

**MINUTES OF THE  
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Thursday, January 26, 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  
Sen. Daniel Hemmert  
Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa  
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:**

Sen. Luz Escamilla  
President Wayne L. Niederhauser  
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Hector R. Zumaeta Santiago, Staff Economist  
Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst  
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](http://le.utah.gov).

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Ray assumed the chair and called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

**2. Unfinished Items from the Previous Agenda**

**3. Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda**

**4. Department of Human Services (DHS) Base Budget**

Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst, discussed the following reports:

- 4a-DHS - Budget Overview 2017 GS
- 4a-DHS - Expenditures by Vendor - 2017 GS
- 4a-DHS - Facility List - 2017 GS
- 4a-DHS - Fund Balances FY 2016

Chair Ray asked if these are nonlapsing funds. Ms. Lence responded to questions. She then discussed the following issue briefs:

- 4c-Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - Fees - The Department of Human Services
- 4e-Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - Human Services Nonlapsing and Lapsing

Balances

- 4f-Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - Follow-up on Previous Intent Language
- 4g-Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - Human Services - Required Reports by Statute

**5. Department of Human Services - Executive Director Operations (EDO) - Base Budget**

Ms. Ann Silverberg Williamson, Executive Director, DHS, and Mr. Jeffrey Sherwin, Special Education Coordinator, Granite School District, presented about System of Care.

- 4h-Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - System of Care
- 4i-DHS - System of Care Fact Sheet

Ms. Lence discussed the following reports:

- 5a-EDO - Actual 5 Year Rev and Exp Trend FY 2012 - 2016
- 5a-EDO - Line Item Performance Measures - 2017 GS
- 5a-EDO - Projected Rev and Exp Trend FY 2016 - 2018
- 5a-EDO - Purposes For Which Money Was Used
- 5c-Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - Department of Human Services - Federal

Funds

**6. Department of Human Services - Child and Family Services (DCFS) - Base Budget**

Ms. Lence presented budget reduction options for DCFS.

Chair Ray asked about Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) budget concerns.

Ms. Lence presented a reduction option related to juvenile justice reform efforts that are expected to reduce the number of in-home placements in DCFS. Sen. Weiler spoke to the issue of the cost to remove children from their homes and place them in detention facilities. Rep. Redd asked for the cost for in-home services. Chair Ray explained.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked about mandatory CHIP or Medicaid funding for offending youth. Mr. Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, and Ms. Lence responded to questions. Rep. Redd and Ms. Williamson spoke to the issue. Rep. Chavez-Houck asked about phasing this reduction in over time. Rep. Watkins spoke to the issue. Mr. Brent Platt, Division Director, DCFS, responded.

Sen. Christensen spoke to the issue of needing to find money to reallocate. He asked DHS to make an offer in place of the proposed reductions.. Ms. Williamson spoke to the issue.

Ms. Lence discussed the following reports:

- 6b-DCFS - Actual 5 Year Rev and Exp Trend FY 2012 - 2016
- 6b-DCFS - Projected Rev and Exp Trend FY 2016 - 2018
- 6b-DCFS - Purposes For Which Money Was Used
- 6b-DCFS - Line Item Performance Measures

Mr. Platt presented about the turnover rate among foster care parents. Ms. Laurie Ann Thorpe, foster parent, Foster Parents of Utah, spoke to the issue.

Sen. Christensen asked about the level of rates and if they are sufficient. Rep. Watkins asked about where the money garnished from the birth parents goes. She also asked if foster care wages are taxable income and Ms. Thorpe explained that they are not. Sen. Weiler spoke to the issue.

Rep. Kennedy asked about the comparison rate amount, about how much they would like to receive as a reimbursement rate, and about other ideas to show respect to these families. Rep. Redd asked about the difference between foster families and proctor families and the reimbursement rates. Sen. Christensen asked if the rate is age-relative. Mr. Platt responded to questions. Staff calculated that a dollar a day increase would cost \$1 million. Ms. Thorpe, Mr. Jeremy Hirschi, Administrative Services Director, DCFS, Mr. Mark Brasher, Deputy Director, DHS, and Mr. Platt responded to questions.

Ms. Jenn Oxborrow, Executive Director, Utah Domestic Violence Coalition, presented funding challenges.

6f-Issue Brief - 2014 General Session - Domestic Violence Services

**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 for the Department of Human Services: #1D, 2X and for the Executive Director Operations line item: #1C, 1AK and 4Z. 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

Mr. Hirschi and Mr. Platt explained the motions that DCFS requested.

**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 for the Department of Human Services Child and Family Services line item: #1C, 4AC, 4AD, and 4AE. 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

## **7. Department of Human Services - Office of Public Guardian (OPG) - Base Budget**

Ms. Lence discussed the following reports:

7a-OPG - Projected Rev and Exp Trend FY 2016 - 2018

7a-OPG - Purposes For Which Money Was Used

5c-Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - Department of Human Services - Federal Funds

Ms. Shannon Alvey, Division Director, OPG, discussed the program.

Rep. Kennedy asked how many clients are served and who typical scenario would require OPG services. Rep. Redd asked how people end up in their services and how the OPG money is spent. Rep. Hollins asked for the timeline from referral. Ms. Alvey responded to questions.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved approve the following motions from the sheet entitled "Social Services Subcommittee- Motions for Subcommittee Consideration" dated 1/20/2017 10:10 AM for the Department of Human Services Office of Public Guardian line item: #1C and 4AH. 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

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved approve the following motions from the sheet entitled "Social Services Subcommittee- Motions for Subcommittee Consideration" dated 1/20/2017 10:10 AM for the Department of Health Vaccine Commodities line item: #1C. 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

**8. Items from the Next Meeting's Agenda**

**9. Other Business**

**MOTION:** Rep. Albrecht 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

Chair Ray adjourned the meeting at 10:37 am.

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Sen. Allen Christensen

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Rep. Paul Ray