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SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES



**Subcommittee:** House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 7, 2018  
**Location:** Room 352, House Appropriations, Capitol Building  
**Time:** 10:30 a.m.

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bizon at 10:30 a.m.
2. The Clerk took attendance:
  - Present: Bizon, Canfield, Allor, and Yanez
  - Absent: None
  - Excused: Marino
3. Minority Vice Chair Yanez offered a motion to approve the minutes from the Subcommittee meeting on 02/28/2018, which was approved unanimously.
4. Chairman Bizon offered opening remarks and introduced the representatives of the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency and the Michigan Veteran Health System.
5. Mr. James Redford, Director, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, Ms. Laurie McCullough-Benner, Chief Executive Officer, Michigan Veteran Health System, Ms. Anne Zerbe, Assistant Vice President, Michigan Veteran Health System, and Mr. Brad Slagle, Special Adviser to the Director, Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, presented an overview of the completed and ongoing Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) certification efforts at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans (DJJHV) in Marquette; requests for additional funding for further improvements in staffing and facility upgrades at DJJHV for CMS certification; and timeline goals for achieving CMS certification.
6. Director Redford, CEO McCullough-Benner, Assistant Vice President Zerbe, and Special Adviser Slagle received and answered questions from the Subcommittee.
7. The Subcommittee excused absent members.
8. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Bizon at 11:24 a.m.