

**MINUTES OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 • 7:59 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. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Sen. Todd Weiler
Sen. Brian Zehnder
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy

Rep. Edward H. Redd
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Members Absent:

Sen. Daniel Hemmert
President Wayne L. Niederhauser

Staff Present:

Ms. Alysha S. Gardner, Staff Economist
Ms. Paula Morgan, Committee Secretary
Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Debbie Benson, Administrative Assistant

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

Rep. Ray called the meeting to order at 8:13 AM.

1 . Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Rep. Ray introduced the speakers.

Linda Hansen, Parent

Judy Kurtzman, Parent

Kristy Cottrell, Deputy Director, Davis County Health Department

Neil Allred, Vice-President, Northeastern Services

John Shoemaker, Owner, UWORKS

Velma Lisa Leftwich, Parent

Gene Burton, Parent

Sara Doutre, Parent, Board of Utah Parents' Center

Jeanetta Woltjen, Provider, Community Options, representing Tyler Agla

Matthew Wappett, Executive Director, Center for Persons with Disabilities, Utah State University

JoAnn Olney, Parent, Cache Employment Center

Ryan Hansen, Director, Pioneer Adult Rehabilitation Center (PARC)

Alan Clark, Guardian

Amber Ly Datilo, Staff Attorney, Disability Law Center

Tom Pruess, Parent

Sen. Christensen commented about the differences in those that are disabled and their differing needs.

Rep. Ward had a question for Ms. Datilo about shutting down PARC. Ms. Datilo responded that some changes may need to be made in services provided and the two continued discussion.

Rep. Redd asked a question of Ms. Datilo. She responded with examples of types of services which need to be provided There was continued discussion.

Rep. Ray shared his opinion.

Christine Wilkerson, Director, Lifeskills and Individual Needs Center (LINC)

Lauren Clark, Parent

Anita Bennett, Parent

Deborah Bowman, Parent

Linda Talbot, Parent

Sen. Christensen replied to a question from Linda Talbot.

Kathleen Warner, Guardian

Sen. Christensen made a comment about sheltered workshops.

Jodi Hansen, Parent

Richard Baer, Director, LINC

Kris Fawson, Chair, Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities

Roger Baron, Parent

Christine Bailey, Parent

David Christensen, Parent

Rep. Ray thanked everyone for sharing.

Sen. Christensen shared his experience with his son. He also asked Ann Silverberg Williamson, Executive Director, Department of Human Services (DHS), to clarify.

Sen. Weiler clarified the new rules from the federal government and asked Ms. Williamson for more information.

Ms. Williamson shared thoughts about individualizing services.

Angella Pinna, Director, Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD), DHS, clarified the federal Settings Rule as it pertains to providers.

Sen. Weiler requested analysis of the rule and wanted more information before the committee finishes its work.

Ms. Williamson agreed to look at the request. Sen. Weiler and Ms. Williamson continued conversation.

Rep. Redd referenced the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Rule and the DSPD Scope of Work and asked for clarification.

Ms. Pinna responded about the transition and the work being done.

Rep. Redd suggested coming up with a plan. Sen. Weiler wanted to know how other states are interpreting and implementing this rule.

Rep. Ward asked about the cost to implement the rule.

Ms. Pinna continued her explanation of their interpretation of the rule and spoke about a possible cost increase.

Rep. Ward summarized what he heard about funding.

Lana Stohl, Deputy Director, DHS, clarified and emphasized the goal of the department.

Sen. Christensen asked for the current federal funds match and Ms. Pinna responded.

Sen. Weiler asked for clarification and information from staff on the amount needed to implement the rule.

Rep. Chavez-Houck suggested that all the information be shared from all stakeholders.

2 . Budget Reduction Options - Updated Sheets

Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, presented reduction item #69 Recover DSPD Nonlapsing Balance

Ms. Pinna shared information about what the funds are used for.

Ms. Lence continued with reduction item #70 End Funding for Non-Waiver Services for Medicaid-Ineligible Individuals.

Ms. Pinna responded about the procedures used for the individuals mentioned.

Rep. Redd asked for clarification of the guidelines Ms. Pinna was talking about for receiving services. Ms. Pinna clarified and there was discussion between Rep. Redd and Ms. Pinna.

Ms. Lence clarified further with comments from Rep. Redd and Ms. Pinna.

Ms. Lence progressed to reduction item #71 End Utah Parent Center Funding.

Helen Post, Director, Utah Parent Center, presented the outcome of services that their organization provides.

Rep. Ward asked how the money the State gives is spent.

Ms. Post responded. There were other questions from Rep. Ward and continued discussion.

Sen. Christensen assumed the chair.

Sen. Zehnder asked about long term data collection.

Ms. Post responded that she would be glad to summarize the data collected.

Sen. Escamilla shared experiences she has had with the Utah Parent Center.

Rep. Redd shared support for the center.

Ms. Post added information about funding.

3 . DHS - Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) - Base Budget

Ms. Lence introduced reduction item #66 Institute Fee to Initiate Adult Protective Services Investigations.

Nels Holmgren, Director, Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS), DHS, presented information about the services and concerns about reducing funds.

Ms. Lence presented reduction item #67 End Volunteer Support Program Funding.

Sen. Van Tassell asked for clarification on item #66.

Mr. Holmgren continued with an answer about funding.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked a question about how to help DAAS staff better. Mr. Holmgren shared information about adjustments they have made in staff and streamlining administrative work.

Ms. Lence continued with reduction item #68 Reduce Use of Fee Waivers for Aging Alternative Services.

Mr. Holmgren explained the parameters of this program.

Rep. Ray resumed the chair.

4 . DHS - Office of Public Guardian (OPG) - Base Budget

Ms. Lence explained reduction item #65 Institute Fee for Public Guardian Assessments.

Shannon Alvey, Director, Office of Public Guardian, DHS, presented the concerns with creating this fee.

5 . Legislative Audit of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services

Sen. Christensen assumed the chair.

Brian Dean, Audit Manager, Office of the Legislative Auditor General (OLAG), introduced the audit.

David Gibson, Audit Supervisor, OLAG, presented the audit results.

Sen. Weiler questioned if the agency cooperated with the audit and if there was an intent to deceive or if there was confusion. Mr. Dean responded.

Ms. Williamson shared thoughts about the audit and what has been done to move forward.

Sen. Christensen asked why the downturn in number of juveniles served.

Susan Burke, Director, Division of Juvenile Justice Services (JJS), DHS, responded. There was continued conversation.

Ms. Burke discussed the recommendations from the audit.

Rep. Kennedy asked when the next audit would be for follow-up. Ms. Williamson replied.

Sen. Christensen requested a report for the summer interim.

Sen. Escamilla asked a question about how calculations for funding is decided. There was conversation between Ms. Burke and Sen. Escamilla.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked a question about how the new Juvenile Justice Reform Act impacted the audit. Sen. Christensen commented.

MOTION: Rep. Redd moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 AM. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 9 .

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Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. R. Edwards
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. E. Redd
Sen. K. Van Tassell

Nays-0

Absent-9

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