Meeting Minutes – February 12, 2020

Vice-Chair Lockman called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Committee members present included Representatives Bennett, Dorsey Walker, and Yearick; Senators Hansen, Lopez, and Walsh. Staff present included Mark Brainard, Jr. & Amanda McAtee, JLOSC Analysts; Holly Vaughn Wagner, Legislative Attorney for the JLOSC and Deputy Director of the Division of Research; Natalie White, Administrative Specialist; Jeff Chubbs, Legislative Fellow. A quorum was met.

Vice-Chair Lockman welcomed everyone to the meeting for the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee (“JLOSC”) of the 150th General Assembly, Second Session and called for introductions.

Vice-Chair Lockman moved to item 2 on the agenda, the approval of the February 6, 2020 meeting minutes. Senator Walsh motioned to approve the February 6, 2020 minutes as written, and Senator Lopez seconded the motion. The motion carried 7-0, with Representatives Bennett, Dorsey Walker, and Yearick, and Senators Lockman, Hansen, Lopez, and Walsh, voting in favor, no opposed, 3 members not present at the time of vote, Senator Delcollo, and Representatives Bentz and Spiegelman.

Vice-Chair Lockman moved to item 3 on the agenda, Adult Protective Services (“APS”) and introduced Dava Newnam, Director of Division of Services for Aging & Adults with Physical Disabilities (“DSAAPD”). Ms. Newnam introduced herself, Deputy Director Melissa Smith, and Theresa Ritter, Social Services Chief Administrator over Community Operations including APS. Ms. Newman provided an overview of holdover updates for JLOSC.

Vice-Chair Lockman introduced JLOSC Analyst Amanda McAtee to provide a staff update. Ms. McAtee included an overview of recommendations requiring legislation and explained that JLOSC and DSAAPD staff would continue to collaborate, and the drafting process would take time but should not prevent a release from review.

After discussion, a motion was made by Representative Bennett and seconded by Representative Dorsey Walker for APS to be released from review upon enactment of a bill to apply technical corrections to APS’s entire governing statute. The motion carried 7-0, with Representatives Bennett, Dorsey Walker, and Yearick, and Senators Lockman, Hansen, Lopez, and Walsh, voting in favor, no opposed, 3 members not present at the time of vote, Senator Delcollo, and Representatives Bentz and Spiegelman.
Vice-Chair Lockman moved to item number 4 on the agenda, Delaware Health Information Network (“DHIN”) and introduced Chief Executive Officer Dr. Jan Lee. Dr. Lee introduced herself, DHIN’s General Counsel Scott Perkins, and Chief Operating Officer Randy Farmer. Dr. Lee provided an overview of holdover updates for JLOSC.

Vice-Chair Lockman introduced JLOSC Analyst Amanda McAtee to provide a staff update which included information from the task force process. Ms. McAtee included an overview of recommendations requiring legislation and explained that JLOSC and DHIN staff would continue to collaborate, and the drafting process would take time but should not prevent a release from review.

After discussion, a motion was made by Representative Bennett and seconded by Senator Walsh for DHIN to be released from review upon enactment of a bill to apply technical corrections to DHIN’s entire governing statute. The motion carried 7-0, with Representatives Bennett, Dorsey Walker, and Yearick, and Senators Lockman, Hansen, Lopez, and Walsh, voting in favor, no opposed, 3 members not present at the time of vote, Senator Delcollo, and Representatives Bentz and Spiegelman.

Vice-Chair Lockman reminded the Committee that the second holdover meeting for the Division for the Visually Impaired was scheduled for Thursday, February 20, 2020 at noon in the House Majority Hearing Room.

The meeting concluded at 6:49 p.m.

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