



Finance Subcommittee on Health and Human Services

Chairwoman Sara P. Carruthers

March 15, 2023

Chairwoman Carruthers called the meeting of the House Finance Subcommittee on Health and Human Services to order at 10:02am 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 Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff, Director of the Department of Health, to provide testimony to the subcommittee. Director Vanderhoff responded to questions asked by the subcommittee. Gene, Phillips, Chief, Bureau of Environmental Health & Radiation Protection for the Department of Health answered a question raised by the subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, Executive Director for The Ohio Association of Foodbanks, Hope Lane-Gavin, Director of Nutrition Policy and Programs for The Ohio Association of Foodbanks, and Zach Reat, Director of Health Initiatives for The Ohio Association of Foodbanks, to provide panel testimony. The panel responded to questions asked by subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers Jennifer Kucera, Chair of the Ohio Olmstead Task Force's Direct Care Workforce Crisis work group, Maria Matzik, host of the Breaking Silences Advocacy Committee, and Georgie Elson, Disability Advocate and Co-Chair of The Ohio Nursing Crisis Advocacy Committee, to provide panel testimony to the subcommittee. The panel responded to questions asked by the subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Jennifer Corcoran, Co-lead for Changing Spaces Ohio, provide testimony to the subcommittee. Ms. Corcoran responded to questions asked by the subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Pamela Lindeman, President and CEO for Child Focus, to provide testimony to the subcommittee. Sharon Gillespie, Coordinator of Parent Enrichment for Child Focus was called and answered questions asked by the subcommittee. Ms. Lindeman responded to questions asked by the subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Matt Hamlin, Vice President and General Manager of the Great MidWest Region for Quest Diagnostics, to provide panel testimony. Mr. Hamlin responded to questions asked by the subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Jason Koma, Executive Director for the Charitable Healthcare Network, to provide panel testimony. Mr. Koma responded to questions asked by the subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Kerstin Sjoberg, Executive Director for Disability Rights Ohio, to provide panel testimony. No questions were asked by the subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Kim Eckhart, Interim State Director for the Children's Defense Fund Ohio and Kelly Vyzral, Senior Health Policy Associate for the Children's Defense Fund Ohio, to provide joint testimony. Ms. Eckhart and Ms. Vyzral responded to questions asked by the subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Leah Meritt, President and CEO of the YWCA of Mahoning Valley and Ohio Council of YWCAs, to provide panel testimony. Ms. Meritt responded to questions asked by subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Kristen Henry, Executive Director for Advocacy and Protective Services, Inc., to provide testimony to the subcommittee. Ms. Henry responded to questions asked by the subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Danielle Gray, Executive Director for Ohio Recovery Housing, to provide testimony to the subcommittee. No questions were asked by the subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers called Leo Almeida, Government Relations Director for the American Cancer Society and Cancer Action Network, to provide testimony to the subcommittee. Mr. Almeida responded to questions asked by the subcommittee.

Chairwoman Carruthers advised the subcommittee that written testimony had been submitted by Kim Boulter, Cynthia Fox, Susan Koller, Shauna Wilson, Lauren Griffen, Benjamin Young, Mid-Ohio Food Collective, the Nursing Crisis Advocacy Committee Meeting, the YWCA of Vanwert and the YWCA of Columbus and was on the member's iPads.

With no further business, the subcommittee adjourned at 3:10pm.

Rep. Carruthers, Chairwoman

Committee Secretary