

MINUTES OF THE
JOINT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATION SUBCOMMITTEE
Friday, February 6, 1998
Room 403, State Capitol Building

Members Present: Sen. Howard Stephenson, Committee Co-Chair
Rep. J. Brent Haymond, Committee Co-Chair
Sen. Howard C. Nielson
Rep. Jeff Alexander
Rep. Loretta Baca
Rep. Gene Davis
Rep. Lloyd Frandsen
Rep. Bryan D. Holladay
Rep. Richard M. Siddoway

Members Excused: Sen. Scott N. Howell
Rep. Robert H. M. Killpack

Staff Present: Spencer Pratt, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Thor Nilsen, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Bonnie Brinton, Secretary

List of Others Present on File.

Committee Co-Chair Stephenson called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m

A. Speaker: Robert Asztalos, Senior Congressional Affairs Representative, American health Care Association

Mr. Asztalos addressed the committee on the subject of trends in ICF/MR services in America.

Emma Griggs described her experiences and those of her daughter's with the ICF/MR services at the Linden Care and Training Center.

B. MOTION: Rep. Haymond moved to accept the minutes of February 4, 1998. The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Davis and Frandsen absent for the vote.

C. Vote on Budgets:

1. Human Services, Executive Director Operations

The Fiscal Analyst recommends a total appropriation of \$23,740,600 for FY 1999, which includes \$7,773,700 from the General fund.

MOTION: Rep. Haymond moved to adopt the Analyst's recommendation for the Executive Director Operations budget. The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Davis and Frandsen absent for the vote.

2. Human Services, Division of Substance Abuse

The Analyst recommends a total appropriation of \$22,815,000 including \$10,174,300 from the General Fund, and \$950,000 from the General Fund Restricted.

MOTION: Rep. Alexander moved to adopt the Analyst's recommendation for the Division of Substance Abuse budget. The motion passed unanimously with Reps. Davis and Frandsen absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Nielsen moved to reconsider the committee's actions on the Division of Services for People with Disabilities budget and put an additional \$1,000,000 on the A list to assist in eliminating a portion of the

waiting list. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Davis absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Haymond moved to request the issue of the number of beds at the State Hospital available to local mental health authorities and their allocation (Utah Code 62A-12-209.5 and 209.6) be added to the Master Study Resolution list for the 1998 interim. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Baca moved to reconsider the actions of the committee regarding the Utah Medical Assistance Program budget and add \$79,000 for medication to the A List. The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Alexander requested a list of items on the A list and the B list.

D. Human Services, Division of Mental Health

1. Fiscal Analyst

The Analyst recommends a total appropriation of \$59,155,900 for the Division of Mental Health for FY 1999, which includes \$47,272,000 from General Funds.

2. Meredith Alden, Division Director

Assisting Dr. Alden in the presentation was Robin Arnold-Williams, Executive Director, Department of Human Services. Dr. Alden reviewed services, reported on uses of report data, and presented background information on the Division of Mental Health and responded to questions from committee members. She encouraged support for the technical assistance needs of this division.

3. Mark Payne, Superintendent, Utah State Hospital

Mr. Payne explained the needs of the Utah State Hospital. He identified three issues of concern: Disproportionate Share Reduction, Computer System-Technology, and Medication and Medical Cost Increases.

4. Mary Cadez, Chair, State Board of Mental Health

Ms. Cadez presented an overview of the State Board of Mental Health program. She gave three recommendations: return \$30,600 to children's mental health which corresponds to the governor's recommended budget, increase the department's administrative budget, and to study the long-term care issues.

5. Report on Pre-school autism program in Utah

Terry Taylor, Mardi Tobler and Lisa Bean reported on the outcome of the allocation made in last year's legislature to the Utah County Autism Pre-school program. This was a very positive report. Brett, Micol and Christian Karras spoke in support of establishing a Autism Pre-school program in Davis County and of continuing support for early intervention.

Sen Stephenson and Rep. Haymond expressed appreciation to the parents who have had their needs met and are continuing to advocate for others with needs.

6. Others

Marilyn Mitchell, Vice Chair, Legislative Coalition of People with Disabilities, spoke in favor of funding \$50,000 for a part-time consumer affairs specialist program and funding respite care.

Pat Baker, Legislative Coalition of People with Disabilities, spoke in favor of funding \$1,000,000 for children's mental health building blocks and also \$500,000 for respite care.

Julie Davis, Legislative Coalition of People with Disabilities, spoke in support of the \$500,000 respite request.

E. Budget Hearing: Department of Human Services Internal Service Funds

1. Fiscal Analyst

The Fiscal Analyst is recommending an FY 1999 appropriation of \$4,778,700 from collection of dedicated credits/intergovernmental revenues. This is expected to generate a net profit from operations of \$246,000. The sum of \$45,000 for Authorized Capital will be changed to a zero balance because this money is not needed for FY 1999.

MOTION: Rep. Haymond moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes reported by Bonnie Brinton, Secretary.

Sen. Howard Stephenson
Committee Co-Chair

Rep. J. Brent Haymond
Committee Co-Chair