

**MINUTES OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Wednesday, February 7, 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. Daniel Hemmert
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Sen. Todd Weiler
Sen. Brian Zehnder
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy

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

Members Absent:

Sen. Luz Escamilla
President Wayne L. Niederhauser
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes

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

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

Barbara Munoz, Communications Manager, Association for Utah Community Health (AUCH)

Michele Goldberg, Medical Director, 4th Street Clinic

Rep. Kennedy asked about the duration of the Healthcare Workforce Financial Assistance program.

Rep. Redd expressed appreciation for Dr. Goldberg and others who serve in clinics like the one she serves in.

Jennifer Daily-Provost, Executive Director, Utah Academy of Family Physicians

Sen. Christensen assumed the chair.

Gina Cornia, Executive Director, Utahns Against Hunger

Amy Muller, Vendor, Accessible Systems

Virginia Guymon, Self

Karen Bingham, Coordinator, Roads to Independence

2 . Request for Appropriation

Intergenerational Poverty

Rep. Redd introduced the Intergenerational Poverty Initiative.

James Ebert, Commissioner, Weber County, explained the goal of the bill and the pilot that has been created.

Sen. Christensen, Rep. Redd and Mr. Ebert conversed about the amount being requested.

Sen. Van Tassell voiced a desire to make sure the funding is sent to several counties not just one.

Rep. Redd and Mr. Ebert responded in the affirmative.

Rep. Edwards explained the request for funding the Work is the Way Initiative.

Melva Sine, President, Utah Restaurant Association, continued with an explanation of the initiative's goals.

Sen. Van Tassell spoke in support and asked if this was in addition to the request from the Operation Rio Grande.

Rep. Edwards replied.

Rep. Ward requested that presenters begin with the letter name of their request.

[5d-Independent Living Centers](#)

Andy Curry, Executive Director, Roads to Independence, presented an ongoing request and goals for Independent Living Centers.

Sen. Christensen offered an explanation about the requested funding.

[5c-Independent Living Assisted Technology Program](#)

Mr. Curry proceeded with a request for Assistive Technology ongoing funding and explained how the program works.

Sen. Christensen asked for clarification on how the funds would be used in the six centers in Utah. Mr. Curry explained the procedure.

Sen. Van Tassell commented on the good work being done by the centers.

[5e-IDA Program](#)

Sen. Weiler introduced Martha Wunderli and explained the Individual Development Account (IDA) program needs and purpose.

Martha Wunderli, Executive Director, AAA Fair Credit, further explained the program.

Sen. Weiler commented further.

Rep. Ward asked if there was a bill associated with this. Sen. Weiler and Ms. Wunderli clarified with continued comment from Rep. Ward.

3 . Unfinished Items from the Previous Agenda

Follow up on Medicaid Suspension for Incarcerated Individuals

Ms. Alysha Gardner, Staff Economist, LFA, presented information about the follow-up.

Sen. Christensen asked what the purpose of the options being given were. Ms. Gardner clarified and continued her presentation.

Sen. Christensen Requested clarification and Ms. Gardner Clarified. Sen Christensen further commented.

Issue Brief - 2017 Interim - Budget Deep-Dive into Spending on Homeless Services

Ms. Gardner proceeded to review the Brief.

[6-Single Audit Management Letter 2017 - Workforce Services](#)

4 . Annual Audit of the Department of Workforce Services by the State Auditor

Ms. Gardner reviewed the item and the LFA recommendations.

MOTION: Chair Ray moved to approve the following motions from the sheet entitled "Social Services Subcommittee - Motions for Subcommittee Consideration" dated 1/22/2018 10:45 AM: #1AV, 1AZ, 1AW, 1AX, 1AY. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-12

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Sen. A. Christensen
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Kennedy
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. E. Redd
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. R. Edwards
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. W. Niederhauser

Sen. K. Van Tassell
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler
Sen. B. Zehnder

5 . First Performance Report for New Items Funded in the 2017 GS - Workforce

Jon Pierpont, Executive Director, Department of Workforce Services (DWS) reviewed some performance items.

6 . Requests for Appropriation - Workforce Services (agency only)

Mr. Pierpont continued with an explanation of the requests being made and spending authority being requested.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to approve the following motions from the sheet entitled "Social Services Subcommittee - Motions for Subcommittee Consideration" dated 1/22/2018 10:45 AM: #1AM, 1AN, 1AO, 1AP, 1AQ, 1AR, 1AS, 1AT, 1AU, 4V, 4Y, 4AC, 4AF. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 5 .

Yeas-11

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

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. R. Edwards
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Rep. N. Thurston

7 . 9:30 a.m. Family Employment Program (FEP) Rule Change - DWS Presentation

Kathy Bounous presented the reason for rule change being proposed.

Liz Carver, Workforce Services, replied to Sen. Christensen's question about the example of a single mom being given.

Rep. Kennedy asked about the language used in the rule change.

Ms. Bounous replied. There was continued discussion about the inclusion of the word "required" in the rule change language.

Rep. Redd asked for more clarification about the requirement's parameters.

Rep. Ward requested removing the word required in the rule change.

Ms. Bounous replied.

Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst explained Budget motions

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to approve the following motions from the sheet entitled "Social Services Subcommittee - Motions for Subcommittee Consideration" dated 1/22/2018 10:45 AM #1D. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6 .

Yeas-10

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. R. Edwards
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Kennedy
Rep. E. Redd
Sen. K. Van Tassell
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. B. Zehnder

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. N. Thurston
Sen. T. Weiler

Nathan Harrison, Finance Director, Department of Workforce Services (DWS), explained the upcoming motion for non-lapsing authority for a family planning pilot program.

Rep Ward clarified the request.

MOTION: Chair Christensen moved to approve the motions from Workforce Services dated 2/1/2018 11:22 PM and Health dated 2/1/2018 12:22 PM. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6 .

Yeas-10

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

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. T. Hawkes
Sen. W. Niederhauser

Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Kennedy
Rep. E. Redd
Sen. K. Van Tassell
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Rep. P. Ray
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The following intent language was approved by the Committee: If the Legislature approves funding for building block "Family Planning Services for All Individuals Under 100% FPL", then the following intent language is authorized: The Legislature intends that up to \$35,000 of the funding appropriated to the Department of Workforce Services' Operations and Policy line item shall not lapse at the close of Fiscal Year 2018 and up to \$1,096,000 of the funding appropriated to the Department of Workforce Services' Operations and Policy line item shall not lapse at the close of Fiscal Year 2019. The use of any non-lapsing funds is limited to determining eligibility for individuals applying for family planning waiver services and the costs associated to required system changes. If the Legislature approves funding for building block "Family Planning Services for All Individuals Under 100% FPL" then the following intent language is authorized: The Legislature intends that the up to \$37,500 of the funding appropriated to the Department of Health's Medicaid and Health Financing line item shall not lapse at the close of Fiscal Year 2018 and up to \$419,400 of the funding appropriated to the Department of Health's Medicaid and Health Financing line item and up to \$811,700 of the funding appropriated to the Department of Health's Medicaid Services line item shall not lapse at the close of Fiscal Year 2019. The use of any non-lapsing funds is limited to providing family planning waiver services and the related administrative costs.

8 . Early Education Report - DWS Presentation

[11-Early Childhood Services Study](#)

Tracy Gruber, DWS, presented the report information from the Early Childhood Services Study.

Rep. Redd requested to see the actual report. Ms. Gruber replied.

Rep. Chavez-Houck requested information on the cooperation in conducting the report.

Ms. Gruber explained the cooperation from several state agencies. Rep Chavez-Houck reported on what will take place next.

9 . Utah Data Center - DWS Presentation

[12-Utah Data Research Center Update](#)

Carrie Mayne, Director and Chief Economist, DWS presented an update on the Utah Data Research Center.

Sen. Christensen informed the Committee about the procedures for the next 2 days.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 AM. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 7 .

Yeas-9

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. R. Edwards
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. E. Redd
Sen. K. Van Tassell
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. B. Zehnder

Nays-0

Absent-7

Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. T. Hawkes
Rep. M. Kennedy
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. N. Thurston
Sen. T. Weiler