

MINUTES OF THE  
JOINT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATION SUBCOMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 1, 1999, 2:00 P.M.  
State Office Building Auditorium

Members Present:

Rep. Bill Wright, Committee Co-Chair  
Sen. Edgar Allen  
Sen. Steve Poulton  
Rep. Loretta Baca  
Rep. Trisha Beck  
Rep. J.W. "Bill" Hickman  
Rep. David L. Hogue  
Rep. Bryan D. Holladay  
Rep. Matt Throckmorton

Members Excused:

Sen. Robert Muhlestein, Committee Co-Chair

Staff Present:

Spencer Pratt, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Thor Nilsen, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Bonnie Brinton, Secretary

Others Present:

Robin Arnold Williams, Executive Director, Human Services  
Sue Geary, Director, Division of Services for People with Disabilities  
Dean Robinson, Mental Retardation Association of Utah  
Dan Day, Mental Retardation Association of Utah  
Naomi Udall, Mental Retardation Association of Utah  
Sue Behle, Utah Association of Community Services  
Phil Shumway, Utah Association of Community Services  
Kathy, a Community Service recipient  
Sylvia L. Basic, parent  
Virginia, a Community Service recipient  
Pete Shingledecker, Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities  
Oveda Meyer, parent  
Kristin Barr, parent  
Porter, Linda and Mark Stanton, citizens  
Bev Adcock, ARC of Utah  
Frazer Nelson, citizen  
Robert Denton, attorney  
John Harbart, citizen  
Barbara Wilson, citizen

List of Others Present on File.

Committee Co-Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

**A.. Overview of Budget Recommendations for Department of Human Services**

Thor Nilsen, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, presented the Analyst's FY 2000 funding recommendations for the Department of Human Services which represents an analysis of the Department's most pressing needs, while recognizing the limited availability of funds. For FY 2000, the Analyst recommends a total appropriation of \$396.2 million, with \$188 million from the State General Fund. The FY 2000 budget figures do not include the reserve for compensation set aside by the Executive Appropriations Committee.

The Analyst presented highlights of the Department's recommendations.

There will be the annual FACT meeting held Friday, February 5, at 3:30 p.m. in Room 403. This meeting will replace the regular Health and Human Services Subcommittee meeting.

**B. Approval of Minutes of January 29, 1999**

**MOTION:** Rep. Hogue moved to approve the minutes of January 29, 1999. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Poulton absent for the vote.

**C. Budget Hearing: Division of Services for People with Disabilities**

**1. Fiscal Analyst**

The Analyst recommends a base budget appropriation for DSPD for FY 2000 in the amount of \$114.4 million, which includes \$36 million from the State General Fund. The majority of the balance is from Medicaid transfers and other federal funds. The recommendation includes \$1,645,200 in additional SSBG (Social Services Block Grant) funds. This involves a transfer from the TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) block grant to the SSBG.

**2. Division of Services for People with Disabilities**

Robin Arnold Williams, Executive Director, Human Services, and Sue Geary, Director, Division of Services for People with Disabilities, stated that the Analyst had given a thorough and accurate recommendation. This Division agrees with the recommendation with the exception of the funding of the Waiting List. The Governor's recommendation is \$1 million above the Analyst's recommendation. This additional funding would allow 150 additional people on the Waiting List to be funded.

**3. Others:**

**Dean Robinson**, Mental Retardation Association of Utah, spoke in support for increased funding to reduce the waiting list. He also spoke to seek support for closing the Lisa P. settlement and examining the Disability Law Center policies regarding evaluation of residents in the Developmental Center.

**Dan Day**, Mental Retardation Association of Utah, spoke in support of closing the Lisa P. settlement.

**Naomi Udall**, Mental Retardation Association of Utah, spoke in support of closing the Lisa P. settlement.

**Sue Behle and Phil Shumway**, Utah Association of Community Services, presented information regarding a three year initiative to fund the DSPD waiting list and requested a recommendation from this committee for a 3% COLA for community-based UACS providers.

**Kathy**, a Community Service recipient, spoke of her success relating to the services received.

**Sylvia L. Busic**, parent, spoke in support of funding for DSPD programs.

**Virginia**, a Community Service recipient, spoke through a "touch talker" of her success relating to the services received.

**Pete Shingledecker**, Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities, spoke in support of funding for the

Waiting List and the provider COLA.

**Oveda Meyer**, parent, spoke in support of funding for the Waiting List.

**Kristin Barr**, parent, spoke in support of funding for the Waiting List.

**Porter, Linda and Mark Stanton**, citizens, spoke in support of funding for the Waiting List.

**Bev Adcock**, ARC of Utah, spoke in support of funding for the Waiting List.

**Frazer Nelson**, citizen, spoke regarding the Lisa P. lawsuit and the Disability Law Center.

**Robert Denton**, attorney, provided history of the Developmental Center and clarified the position of the Disability Law Center that it is not its intention to close the Developmental Center.

Sen. Poulton stated that the concern of the committee is to serve the needs of the parents and the children. To do this, legislators must come to understand the needs and respond to those needs.

**John Harbart**, citizen, spoke regarding projected income that was not realized, resulting in the DSPD being out of money. He asked the committee to address this issue with Supplemental funding for Family Support.

**Barbara Wilson**, citizen, spoke in support of employment benefits funding.

**MOTION:** Sen. Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with Reps. Baca, Hickman and Throckmorton absent at the time of voting.

Committee Co-Chair Wright adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Minutes were reported by Bonnie Brinton, Secretary.

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Sen. Robert Muhlestein, Co-Chair

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Rep. Bill Wright, Co-Chair