

**OHIO HOUSE**  
**Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Committee**  
**131<sup>st</sup> General Assembly**

Chair Sears called the meeting of the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee to order at 9:15 AM. A quorum was present. The minutes from the August meeting were approved without objection.

Vice-Chair Burke gave an opening statement regarding the integration of behavioral health services into Medicaid managed care.

The committee received a presentation from John McCarthy, Director of Ohio Department of Medicaid. Director McCarthy responded to questions from Chair Sears, Vice-Chair Burke, Ranking Member Cafaro, Senator Coley, Representative Antonio, and Representative Sprague.

The committee received statements from each of the members of a panel comprised of: Hugh Wirtz, Chief Executive Officer of the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health Providers; Cheri Walter, Chief Executive Office of the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities; Terry Russell, Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness – Ohio and Ohio Federation for Children’s Mental Illness; and Jonas Thom, Vice President of Behavioral Health – CareSource and Chair of the Behavioral Health Subcommittee – Ohio Association of Health Plans. The panel responded to questions from Vice-Chair Burke, Representative Antonio, and Representative Sprague.

Having no further business, Chair Sears adjourned the meeting at 11:17 AM.

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Barbara Sears, Chair

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Capri Cafaro, Secretary