

**MINUTES OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 • 7:59 a.m. • Midvale City Hall, 7505 South Holden Street, Midvale

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. Todd Weiler
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy
Rep. Edward H. Redd

Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Members Absent:

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

Staff Present:

Ms. Alysha S. Gardner, Staff Economist
Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Linda Service, Committee Secretary

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 8:30 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 as no public input on today's agenda.

4. Budget Deep-Dive into Disability Service Provider Rates

4-Issue Brief - 2017 Interim - Budget Deep-Dive into Disability Service Provider Rates - 9/19/2017
[4-Issue Brief - 2017 Interim - Budget Deep-Dive into Disability Service Provider Rates - 9/19/2017](#)

Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), discussed the issue brief.

Mr. Clay Hiatt, Budget Director, Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD), Department of Human Services (DHS), responded to questions from Chair Christensen and Rep. Chavez-Houck providing clarification related to cost analysis on provider rates.

Ms. Lence continued her presentation.

Ms. Angella Pinna, Director, DSPD, discussed the program and responded to questions from Rep. Ward related to Medicaid services for children with disabilities.

Responding to Rep. Edwards, Mr. Nate Checketts, Deputy Director, Department of Health (DOH), discussed the waiver program.

Chair Christensen and Ms. Pinna addressed the question of partial services for children with disabilities.

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Mr. Hiatt responded to a question from Rep. Kennedy regarding the possibility of families helping to defray the costs of services to help an individual get on the disability waiting list.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2017 a.m. and July 26, 2017 p.m. meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 12-0-4.

Yeas-12

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. R. Edwards
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. M. Kennedy
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. E. Redd
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. S. Hollins
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. B. Shiozawa
Sen. K. Van Tassell

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to: 1. Request that the Department of Health (DOH) present the results of the cost analysis of the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver, currently being prepared for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee during the 2018 Interim. He further moved to request that, at that time, the Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) present a proposal for rate adjustments within the three DSPD Waivers based on the results of the cost analysis. 2. Recommend that all new funding requests for rate increases for disability service providers include a cost analysis, in addition to other justification, and specific performance measurements to determine the impact, effective for the 2018 General Session. 3. Recommend that DSPD implement a survey or other means of assessing the reasons that a provider exits the disability services market, when a contract is terminated by a provider rather than DSPD, effective by January 1, 2018. 4. Request that DSPD, in conjunction with DOH as needed, examine cost-containment strategies implemented by other states -- including cost limits, service or hourly limits, geographical limits, and transitioning to managed care -- and report during the 2018 Interim on the potential for long-term savings, improved care, and the ability to serve more individuals with the same budget. The motion passed with a vote of 12-0-4.

Yeas-12

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Sen. A. Christensen

Nays-0

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5. Options Regarding Services Provided by the Division of Services for People with Disabilities

5a-Report on Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports - September

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Ms. Pinna discussed the report for DHS and responded to questions related to services provided, how services are performed, respite care, and supported work independence.

6. Ways to Increase Funding for the Disability Waiting List

Ms. Pinna explained that research is needed to find available options to increase funding for the disability waiting list and to find what states have had better success.

Mr. Guy Thompson, Director, Utah State Development Center (USDC), discussed decisions with regard to USDC land.

7. Direct Care Staff Salary Increase Report

7-Direct Care Staff Salary Increase Report - September 2017

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Ms. Pinna reported on staff salary increases and provider reimbursement.

8. Employment Efforts Underway in the Division of Services for People with Disabilities and Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health for their Target Populations

Mr. Doug Thomas, Director, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH), provided an in-depth overview of the program and responded to questions related to implementing employment, positive effects of jobs, who providers are, and how to measure success.

Rep. Chavez-Houck requested an update on the the status of H.B. 140 sponsored by Rep. Brian King which passed the House during the 2014 General Session.

Ms. Tricia Jones-Parkin, Program Administrator, DSPD, distributed the handout, "Utah's Employment First Timeline," and discussed the program. She addressed questions from Sen. Escamilla and Rep. Redd with respect to processes of the program and integration into the community.

Ms. Alysha Gardner, Staff Economist, LFA, clarified an earlier question from Rep. Chavez-Houck related to tax credits in H.B. 140.

9. Jail-Based Forensic Competency Restoration

Mr. Dallas Earnshaw, Superintendent, Utah State Hospital, distributed the handout, "Utah Forensic System Update Handout 2017," and discussed the serious growth and demand for forensic services.

Mr. Doug Thomas, Director, DSAMH, noted that in order to meet time frames, forensic statues will need to be adjusted.

10. Follow-Up Action on Budget Deep-Dives from June and July 2017 Meetings - Department of Human Services

This agenda item was not addressed.

Chair Christensen dismissed the meeting in order to tour the Midvale Family Shelter. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.