

**MINUTES OF THE  
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Friday, February 2, 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. Daniel Hemmert  
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:**

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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Rep. Ray called the meeting to order at 8:07 AM.

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

Kelsey Lewis, Director, Kids Who Count

Mandy Kartchner, Parent

Andrew Riggle, Public Policy Advocate, Disability Law Center

Joyce Dolcourt, Past Chair, Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities

Dan Fazzini, Director, Ability and Choice Services

Kenneth Robertson, Consumer Advocate

Charlie Luke, Executive Director, Utah Association of Community Services

Noralyn Snow, Administrator, Ombudsman

Lara Shields, Parent

Kimberly Erickson, Parent

Jessica Norby, Parent

Autumn McKnite, Parent

Sasha Luks-Morgan, Godmother

Lee Richardson, Parent

Becca Morales, Parent

Michael George, Child Recipient

Emilee Johnson, Parent

Andrew Nelson, Parent

Ellie Hansen, Parent

Brion Johansen, Parent

Samantha Martin, Recipient

Bonnie Shepherd, Alzheimer Caregiver

## **2 . First Performance Report for New Items Funded in the 2017 GS - Human Services**

Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, reviewed the items on the report.

Mark Brasher, Deputy Director, Department of Human Services (DHS), supported the previous public testimonies.

Doug Thomas, Director, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH), DHS, addressed the report on suicide prevention.

Rep. Ray asked for a clarification on the report and Mr. Thomas responded.

Ms. Lence suggested that information about the dental clinic at the State Developmental Center be shared and continued with information on performance measures.

Angella Pinna, Director, Division of Services of People with Disabilities (DSPD), DHS, reported on the progress of the dental clinic.

Ms. Lence presented a follow-up on a crisis nursery in Rose Park.

Sen. Escamilla commented on the progress.

Diane Moore, Director, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), DHS, added to the information shared.

### 3 . Requests for Appropriation - Human Services (agency only)

#### [7a-Disability Services - Additional Needs and Youth Aging Out - Budget and Performance](#)

Ms. Pinna presented the request information.

#### [7ci-Disability Services - Community-Based Employment - Budget and Performance](#)

#### [7cii-Community-Based Employment Funding - DSPD Handout](#)

Rep. Redd asked a question about how the requested funding would be allocated and when the assistance should begin.

Ms. Pinna responded to the question.

Sen. Escamilla asked about the federal match and other funding Ms. Pinna responded.

Rep. Chavez-Houck requested information about the Vocational Rehabilitation collaboration.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to remove reduction item #68 Reduce Use of Fee Waivers for Aging Alternatives Services from the cut list. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 5 .

#### Yeas-11

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck  
Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. R. Edwards  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. T. Hawkes  
Rep. M. Kennedy  
Rep. P. Ray  
Sen. K. Van Tassell  
Rep. R. Ward  
Sen. T. Weiler  
Sen. B. Zehnder

#### Nays-0

#### Absent-5

Sen. D. Hemmert  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Sen. W. Niederhauser  
Rep. E. Redd  
Rep. N. Thurston

Ms. Pinna continued.

#### [7b-Disability Services - Waiting List - Budget and Performance](#)

Rep. Redd asked a question about the waiting list and costs. Ms. Pinna explained the procedure to determine that. There was continued conversation for clarification.

Ms. Pinna continued her explanation.

#### [7a-Disability Services - Additional Needs and Youth Aging Out - Budget and Performance](#)

Ms. Lence presented Mandated Additional Needs information.

#### **4 . Forensic Competency Restoration Changes and Impact on Jails**

Staci Ghneim, Operational Excellence Consultant, Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB), introduced a pilot program currently being supported in the State Hospital Forensic Unit and its goals.

Nate Talley, Budget and Policy Manager, GOMB, spoke about the budget recommendation for the program.

#### **5 . First Year Performance Report for New Items Funded in the 2016 GS - Human**

Dallas Earnshaw, Superintendent, Utah State Hospital, DHS, explained and reported on the successes of new programs implemented since 2016.

Rep. Redd asked for clarification on information presented There was continued conversation for clarification between Rep. Redd and Mr. Earnshaw.

Sen. Christensen asked a question about the items discussed. There was also a question from Rep. Ray. Mr. Earnshaw clarified.

Dr. Joseph Miner, Executive Director, Department of Health, presented Building Block requests.

#### **6 . First Performance Report for New Items Funded in the 2017 GS - Health**

#### **7 . Requests for Appropriation - Health (agency only)**

Rep. Ward asked for clarification on the money being requested. Dr. Miner clarified.

Rep. Kennedy asked about other improvements and changes were being made with the funding. There was continued comment and conversation between Rep. Kennedy and Dr. Miner.

Rep. Ray commented about the system with input from Rep. Kennedy and Dr. Miner.

### [8-Utah Forensic System Update 2017](#)

Dr. Miner continued.

Dr. Erik Christensen, Chief Medical Examiner, Utah, testified about the goals attained as well as current staffing issues and needs.

Rep. Chavez-Houck requested information about a timeline possibility for improved response from the Medical Examiner. Dr. Christensen explained how that might work. .

Dr. Miner continued with Health Facility Licensing information.

Curtis Burk, Assistant Division Director, Family Health and Preparedness, explained information about assisted living beds and the staffing needs with input from Dr. Miner and Rep. Ray.

Rep. Kennedy inquired about automated virtual visits to care facilities to assist in the inspection of facilities. Dr. Miner responded with input from Rep. Ray.

Sen. Christensen asked about who does the facility inspection and if they are announced or unannounced. Mr. Burke and Dr. Miner responded.

Joel Hoffman, Bureau Director, Licensing and Certification, answered the question.

### **8 . Rep. Ray - Alzheimer's State Plan Funding - #BH on the purple sheet**

Ronnie Daniel, Executive Director, Utah Alzheimer's Association, introduced the request.

Dr. Pam Perlich, Research Director, Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, University Of Utah, presented information on status of the research.statistics on demographic changes. .

Mr. Daniel continued presenting the request information.

### **9 . Requests for Appropriation - Health (agency only)**

Dr. Miner continued with the request for Home Visiting by explaining the benefits of it.

Rep. Ward asked for clarification on how this program is different from Baby Watch Early Intervention and how going back into the counties would work. Dr. Miner explained the difference.

Sen. Escamilla shared some concerns about the nurse family partnership training funding. Dr. Miner responded.

Rep. Redd commented on the Baby Watch and Visiting Family and the importance of funding the programs. Dr. Miner replied with the return on investment.

**MOTION:** Sen. Weiler moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 AM. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 5 .

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