MEMORANDUM

TO: House Human Services Committee Members

FROM: Representative Gene DiGirolamo, Chairman
House Human Services Committee

DATE: February 2, 2017

RE: Human Services Committee Public Hearing and Voting meeting

Please join me on Monday, March 13, 2017 from 11:15 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in Room G-50 Iris Office Building, for a voting meeting (HB 45 Godshall) and a public hearing regarding the Department of Human Services’ proposed renewals of the Consolidated and Person/Family Directed Support waivers, which expire on June 30, 2017. Although some changes are a result of a federal final rule governing Home and Community-Based Services, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act, there are several changes in the proposed waiver renewals not mandated by the federal government that have caused both families and day programs/sheltered workshops concern. One issue of particular concern is the community participation requirement that individuals spend 75% of their time in the community rather than being segregated at day programs/workshops.

At 11:15 a.m., we will vote on HB 45 (Godshall) – Providing for the use of investigational drugs, biological products and devices by terminally ill patients (also known as the Right to Try legislation). Following the vote on HB 45, we will then have a public hearing regarding the proposed changes by DHS.

AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT COMES BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

Please email your attendance to phuss@pahousegop.com or call 783-7319. Leave forms must be submitted to both Chairman DiGirolamo and Chairman Cruz’s office. Proxy forms must be submitted before the meeting. Thank you!