County, Patricia Gleason, Chief Operating Officer for Learning Grove, and Suzanne Prescott, Early Childhood Programs Director for Butler County Educational Services Center, to provide panel testimony. The panel responded to questions asked by subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Rebekah Johnson, Lori Jarvis, and Holly Unger, to provide panel testimony. The panel responded to questions asked by subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Mark Mecum, CEO of the Ohio Children's Alliance, Matt Kresic, CEO of Cadence Care Network, Jodi Harding, Vice President and COO of Lighthouse Youth Services, and Leigh Hall, General Counsel of Wingspan Care Group, to provide panel testimony. The panel responded to questions asked by subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Angela Newman White, Executive Director for First Year Cleveland, to provide testimony to the subcommittee. Ms. Newman White responded to questions asked by the subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers advised the subcommittee that written testimony had been submitted by a large number of individuals and was on member's iPads.

With no further business, the subcommittee adjourned at 4:26pm.

Rep. Carruthers, Chairwoman

Committee Secretary