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Final Report of the Select Committee on PEIA, Seniors and Long-Term Care

The Select Committee on PEIA, Seniors and Long-Term Care was appointed by the Joint Committee on Government and Finance following the 2019 Regular Session of the Legislature. The Committee was not assigned any specific topics or resolutions for study.

The Committee elected to continue its review of the Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA). Throughout the course of the interim period, Ted Cheatham, Director of the WV PEIA appeared before the Committee. Mr. Cheatham first appeared at the July 24, 2019 meeting, during which he discussed the fiscal status of PEIA, provided an overview of the change in salary tiers, and discussed the decrease in PEIA-covered lives and the impact of the decrease.

The second interim meeting was held on September 24, 2019. At that meeting, Robert E. Roswall, Commissioner for WV Bureau of Senior Services, addressed the committee discussing the Bureau's services and activities, the application process for acquiring a hot/cold vehicle, and proposed legislation for consideration. Terry Hess, Director of Finance, WV Bureau of Senior Services, also

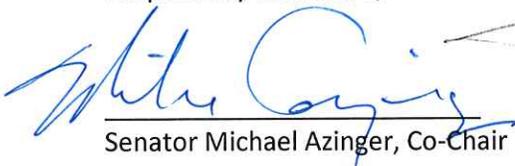
addressed the committee and discussed the criteria for applying for the food trucks, including the availability of funding.

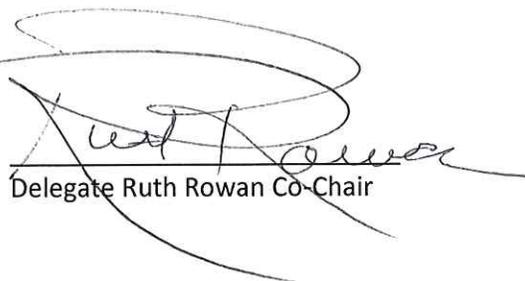
During the November 19, 2019 meeting, William Carpenter, Executive Director, Lincoln County Opportunity Company, Inc., addressed the committee discussing the overview of their operation and the current needs and issues of senior centers, including the positives and negatives of the hot/cold food vehicles.

Mr. Cheatham again appeared before the Committee during the December 17, 2019 meeting. At this meeting, Ted Cheatham, Director, WV PEIA, again provided an update of PEIA's financial status, including discussion of the Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2019, and expectations of future years. He further discussed the current status of CAMC's contract with The Health Plan, detailed PEIA's progress in implementing the prior authorization bill (HB 2351), including timeframes for implementation and provider outreach and training. He also discussed the impact of transition to UMR on insureds and providers, including a review of current prior authorization policy, a review of any changes to prior authorization policy after transition to UMR, required turnaround time for prior authorization of a service versus actual turnaround time, average timeframe for adjudication for clean claim – pre and post UMR, and the average timeframe for adjudication of a non-clean claim – pre and post UMR.

During the January 7, 2020 meeting of the Committee, Bonnie Dunn, Extension Specialist, Family and Consumer Sciences, West Virginia State University, addressed the Committee to provide an overview of the Healthy Grandfamilies program, its progress and detailing the use of the funds awarded to the program during the 2019 legislative session. Also, during this meeting, Committee Counsel presented the final report of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,


Senator Michael Azinger, Co-Chair


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