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HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS & REVENUE

BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH & FAMILY SERVICES

4th Meeting

February 16, 2022

The Budget Review Subcommittee on Health & Family Services of the House Standing Committee on Appropriations & Revenue held its 4th meeting of the 2022 Regular Session on February 16, 2022, at 10:00 AM, in Room 169 of the Capitol Annex. The Chair called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Members Present: Representative Danny Bentley, Chair; Representatives Adam Bowling, Ken Fleming, Deanna Frazier Gordon, Kimberly Poore Moser, Melinda Gibbons Prunty, Susan Westrom and Lisa Willner.

Guests: Carrie Banahan, Deputy Secretary, Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS); Wendy Morris, Commissioner, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (BHDID), CHFS; Stephanie Craycraft, Deputy Commissioner, BHDID, CHFS; Dr. Steven Stack, Commissioner, Department for Public Health (DPH), CHFS; Mike Tuggle, Assistant Director, DPH, CHFS; Melissa Goins, Director, Division of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers, CHFS; Linda Harney, Executive Advisor, Serve Kentucky, CHFS; Marta Miranda-Straub, Commissioner, Department for Community Based Services (DCBS), CHFS; and Lesa Dennis, Deputy Commissioner, DCBS, CHFS.

LRC Staff: Miriam Fordham, Kevin Newton, and Ben Thompson.

**Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities**

Ms. Morris and Ms. Craycraft provided an overview of the duties and budgetary needs of the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (BHDID).

In response to questions from Representative Westrom, Ms. Craycraft noted that tobacco funds allocated to BHDID are a continuing appropriation. Ms. Morris stated that Tim's Law is a pilot project for court ordered outpatient mental health treatment and services. Ms. Craycraft said that the Kentucky Correctional Psychiatric Center needs several repairs and that Western State Hospital, which was built in 1854, requires a lot of work to maintain. Ms. Morris stated that the total population of Kentucky's inpatient mental health facilities is roughly eight hundred on any given day.

In response to questions from Representative Gibbons Prunty, Ms. Morris confirmed that drug overdoses were trending upward across the country over the last year, including in

Kentucky. Ms. Craycraft stated that the Pennyroyal region would be included in the western Kentucky expansion of Tim's Law.

### **Department for Public Health**

Dr. Stack and Mr. Tuggle provided a presentation on the budgetary needs of the Department for Public Health (DPH).

In response to a question from Representative Westrom, Dr. Stack noted that many state buildings have a considerable amount of deferred maintenance. Dr. Stack said that he was unsure how many gubernatorial administrations had requested funding for a new state laboratory.

In response to a question from Chair Bentley, Dr. Stack stated that the DPH request for a new state laboratory is one hundred and thirty five million dollars. Dr. Stack clarified that the request was for bond funding, paid over several years.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Representative Westrom moved to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2022, meeting of the subcommittee. Representative Frazier Gordon seconded the motion and the minutes were approved without objection.

### **Department for Family Resource Centers and Volunteer Services**

Ms. Goins provided an overview of the Division of Family Resource and Youth Services Centers, while Ms. Harney spoke on the duties and budgetary needs of Serve Kentucky.

In response to questions from Representative Gibbons Prunty, Ms. Goins stated that there were one hundred and seventy-three public school districts in Kentucky and that one hundred and sixty-eight of them had a Family Resource and Youth Services Center. Ms. Harney noted that Serve Kentucky receives proposals from groups around the Commonwealth that want to sponsor programs rather than determining which county a program should be located. Ms. Harney noted that several Serve Kentucky programs operate in multiple counties.

### **Update on Social Worker Staffing Report**

Ms. Miranda-Straub and Ms. Dennis provided some historical data regarding social worker staffing within the Department for Community Based Services.

In response to questions from Representative Gibbons Prunty, Ms. Dennis confirmed that the department would provide an updated report on a quarterly basis, with the next report to be provided on April 15, 2022. Ms. Dennis confirmed that CPS was an acronym for Child Protective Services and that APS was an acronym for Adult Protective Services.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 AM.