

**MINUTES OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 30 West House Building, State Capitol Complex

February 8, 2016

Members Present: Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Co-Chair
Rep. Paul Ray, Co-Chair
Rep. Edward H. Redd, House Vice Chair
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa
Sen. Alvin B. Jackson
Sen. Todd Weiler
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Melvin R. Brown
Rep. Bradley M. Daw
Rep. Earl D. Tanner
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Robert Spendlove
Rep. Raymond Ward

Members Absent: Sen. Mark B. Madsen

Staff Present: Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Stephen C. Jardine, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Chandler Young, Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.leg.utah.gov.

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Ray called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m.

3. Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Mr. Mike Harman, Liaison Salt Lake School District, spoke in support of Rep. Gibson's bill.

Ms. Laura Michalski, 4th Street Clinic CEO, spoke in support of Rep. Gibson's Bill.

Ms. Erin Trenbeath-Murray, Salt Lake CAP, explained Salt Lake CAP's diversion program.

Mr. Richard Morgan encouraged Medicaid expansion to refugees and more people in Utah.

Mr. Adam Cohen with UAATP spoke for [H.B. 259](#).

Mr. Mike Weinholtz, CHG Healthcare, spoke for [S.B. 77](#).

Ms. Stella Day, Alliance for a Better Utah, spoke from personal experience with insurance coverage problems.

Mr. Bill Tibbitts, Coalition of Religious Communities Director, spoke for Rep. Gibson's bill and Medicaid expansion.

Ms. Aimee McLean, Utah Nurses Association President, explained that nurses are behind in Medicaid expansion.

Ms. Carolyn Tuft, told personal story and spoke for Medicaid expansion. Rep. Chavez-Houck, Rep. Tanner, and Sen. Shiozawa expressed support for Ms. Tuft personal testimony.

Mr. Frandsen explained documents passed out, a [Building Blocks Prioritized List](#) (cherry) and [Buildings Block – Items to Remove](#) (yellow) sheets.

4. Permanent Supportive Housing Follow up on \$1 Million one-time Appropriation

Mr. Scott Howell and Mr. Josh Romney from Pioneer Park Coalition reported back on the \$1 million dollars spent in 2015.

Rep. Brown, Rep. Chavez-Houck, and Mr. Howell discussed items that are equally important when solving homelessness, how we can create the need of reformation, and how we can provide greater accountability.

5. Request for Appropriation (Escamilla) - Glendale/Rose Park Crisis Nursery Project

Sen. Escamilla, Ms. Barbara Stalone, and Danial Bushman from Family Support Center explained item #59 from the [cherry sheet](#) and the “Glendale and Rosepark Family Support Center” document. <http://le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00001186.pdf>

Rep. Redd asked for explanation on uses of the funding.

6. Request for Appropriation (Ray) - Utah Foster Care Foundation

Gov. Leavitt and Ms. Kelly Peterson, Utah Foster Care Foundation, explained item #52 from the [cherry sheet](#) and the need for an increase in child protective services in Utah.

Ms. Ann Silverberg Williamson, Director of Human Services, explained Human Services’ view on the Utah Foster Care Foundation.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked about specifics for what the funds will go to. Sen. Weiler asked about the donations that come into the foundation, Both questions were answered.

12. Request for Appropriation (Dunnigan) - Medicaid Dental – Pediatric Dentist Provider

Rep. Dunnigan and Mr. Chris Bleak, Utah Academy of Pediatric Dentists, explained line item #32 from the [cherry sheet](#).

7. Request for Appropriation (Redd) - Forensic Competency Restoration Unit

Rep. Redd explained line item #33 from the [cherry sheet](#) and “Forensic Jail Based Restoration” document. <http://le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00001222.pdf>

8. Request for Appropriation (Redd) - Marriage Commission Pre-marital Education Program

Rep. Redd, Mr. Alan Hawkins, and Ms. Jackie Leavitt, Utah Marriage Commission, explained the mission of the Utah Marriage Commission, item #68 from the cherry sheet, and also from the “the mission of “ and “Marriage Commission Highlights” document.

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00001192.pdf>

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked about the program being in Spanish. Mr. Hawkins replied that it is being offered in Spanish to some extent.

9. H.B. 259, Substance Abuse Treatment Fraud - Fiscal Note (Rep. Hutchings)

Rep. Hutchings, Ms. Diane Moore, Human Services Office of Licensing, and Mr. Brent Kelsey, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, explained items #46 and #47 from the [cherry sheet](#) and also from the “Fraud Prevention” and “Database Enhancement” documents.

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00001196.pdf>

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00001198.pdf>

11. Request for Appropriation (Christensen) – Medicaid Nursing Home Rates

Sen. Christensen and Mr. Dirk Anjewierden, Utah Health Care Executive Director explained “Medicaid Nursing Home Rates” document. <http://le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00001143.pdf>

13. Request for Appropriation (Shiozawa) – Utah Academy of Family Physicians Residency Training

Sen. Shiozawa, Mr. Mark Brinton, and Ms. Jennifer Dailey, Utah Academy of Family Physicians Executive Director explained line item 36 from the [cherry sheet](#), “Fam Med Residency Funding” and “Family Medicine Residency Expansion” documents.

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00001287.pdf>

16. Special Administrative Expense Account Issue Brief

Mr. Jardine explained the “Special Administrative Expense Account” document.

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00000239.pdf>

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved that we approve #6D from the [motions sheet](#) for \$5 million authorized use from the Special Administrative Expense Account. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Henderson, Sen. Fillmore, Rep. Chavez-Houck, and Rep. Brown absent for the vote.

17. Pamela Atkinson Homeless Account

Mr. Harrison, DWS Director of Finance explained motions #6B and 6C from the [motions sheet](#).

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved that we approve #6B and 6C from the [motions sheet](#). The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Henderson, Sen. Fillmore, and Rep. Brown absent for the vote.

18. Request for Appropriation (Chavez-Houck) - Women in the Economy Commission

Rep. Chavez-Houck and Rep. Edwards explained item #57 from the [cherry sheet](#) and from a Women in the Economy Commission” document.

Rep. Ray asked whether this organization is currently staffed, it was answered that they are currently staffed under the basebudget and Mr. Jardine explained the budgets in the document.

19. Request for Appropriation (Gibson) - Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund & 20. Salt Lake County Homeless Committee Request for Funding

Rep. Gibson, Mayor McAdams, and Mayor Biskupski explained line item #57 from the [cherry sheet](#) and “the home initiative (green)” documents.

23. Other Business

Rep. Tanner asked a question regarding a motion made from a previous day. Mr. Jardine answered.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Co-Chair Ray adjourned the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Co-Chair

Rep. Paul Ray, Co-Chair