



THE SENATE
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MINUTES

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Health Policy was held on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at 3:06 p.m. in the Senate Hearing Room, First Floor of the Boji Tower.

Senate Health Policy Committee members present: George (C), Allen (VC), Patterson, Sanborn, Clarke (MinVC), Gleason, Jacobs.

Without objection Senator George excused absent members.

Senator George welcomed everyone to the committee meeting.

A motion was made by Senator Patterson to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting and seconded by Senator Gleason.

Senator George then welcomed Senator Kahn who gave oral testimony in support of Senate Bill 321. Sen. Kahn brought with him Joe Sedlock and Shari Peltier of Bay-Arenac Behavior Health, who also provided written testimony. Following their testimony the floor was opened up for questions. Duane Tarnacki of Clark Hill Law Firm, joined them to aid in answering questions.

Senator George then noted that testimony cards in opposition to SB 321 had been turned in by: Mark Reinstein, representing the Mental Health Association in Michigan; Kathleen Gross, representing the Michigan Psychiatric Society; Susan McParland, representing the Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders; and Sherri Solomon, representing the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Michigan. Also, a testimony card neutral on the bill was turned in by Amy Zaagman, representing the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards.

Senator George then welcomed Brenda Lawson of the Michigan Department of Community Health who gave oral testimony in support of the bill on the condition that certain changes are made.

A motion was made by Senator Sanborn to report Senate Bill 321 with immediate effect, supported by Senator Patterson.

Yeas: George, Patterson, Sanborn, Clarke, Gleason, Jacobs

Nays:

Pass:

Excused: Allen

The motion prevailed.

There being no further business Senator George adjourned the meeting without objection at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Nester

Committee Clerk

Senator Tom George

Chairperson

4-29-2009
Date approved by the Committee