

**MINUTES OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tuesday, January 24, 2017 • 7:59 am • 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair
Rep. Christine F. Watkins
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Edward H. Redd
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Daniel Hemmert

Rep. Sandra Hollins

Members Absent:

President Wayne L. Niederhauser
Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell

Staff Present:

Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Hector R. Zumaeta Santiago, Staff
Economist
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Tonya Hadley, Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at le.utah.gov.

1. Call to Order

Chair Ray assumed the chair and called the meeting to order at 8:18 am. Members of the committee introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes - October 2016 meeting

3. General Session Overview

3-Calendar 2017 - Social Services Subcommittee

4. Social Services 101

Mr. Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, explained the Department of Health (DOH) report for new members.

Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst, presented the Department of Human Services (DHS) report for new members.

Mr. Hector Zumaeta Santiago, Staff Economist, discussed the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) report for new members.

5. Overview of the Base Budget as Compared to Prior Years

5-Overview of the Social Services Base Budget as Compared to Prior Years 1-24-2017

Mr. Frandsen discussed the base budget.

6. Base Budget Introduction and Tools for Looking at Base Budget

6-Budget Tools for Social Services - 2017 GS

Mr. Frandsen explained the tools to better understand the budget. Request for appropriations forms are due Thursday February 2nd at noon.

6a-Linked SS Base Budget Bill (SB0007)

6b-Instructions for Online Legislator Requests for Appropriation

6c-2016 Federal Receipts Reporting - Social Services 2017

7. Consensus Funding Reduction Items - 2017 (green sheet)

6d-Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) - Human Services

7-Consensus Funding Reduction Items (green) 1-19-17

Mr. Frandsen discussed the consensus funding reduction options list.

Mr. Frandsen and Ms. Lence explained specific items on the list.

8. Budget Reduction Options (gray sheet) - #34 & 35

8-Budget Reduction Options (gray) 1-19-17

Mr. Frandsen introduced the second list of budget reduction options, which was not consensus-based. Rep. Redd asked if one of the items was from the Medicaid rainy day fund. Mr. Frandsen and Chair Ray answered his question.

9. Motions for Subcommittee Consideration (blue sheet) - #1A & 1B and Section 5

9-Motions for Subcommittee Consideration (blue) 1-24-2017

Mr. Frandsen explained the motion sheet packet. Chair Ray explained how to make a motion this session and asked that committee members meet with staff to ensure each motion is worded properly.

10. Review Recently Funded Ongoing Items

Dr. Joseph Miner, Executive Director, DOH discussed newly funded items from the 2016 General Session. Dr. Eric Christensen, Medical Examiner, DOH spoke about hiring challenges. Chair Ray asked about accreditation, regionalizing death investigations, and assessing fees to counties. Dr. Miner and Dr. Christensen responded to questions.

10a-Building Block Performance Measures - 2016 GS - October 2016 Report - Health
10a-Health SSA Presentation - Jan 24, 2017 - Final

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes of October 20, 2016. The motion passed with a vote of 13-0-3.
Voting in the affirmative were:
Ray P, Christensen A, Ward R, Albrecht C, Chavez-Houck R, Edwards R, Hollins S, Kennedy M, Watkins C, Escamilla L, Hemmert D, Weiler T
Absent or not voting were:
Redd E, Niederhauser W, Shiozawa B, Van Tassell K

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to take all the consensus funding reduction items from the sheet entitled "Consensus Funding Reduction Items" dated 3:30pm 1/19/2017 and put the money on a list for future internal reallocation. The motion passed with a vote of 12-0-4.
Voting in the affirmative were:
Ray P, Christensen A, Ward R, Albrecht C, Chavez-Houck R, Edwards R, Hollins S, Kennedy M, Watkins C, Escamilla L, Hemmert D, Weiler T
Absent or not voting were:
Redd E, Niederhauser W, Shiozawa B, Van Tassell K

Sen. Weiler asked about the 110-day delay in investigating deaths. Rep. Kennedy asked how many and what type of cases they investigate per year. Dr. Christensen and Dr. Miner responded to questions.

Dr. Miner discussed DOH's opioid prevention plan. Rep. Ward asked how many deaths were heroin overdose deaths. Rep. Albrecht asked about distribution of kits in central Utah. Rep. Redd asked for data to be collected on Naloxone usage. Dr. Miner responded to questions. Chair Ray spoke to the issue.

Dr. Miner and Chair Ray discussed the BabyWatch program.

Mr. Nathan Checketts, Deputy Director, DOH discussed Medicaid dental needs.

Rep. Watkins asked to go back and discuss BabyWatch further. She asked about BabyWatch referral changes. Dr. Miner and Dr. Marc E. Babitz, Medical Director, DOH, and Mr. Frandsen responded to questions.

Rep. Redd asked about Medicaid dental services funding. Mr. Checketts responded to questions.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked about sexually transmitted infections (STI) increases and the possibility of a federal funding match. Dr. Miner responded to questions.

Ms. Ann Silverberg Williamson, Executive Director, DHS discussed newly funded items from the 2016 General Session.

10b-DHS - Building Block Performance Measures - Oct 2016 Report

Ms. Williamson discussed the Forensic Jail Outreach Program and the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI). Chair Ray asked about a pending lawsuit. Ms. Williamson responded to questions.

Rep. Kennedy asked about the cost to get everyone off the disability services waiting list. Mr. Mark Brasher, Deputy Director, DHS responded that the average cost of someone receiving disability services is \$40,000 and over 2,500 individuals are on the waiting list. He also noted that there is an unknown number of individuals who could qualify for services but are not on the waiting list. Rep. Kennedy asked what kinds of disabilities the people on the waiting list have and Ms. Williamson responded.

Rep. Kennedy and Sen. Christensen spoke to the issue of finding sustainable funding for the Utah State Developmental Center.

Rep. Redd asked for clarification about the waiting list. Ms. Angella Pinna, Director, Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) responded that everyone on the waiting list has a number, even those only waiting for respite services.

Sen. Escamilla asked for an update on community-based services as compared to those provided in an institutional setting. Ms. Williamson responded.

Sen. Christensen asked the department executive directors to prepare suggestions for how they would restructure programs if future federal funding did not include the same restrictions as it currently does. Chair Ray also spoke to the issue.

10c-DWS Building Block Performance Measures - 1-24-17

Mr. Nathan Harrison, Director of Finance, DWS and Mr. Greg Paras, Deputy Director, Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR) discussed newly funded items from the 2016 General Session.

10d-USOR Building Block Performance Measures - 1-24-2017

Mr. Harrison spoke about the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant. Sen. Christensen asked about county shelters not receiving funding. Ms. Sisifo Taatiti, Program Director, DWS responded to questions.

11. 10:25 a.m. Baby Watch/Early Intervention Program Budget

11-BWEIP deck 1-23-17

Sen. Escamilla and Ms. Kelsey Lewis, Executive Director, Kids Who Count Early Intervention Program and Legislative Chair, Utah Early Intervention Providers Consortium, presented about the BabyWatch program.

MOTION: Rep. Chavez-Houck moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12-0-4.
Voting in the affirmative were:
Ray P, Christensen A, Ward R, Albrecht C, Chavez-Houck R, Edwards R, Hollins S, Redd E, Watkins C, Escamilla L, Hemmert D, Weiler T
Absent or not voting were:
Kennedy M, Niederhauser W, Shiozawa B, Van Tassell K

Chair Ray adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Sen. Allen Christensen, Chair

Rep. Paul Ray, Chair