

## Fiscal Highlights

### What Happened and May Happen in the Future From the 9/23 Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee Meeting - Russell T. Frandsen

The Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee met on September 23, 2014 in two sessions.

The morning session was held at the Refugee & Immigrant Center - Asian Association of Utah at 155 S 300 W in Salt Lake City, and the agenda included the following items:

1. Background Check Systems Possible Consolidation (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00004458.pdf>) - The subcommittee reviewed background check processes for 11 systems and indicated that it may want to look at future consolidation and/or tier systems of background checking.
2. Out-of-state and In-state Travel Costs (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00004440.pdf>) - The legislators reviewed all travel costs for the four Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee agencies from FY 2007 through FY 2013. The General/Education Fund spent per FTE went from \$1,144 in FY 2007 to \$835 in FY 2013. A member of the subcommittee expressed a desire to follow up on how agencies determine that their travel costs are reasonable, and if their future plans for spending on travel will be sustainable.
3. In-depth Budget Review Follow Up (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00004221.pdf>) - Members of the subcommittee might open bills to pursue the five staff-recommended statutory changes on specific funds.
4. Proposed Performance Measures for New State Funding (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00004200.pdf>) - The subcommittee suggested that the Department of Health change its performance measure for Medicaid telehealth services to include measures that indicate new and/or increased services provided. The subcommittee discussed the need in the long term to have measures to show what the state received from the replacement of the Medicaid Management Information System.
5. Tour of the Refugee and Immigrant Center and the Utah Developmental Disabilities Council.
6. Unused General/Education Fund in Recent Fiscal Years (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00004442.pdf>) - The subcommittee reviewed all annual unused General/Education funds from lapsing and nonlapsing balances for the four Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee agencies from FY 2007 through FY 2013. The unused total has ranged from a low of \$23.4 million in FY 2007 to a high of \$56.6 million in FY 2013.
7. Subcommittee Questions from the 2014 General Session (Department of Workforce Services).
8. Update Regarding Department of Workforce Services Audit Recommendations Including Customer Service (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00004429.pdf>) - The Department of Workforce Services reported on the status of implementation of each of 14 audit recommendations.
9. Report on Divisions and Programming Identified and Discussed During Legislative Session Including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) - The committee received a report (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00004265.pdf>) and heard a presentation (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00004423.pdf>) from the Department of Workforce Services that covered agenda items 9 through 13.
10. TANF Funding to Increase Services to Families in Need Statewide.
11. Possible Candidates for Meeting One or More of the Four TANF Purposes.
12. Items That Did Not End up Qualifying for TANF Funding.
13. Waive Federal TANF Requirements With Regard to Supported Employment Services

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14. Medicaid Eligibility and Associated Costs (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00004476.pdf>) - The costs to the state from the General Fund for determining Medicaid eligibility increased from \$9.8 million in FY 2007 to \$20.5 million in FY 2008. The Department of Workforce Services began doing all Medicaid eligibility determination functions in FY 2008. Prior to FY 2008 the Department of Health determined about 60% of the cases for Medicaid eligibility. The General Fund costs peaked in FY 2009 at \$23.8 million and decreased annually to a total of \$11.9 million in FY 2013. The Legislature did not provide any additional funding for the increase in costs.

The afternoon session was held in room H30 at the State Capitol Complex, and the subcommittee discussed the following items:

1. Public Input on Topics on Agenda - Nine individuals signed up to speak to the subcommittee.
2. Subcommittee Questions from the 2014 General Session - The Department of Human Services provided written information (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00004238.pdf>) regarding several questions asked by legislators during the 2014 General Session.
3. Local Mental Health Medicaid Match - Local mental health centers provided a report (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00004241.pdf>) and a committee presentation (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00004435.pdf>) regarding this topic. The Legislative Fiscal Analyst's Office also provided a document (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00004414.pdf>) summarizing the report and the three budget requests.
4. Review of Provider Rates in the Department of Human Services - The department provided an update of information regarding provider rates including: 1) current status of provider rate information, 2) efforts by the department to standardize the collection of provider information, 3) the department's overall objectives regarding provider information, and 4) an update regarding the department's "System of Care" initiative. The committee requested the department to provide additional detail on this topic during the second interim meeting.
5. Cost per Individual for Supported Employment (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00004418.pdf>) - The committee received updated information from the Division of Services for People with Disabilities on this topic.
6. Review the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) Procedures and Processes (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00004420.pdf>) - The committee received a presentation on DCFS procedures and processes from the division. Several individuals with personal experience in the system also presented to the committee.
7. Office of Inspector General Changes and Needs (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00004431.pdf>) - In FY 2014, the office collected \$11.6 million for the state through its direct efforts, compared to expenditures of \$2.2 million.
8. HB 81 (2013) Cytomegalovirus Public Health Initiative (Menlove) (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00004470.pdf>) - The Department of Health reported on how it has spent money on the initiative thus far.
9. Subcommittee Questions from the 2014 General Session (Department of Health) (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00004487.pdf>) - The Department of Health provided written answers to a number of questions posed previously by members of the subcommittee.
10. Summary of Subcommittee Recommendations vs. Final Action by Legislature (<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00004227.pdf>)
11. Process to Become a Federally-qualified Health Center - A presentation on federally-qualified health centers and how to become one available at <http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00004664.pdf>.

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12. Shifting the Accountable Care Organization Contract Increase From Calendar to Fiscal Year. The Department of Health plans to begin making changes to the accountable care organization contracts on a fiscal rather than calendar year basis.