

(Approved)
MINUTES OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Wednesday, July 26, 2017 • 8:30 a.m. • 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. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy

Rep. Edward H. Redd

Members Absent:

President Wayne L. Niederhauser
Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Staff Present:

Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Gary K. Ricks, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Alysha S. Gardner, Staff Economist
Ms. Linda Service, Legislative Session Worker

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 8:56 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved by a vote held later in the agenda.

3. Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

There was no public input for topics on today's agenda.

4. Savings From Declining Medical Collections in the Office of Recovery Services

4a-2017 Update to 2016 ORS Medical Collections Report
[4a-2017 Update to 2016 ORS Medical Collections Report](#)

4b-Issue Brief - 2017 Interim - ORS Medical Collections Report Summary
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Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), Fiscal Analyst, discussed the report summary.

Ms. Liesa Stockdale, Director, Office of Recovery Services, Department of Human Services, reported on the Bureau of Medical Collections and responded to questions from members of the committee. Ms. Stockdale requested permission to transfer employees to other areas, in lieu of budget reductions.

Chair Christensen explained TEFRA liens (Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act).

Ms. Stockdale answered additional questions.

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MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2017 meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-5.

Yeas-11

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. R. Edwards
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Kennedy
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. E. Redd
Sen. K. Van Tassell
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. B. Shiozawa
Rep. N. Thurston

MOTION: Sen. Van Tassell moved that this committee support the interim committee in coming up with legislation to create a security spot on assets that we might be able to have signed at the time we enter into agreements. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-5.

Yeas-11

Sen. A. Christensen
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Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. B. Shiozawa
Rep. N. Thurston

5. Budget Deep-Dive into Foster Care System

5-Issue Brief - 2017 Interim - Budget Deep-Dive into Foster Care

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Ms. Lence discussed recommendations for the Department of Human Services.

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Ms. Tonya Myrup, Acting Director, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), Department of Human Services, responded to questions from Chair Christensen.

Ms. Ann Silverberg Williamson, Executive Director, Department of Human Services, along with Mr. Mike Hamblin, Director of Recruitment Services, Utah Foster Care, offered clarification to questions from committee members.

Ms. Myrup responded to a question from Chair Christensen in relation to recruitment at DCFS.

Ms. Williamson and Mr. Hamblin received additional questions.

Rep. Ray assumed the chair.

Ms. Lence continued her presentation.

Ms. Myrup responded to a question from Rep. Redd regarding lowering the need for intensive interventions.

Sen. Weiler provided the subcommittee with clarification on the David C. lawsuit.

6. System of Care Practice in a Specific Region

Mr. Justin Naylor, Assistant Director, System of Care, Department of Human Services, discussed agency background, updates and implementation.

Mr. Loys Hamilton and Ms. Debbie Hamilton related the story of their foster and adoption experience.

Sen. Christensen resumed the chair.

7. Overview of Office of Public Guardian

7-Office of Public Guardian - What We Do - July 26, 2017

[7-Office of Public Guardian - What We Do - July 26, 2017](#)

Ms. Shannon Alvey, Director, Office of Public Guardian, Department of Human Services, provided the handout "Office of Public Guardian Statutory Obligations" and presented a brief overview of the office.

Detective Joseph Taylor, Crisis Intervention Team, Salt Lake City Police Department, commented on his role in law enforcement as it intersects with the Office of Public Guardian.

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Ms. Lana Dalton, Community Social Worker, Salt Lake City Police Department, Community Connection Center, commented on the need for the creation of her position which is to mitigate disconnects between law enforcement and having a readily available provider to assist frequent utilizers in the community.

Ms. Alvey provided a budget breakdown requested by Sen. Escamilla.

Mr. Kenneth Hicken, Clinical Supervisor, Salt Lake Regional Hospital, and Ms. Annie Haden, Social Worker, Salt Lake Regional Hospital, spoke in support of the Office of Public Guardian and responded to questions from the committee.

Ms. Alvey continued her response to questions from members of the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10-0-6.

Yeas-10

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Kennedy
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. E. Redd
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. R. Edwards
Sen. W. Niederhauser
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Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.