

**MINUTES OF THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
ROOM 225 STATE CAPITOL BUILDING  
January 29, 2003**

**Members Present:** Sen. Carlene Walker, Co-Chairman  
Rep. Sheryl Allen, Co-Chairman  
Sen. Curtis Bramble  
Sen. Gene Davis  
Rep. Jackie Biskupski  
Rep. Steven R. Mascaro  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss

**Members Absent:** Sen. Al Mansell  
Rep. Greg J. Curtis

**Staff Present:** Dr. Andrea Wilko, Fiscal Analyst  
Cherri White, Committee Secretary

**Visitors List:** Visitors List available at House of Representatives

Representative Allen called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. and requested that Dr. Wilko proceed with the presentation of the Analyst's recommendations for the Division of Community Development covering the departments of Community Services, Homeless Committee, Emergency Food Network, Pioneer Communities, Community Services Block Grant, and Ethnic Offices. The Analyst's recommendation for this portion of the division is \$40,767,300, of which \$3,876,200 is from general fund monies. Dr. Wilko indicated that state law requires a public hearing for the Utah Housing Corporation, and that this meeting would serve as that public hearing.

Kerry Bate and Kimberly Schmeling, Division of Community and Economic Development presented the Division's response to the Analyst recommendation. (handouts on file.) Directors for the Ethnic Offices and committees were introduced.

Leticia Medina, Acting Director, Community Services, presented the response for Community Services. Ms. Medina indicated that this department is charged with anti-poverty issues. Included among the programs offered to citizens is Heat program, Emergency Food Network Fund, Homeless Trust Fund, and CSBG funds. A short video segment was viewed by the committee regarding the Homeless Trust Fund checkoff.

Gina L. Cornia, Utahns Against Hunger, addressed the committee regarding the report, Annual Trends in Utah's Emergency Food Network 2001-2002. (Report on file)

Representative Mascaro requested clarification of the definition of hunger.

Matthew Minkevitch, Executive Director, The Road Home, homeless shelter, addressed the committee regarding the services provided by The Road Home, and the number of persons and families served through this program.

Representative Biskupski asked for clarification regarding the number of perpetual users of services. Representative Moss asked questions regarding shelters and work opportunities. Senator Davis requested information regarding the numbers of mental illness sufferers in homeless shelters.

William (Bill) Afeaki, Director, Office of Pacific Island Affairs, addressed the committee. David Luna, Director, Hispanic Advisory Council, addressed the committee.

Myla J. Dutton, Executive Director, Community Action Services, Provo Office addressed the committee regarding Community Services Block Grants. (see handout on file)

Heather Burton, Road Home recipient, addressed the committee regarding the programs available and the positive effects of her participation in this program.

**MOTION:** Senator Davis moved to authorize an increase in fleet by one specialized van for Department of Museum Services. The motion passed unanimously with Senator Bramble absent for the vote.

Bill Quinn, Executive Director, Utah Issues, addressed the committee.

Dave Harmer, Chair, Utah Housing, Utah Housing Corporation, and Bill Erickson, Commissioner, addressed the committee regarding housing issues in Utah.

**MOTION:** Representative Moss moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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Sen. Carlene Walker , Co-Chair

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Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, Co-Chair