

JOINT LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

March 12, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Room 643, Legislative Office Building

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I. Welcome & Opening Remarks Senator Joyce Krawiec

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Kody Kinsley, Secretary, **Comments from the Secretary**

Department of Health & Human

Mark Benton, Chief Deputy Secretary for Health (DHHS)

Services (DHHS)

III. **NC Vital Records Update**

II.

a) Vital Records Digitization Update

b) Update on the North Carolina **Database Application for Vital Events** (NC DAVE) System

c) Update on Backlog & Processing Times for Birth & Death Certificate **Amendments**

IV. Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) Update

Mark Benton, Chief Deputy Secretary for Health (DHHS)

- **Implementation Updates for Newly** a) **Enacted Requirements**
 - 1. Requirement for Toxicology Screening in All Child Death **Cases**
 - 2. Autopsy Requirement in **Suspected Death by Distribution** Cases
 - 3. Annual Autopsy Centers Report
 - 4. Strategic Plan for Improving the **Medical Examiner System**
- b) **OCME System Capacity**
 - 1. Anticipated Impact of Increased **Autopsy Fees & Funds Allocated in** the 2023 Appropriations Act to **Increase OCME Capacity**
 - 2. Staffing Issues
- V. Adjourn

Next Meeting: April 2, 2024