

## **Mental Health and Wellness Commission Meeting Minutes for April 23, 2013**

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The Mental Health and Wellness Commission met on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 5:30pm in the House Appropriations Room located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Capitol building in Lansing, MI.

Members in attendance included Lt. Governor Brian Calley (Chair), Director of the Department of Community Health Jim Haveman (Vice Chair), Senator Bruce Caswell (via phone), Senator Rebekah Warren, Representative Matt Lori and Representative Phil Cavanagh.

The meeting began with a brief overview of the mental health and wellness commission, its goals and objectives lead by the Chair. The Chair also gave his vision for what the Commission hoped to gain as a result of the public hearing: assistance in defining the scope of the Commission (in addition to what is currently outlined in Executive Order 2013-6) and help in identifying the gaps in the current mental health system. The Chair conveyed that this public hearing is the first of several that will happen over the course of the next few months with the Commission.

The meeting was opened to hear testimony from the public. Those that testified were:

Organization	Name
Mental Health Association	Mark Reinstein
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	Paula Anderson
Project Parenting Time	James Gallant
Salvation Army	Donald Czaplicki
Citizens for Prison Reform	Lois DeMott
National Alliance on Mental Illness	Pam DeVaney
Private Citizen	Jim Casha
MI Psychological Association	Judith Kovach
MI Psychiatric Society	Eric Achtyes
Private Citizen	Eric Crosley
MI Protection & Advocacy Service	Elmer Cerano
Hope Shelter	Mary Ann Ryan
Hope Hospitality and Warming Center	Elizabeth Kelly
MI Academy of Family Physicians	Fred VanAlstine

Following public testimony the Chair reiterated the fact that additional public hearings will take place in the future and more information will be shared when the details of the hearings are solidified.

The Commission meeting adjourned at 7:16pm.