

**MINUTES OF THE
WORKFORCE SERVICES AND COMMUNITY AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE**

September 12, 2001 – 2:00 p.m. – Room 223 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Beverly A. Evans, Senate Chair
Rep. Richard M. Siddoway, House Chair
Sen. Scott Jenkins
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen
Rep. Cindy Beshear
Rep. Carl Duckworth
Rep. David Litvack
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold
Rep. J. Morgan Philpot
Rep. Carl R. Saunders
Rep. Bradley A. Winn

Members Absent:

Sen. Paula Julander
President Al Mansell
Sen. Steve Poulton
Rep. Jeff Alexander
Rep. Brent Goodfellow
Speaker Martin R. Stephens
Rep. Peggy Wallace

Staff Present:

Ms. Jami Momberger, Research Analyst
Mr. James L. Wilson, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Jennifer Markham, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at <http://www.image.le.state.ut.us/imaging/history.asp> or contact the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. Committee Business

Chair Siddoway called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Beshear moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2001 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Julander, President Mansell, Sen. Poulton, Rep. Alexander, Rep. Litvack, Rep. Saunders, Speaker Stephens, and Rep. Wallace absent for the vote.

2. Report on the Office of Child Care Audit

Ms. Maria Stahla, Lead Auditor, Legislative Auditor General's Office, provided an overview of the OCC (Office of Child Care) audit and distributed copies of her slide presentation. A copy of the audit was included in the September agenda packet mailed to committee members.

3. Office of Child Care Audit - Recommendations from the Community

Ms. Elyce Mouskondis, Chair, Office of Child Care Advisory Committee, discussed the changes to the Advisory Committee. She summarized the improvements made to the grant process, program, and contract monitoring. She provided an overview of the Career Ladder program designed to provide training to child care providers.

Committee discussion followed.

Mr. Johnny Anderson, President, Utah Private Child Care Association, stated he was pleased with the recommendations of auditor's office, and the improvements made by OCC. He discussed concerns about the OCC's relationship with private child care providers. He expressed the desire for annual follow-up reports.

Ms. Chris Bray, Child Care Resource and Referral, provided an overview of the changes in the OCC and distributed copies of her presentation.

Committee discussion followed.

Ms. Karen Silver, Advocate, Salt Lake Community Program, discussed the need for expansion of Child Care Resource and Referral. Ms. Silver discussed the need for annual follow-ups to the audit of OCC.

4. Discussion of Recommendations

Mr. Richard Coleman, Audit Manager, Legislative Auditor General's Office, discussed possible changes to define the purpose of the OCC and distributed to committee members a copy of "Some Possible Legislative Actions Arising from Legislative Audit of OCC."

After committee discussion, Rep. Siddoway directed staff to work with these recommendations and coordinate with Department of Workforce Services to draft legislation.

Mr. David Winder, Executive Director, Department of Community and Economic Development, summarized the prior recommendations by the Governor's Business Commission on Child Care to increase the business community's awareness of importance of child care. He discussed the importance of OCC involvement in work/life issues.

5. Other Committee Business/Adjourn

Mr. James Wilson, Associate General Counsel, distributed the tourism amendment draft legislation that will be discussed at the October meeting.

6. Adjourn

Chair Siddoway adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.