

**MINUTES OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Wednesday, February 8, 2017 • 8:00 am • 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Sandra Hollins

Rep. Michael S. Kennedy
Rep. Edward H. Redd
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

President Wayne L. Niederhauser

Staff Present:

Mr. Hector R. Zumaeta Santiago, Staff Economist
Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Tonya Hadley, Committee 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 called the meeting to order at 8:07 AM.

2. Approval of Minutes

None

3. Unfinished Items from the Previous Agenda

4. Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Vicky Wilkins, Amanda Longwell, Stewart Reeve, Amber Merkley, and Liz Farr spoke in support of the Early Intervention and Baby Watch funding.

Dr. Kurt Rifleman, family physician, Midtown Community Health Center, spoke in support of Workforce Financial Assistance.

Annie Hamilton, Utah Infertility Resource Center, student and parent, Teri McCabe, volunteer, Erin Gemison, advocate for women, YWCA, Brooke Walrath, Director of Education, Utah Infertility Resource Center. Each spoke on behalf of the one-time appropriation request for an infertility study.

6. Request for Appropriation (Escamilla) - Infertility Study - #BM on the yellow sheet

Sen. Escamilla explained the request for appropriation.

Camille Hawkins, Social Worker, Executive Director, Utah Infertility Resource Center, shared statistics and information about the request for funding for an infertility study.

Sen. Shiozawa asked a question about addressing the therapies of infertility and Sen Escamilla responded.

3a. Redd - DSPD Motor Transportation Payment - AP on purple sheet

Rep. Redd and Charlie Luke, Executive Director, Utah Association of Community Services, presented a request for ongoing funding to provide transportation costs for people with disabilities.

5j-RFA - Redd - DSPD Motor Transportation Payment (in February 7th materials)

3b. Ray - DSPD Direct Care Staff Salary Increase Phase III - U on purple sheet

Mr. Luke explained the requested funding of \$5 million for Direct Care Staff for increased hourly pay to both increase and maintain staff.

5n-RFA - Ray - DSPD Direct Care Staff Salary Increase Phase III (in February 7th materials)

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the following motions for the Department of Health from the sheet entitled "Social Services Subcommittee - Motions for Subcommittee Consideration" dated 1/20/2017 10:10 AM: #2W. The motion passed with a vote of 14-0-2.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Christensen A, Ray P, Ward R, Escamilla L, Hemmert D, Shiozawa B, Van Tassell K, Weiler T, Albrecht C, Chavez-Houck R, Edwards R, Kennedy M, Redd E, Watkins C

Absent or not voting were:

Niederhauser W, Hollins S

5. Request for Appropriation (Thurston) - Utah Statewide Immunization Information

Rep Thurston explained the Utah Statewide Immunization Information System (USIIS), request.

Rep Redd informed the Committee that the system is used daily and saves duplication of services

information.

Sen. Shiozawa stated that he doesn't use the system but supports it.

Rep. Ward spoke about other databases and wondered if this works with them. Rep. Thurston responded and explained how they work.

8. Request for Appropriation (Ray) - Utah Anti-Bullying Coalition - #AQ on the purple

Bob Linnell, Development Director Utah Anti-Bullying Coalition, and Pam Hayes, Program Director, and the Jazz Bear presented information for a request for programs to prevent bullying at schools and gave specifics of the program.

3c. DHS - Replace Tobacco Funds for Drug Court Treatment - L on purple sheet

Mr. Doug Thomas, Division Director, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH), and Mr. Brent Kelsey, Finance Director, DSAMH, explained the drug court request.

Rep. Ward asked if the services would have been covered if the Medicaid waiver related to H.B. 437 (2016 General Session) had been approved and Mr. Kelsey responded.

Sen. Van Tassell gave his support for drug courts and asked for clarification on the number of drug courts that may be lost if funding is not provided. Mr. Kelsey answered his question.

5k-DHS - Replace Tobacco Funds for Drug Court Treatment (in February 7th materials)

3d. DHS - Compensation Funding Mix Exception - N on purple sheet and AU on yellow sheet

3e. DHS and Department of Health - Compensation Increase for Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) Nurses - P on purple sheet and AV on yellow sheet

Mark Brasher, Deputy Director, Department of Human Services (DHS), explained the 3d and 3e requests.

Rep. Ward requested clarification on the use of funding and Mr. Brasher clarified.

Sen. Christensen requested information on what would happen if funding is not approved. Mr. Brasher explained and continued with his request.

3f. Weiler - Foster Families of Utah - AC on purple sheet

Sen. Weiler explained a request for appropriation for foster parents.

Laurie Ann Thorpe, Board Chair and foster parent, Foster Parents of Utah, spoke on behalf of the request.

Sen. Christensen requested information on the daily reimbursement rates paid to foster parents. Ms. Thorpe and Sen. Weiler responded.

10. Request for Appropriation (Kennedy) - Anesthesia Complications Database - #BK

Rep. Kennedy discussed the program and one-time request for an appropriation to analyze outpatient settings.

Ms. Iona Thraen, Patient Safety Director, UDOH continued to explain the request.

3g. Christofferson - HB 131, "Child Placement Revisions" - AA on purple sheet and BP on yellow sheet

Rep. Kay Christofferson explained the request to fund the estimated fiscal impact of H.B. 131, "Child Placement Revisions."

14. Request for Appropriation (Romero) - Sexual Violence Prevention and Medical Care

Rep. Romero introduced Ms. Alana Kindness, Policy and Prevention Technical Assistant Provider, Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault, who presented a request for prevention programs addressing sexual assault.

Rep. Ray asked for clarification on the funding requests and Ms. Kindness responded.

9. Request for Appropriation (Redd) - Alzheimer's Community Outreach Campaign - #BJ on the yellow sheet

Rep. Redd introduced the request for the program and was assisted by Mr. Ronnie Daniel, Executive Director, Alzheimers Association, who presented statistics explaining the request.

3h. Eliason - Disability Waiting List - AN on purple sheet

Rep. Steve Eliason made a request for funding to shorten the wait time for people to receive

services from the Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD), and shared the story of his daughter Marley.

Ms. Angella Pinna, Division Director, DSPD, discussed the program and shared statistics about the waiting list.

Rep. Edwards asked how many individuals are on the waiting list and Ms. Pinna responded.

Rep. Kennedy asked how many would be served with the requested amount and Ms. Pinna responded, with Rep. Eliason's assistance.

Rep. Watkins asked how Rep. Eliason knew his family was close to getting Marley on the waiting list. There was further discussion.

17. Request for Appropriation (Pitcher) - New Smiles for Veterans - #BD on the yellow

Rep. Dixon Pitcher spoke to the Request For Appropriation and introduced Dennis Matthews, CEO, New Smiles for Veterans, who explained the request along with Rep. Pitcher.

Rep. Albrecht expressed his appreciation for the program.

Sen. Escamilla asked about current services for veterans through the federal Department of Veterans Affairs and Rep. Pitcher and Mr. Matthews responded.

12. Request for Appropriation (Vickers) - University of Utah Department of Family Medicine - #BO on the yellow sheet

Sen. Evan Vickers presented information on the request for \$10,000 one-time to facilitate applying for a grant to study the efficiency of primary health care.

Jennifer Dailey-Provost, Executive Director, Utah Academy of Family Physicians, discussed the request.

Rep. Redd asked for clarification about the request. Ms. Dailey explained.

21. Request for Appropriation (Ray) - Parkinson's Disease Registry - #BI on the yellow

Dr. Stefan Pulst, Chairman, Department of Neurology, University of Utah, explained the request.

3i. Edwards - Crisis Intervention Team Training - AM on purple sheet

Rep. Edwards discussed the request for Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training along with details of the program and what the funding would cover.

Ms. Missy Larsen, Chief of Staff, Utah Attorney General's Office, further explained the program details and current efforts.

Ms. Sherri Wittwer, Board Member, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and CIT Board, spoke in favor of the request and program.

5u-RFA - Edwards - Crisis Intervention Team Training (in February 7th materials)

18. Request for Appropriation (Redd) - Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program - #BE on the yellow sheet

Rep. Redd explained the one-time request.

Sen. Shiozawa asked for clarification of who would receive the funding. There was explanation from Rep. Redd.

Dr. Marc Babitz, Family Physician, Deputy Director, Department of Health (DOH), spoke to the issue.

Sen. Van Tassell asked where people have been placed in the State. Rep. Redd and Dr. Babitz gave the information.

11. Request for Appropriation (Christensen) - Primary Care Grants - #AF on the purple

Sen. Christensen discussed the requested appropriation with Dr. Babitz providing additional information.

Sen. Shiozawa spoke to the issue and supported the request.

13. Request for Appropriation (Ray) - Local Health Department Funding for Statewide Performance Measures - #AB on the purple sheet

Mr. Gary Edwards, Executive Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, discussed the request.

15. More Monthly Visits to Developmentally Delayed Infants - #E on the purple sheet

Dr. Joseph Miner, Executive Director, DOH, discussed the Baby Watch program and made the request for appropriation.

Mr. Shaun Mower, Chair, Early Intervention Providers, discussed the request and program.

Ms. Janet Wade, Senior Director, Baby Watch, discussed the services for children under three years of age, with comments from Dr. Miner.

Rep. Ward asked a question about the 20 percent increase for the program and Dr. Miner addressed the question.

16. Drug Overdose Prevention Initiatives - #H on the purple sheet

Dr. Miner explained the request for continuation of an appropriation.

Ms. Anna Fondario, EPI Manager, DOH, discussed the issue of opioid addiction and deaths and shared several statistics relating to the request.

7. Replace Tobacco Funds for Drug Abuse Prevention - #J on the purple sheet

Dr. Miner discussed the request for funding, which is due to the decrease in tobacco settlement funds. He made a request to replace the funding and described what it would be used for.

Chair Ray commented on the request.

24. FY 2017 and FY 2018 Budget Discussions, Prioritizing, and Voting

Mr. Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, presented information on motions: #1E, 2A, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 2O, 2P, 2Q, 2R, 2S, 2T, 2U, 2V, Section 3, and 1R.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the following motions from the sheet entitled, "Social Services Subcommittee - Motions for Subcommittee Consideration" dated 1/20/2017 10:10 AM: #1R, 1E, 2A, and all of Section 3. The motion passed with a vote of 13-0-3.
Voting in the affirmative were:
Christensen A, Ray P, Ward R, Hemmert D, Shiozawa B, Weiler T, Albrecht C, Chavez-Houck R, Edwards R, Hollins S, Kennedy M, Redd E, Watkins C
Absent or not voting were:

Escamilla L, Niederhauser W, Van Tassell K

19. Proposed Reorganization of the Medicaid Services Budget Line Items

Not discussed.

20. Medicaid Provider Rates - Issue Brief

Not discussed.

22. Options for Completing Provider Reimbursement Information System for Medicaid

Not discussed.

23. Tobacco Settlement Funds - Issue Brief

Not discussed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:52 AM.

Sen. Allen Christensen

Rep. Paul Ray