

The House Committee on Opioids & Substance Abuse, Select

85th Legislature

April 17, 2018

10:00 a.m.

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Pursuant to a notice posted on April 4, 2018, revised on April 11, 2018, the House Committee on Opioids & Substance Abuse, Select met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Price, at 10:06 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Price; Alvarado; Coleman; Murr; Rose; Sheffield; VanDeaver; and White.

A quorum was present.

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(Representative Moody now present.)

(Representative Minjarez now present.)

(Representative Nevárez now present.)

The committee heard testimony from one witness on the issue of Child Protective Services and foster care system.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The committee heard further testimony on interim charge:

“Study the prevalence and impact of substance use and substance use disorders in Texas, including co-occurring mental illness. Study the prevalence and impact of opioids and synthetic drugs in Texas. Review the history of overdoses and deaths due to overdoses. Also review other health-related impacts due to substance abuse. Identify substances that are contributing to overdoses, related deaths and health impacts, and compare the data to other states. During the review, identify effective and efficient prevention and treatment responses by health care systems, including hospital districts and coordination across state and local governments. Recommend solutions to prevent overdoses and related health impacts and deaths in Texas.”

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The committee heard testimony on interim charge:

“Review the prevalence of substance abuse and substance use disorders in pregnant women, veterans, homeless individuals, and people with co-occurring mental illness. In the review, study the impact of opioids and identify available programs specifically targeted to these populations and the number of people served. Consider whether the programs have the capacity to meet the needs of Texans. In addition, research innovative programs from other states that have reduced substance abuse and substance use disorders, and determine if these programs would meet the needs of Texans. Recommend strategies to increase the capacity to provide effective services.”

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

At 12:30 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was recessed until 1:05 p.m., April 17, 2018.

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The committee reconvened at 1:19 p.m. and was called to order by the chair, Representative Price.

The quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Price; Moody; Murr; Rose; VanDeaver; and White.

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Minjarez now present.)

(Representative Sheffield now present.)

(Representative Alvarado now present.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

The committee heard testimony on interim charge:

“Review policies and guidelines used by state agencies to monitor for and prevent abuse of prescription drugs in state-funded or state-administered programs. Include in this review policies implemented by the Texas Medicaid Program, the Division of Workers’ Compensation of the Texas Department of Insurance, the Teacher Retirement System, and the Employee Retirement System. Make recommendations regarding best practices.”

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Moody in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Price in chair.)

Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

At 3:28 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

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Rep. Price, Chair

Sandra Talton, Clerk