

**MINUTES OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Monday, February 5, 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. An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary
Ms. Alysha S. Gardner, Staff Economist
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.

1 . Call to Order

Sen. Christensen called the meeting to order at 8:22 a.m.

2 . Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Ms. Grace Mason, student, University of Utah, spoke in favor of funding for family planning.

Ms. Camille Winnie, Downtown Alliance, spoke in favor of funding for The INN Between, which provides hospice care for the homeless.

3 . Unfinished Items from the Previous Agenda

Mr. Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), explained funding for building block "Medical Examiner Reduce Caseloads."

Rep. Kennedy asked for clarification of the use and type of vehicles being requested by the Medical Examiners Office.

Mr. Frandsen and Dr. Miner responded.

Mr. Nathan Checketts, Deputy Director, Department of Health, explained the "Medicaid Waiver for Children with Medically Complex Conditions" proposal to the committee.

Ms. Tonya Hales, Assistant Division Director, Medicaid and Financing, provided information on the proposal.

Rep. Redd gave additional testimony regarding the waiver.

Mr. Checketts gave additional information.

Rep. Ward explained the motion he is going to make.

Mr. Mark Brinton, General Counsel, Utah Medical Association, responded.

Rep. Thurston expressed concern that this was not the right time for the motion.

Rep. Ward and Mr. Russell responded.

Rep. Redd commented.

4 . Request for Appropriation (Iwamoto) - Pediatric Trauma and Quality Improvement

[5-Pediatric Trauma and Quality Improvement Network](#)

Sen. Jani Iwamoto explained the appropriation request to the committee.

Dr. Stephen Fenton, pediatric surgeon, Primary Children's Medical Center, explained the goals of the statewide pediatric trauma network.

Sen. Van Tassell asked about the rates for transport services for pediatric patients.

Dr. Fenton responded and also answered a question from Chair Christensen.

Sen. Iwamoto responded with additional information.

Rep. Redd asked for more information about the goal of the request.

Dr. Fenton responded.

Rep. Redd explained the difficulty of providing trauma medical care to children in rural hospitals.

Sen. Zehnder told of his experience during residency training in rural Utah. He asked how much of the funding was for children and if there had been an analysis of the benefits to the stake holders. Dr. Fenton responded.

Chair Christensen asked for more information. Dr. Fenton responded.

Rep. Kennedy asked about the contributions from those who are benefiting from the service. Dr. Fenton responded.

Sen. Iwamoto gave additional information about the cost and advantages of the proposal.

5 . Requests for Appropriation - Health

[6a-HB0025 - SSA Presentation](#)

Rep. Daw explained "Cannabinoid Product Board Membership Amendments" to the committee.

Dr. Marc Babitz, Deputy Director, Department of Health, spoke about the need for the study in order to make informed decisions.

Rep. Redd made a comment on the expertise of the Cannabinoid Product Review Board.

Mr. Checketts gave information on a lawsuit filed by the Disability Law Center and made a statement.

Mr. Checketts gave information about the Family Planning Pilot proposal.

Chair Christensen made a comment about unappreciated, rather than unintended, pregnancies.

Rep. Ward gave clarifying information about the budget.

Ms. Janica Gines, Assistant Division Director, Medicaid and Health Financing, provided information about CHIP and the Medicaid Managed Care Fund.

Rep. Ward asked for clarifying information and Mr. Frandsen responded.

Mr. Checketts explained the Medicaid Consensus Forecasting - Issue Brief.

Ms. Emma Chacon, Division Operations Director, Medicaid and Health Financing, gave information.

Rep. Redd asked clarifying questions about rate increases and Ms. Chacon responded.

Dr. David Patton, President, Molina Healthcare of Utah, commented on the Medicaid Managed Care 3.5% Rate Increase.

Mr. Jason Worthen, CEO, Health Choice Utah, discussed Medicaid Managed Care 3.5% Rate Increase.

Sen. Christensen commented on the charts.

Rep. Redd asked for clarification of the costs and Mr. Worthen responded.

Mr. Frandsen highly recommended an amazing brief done by an extraordinary author for the committee's reading enjoyment. He also explained some possible motions for the committee's consideration.

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: #1C, 2D, 2F, 2K, 3C, 3D for the Department of Health. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 6 .

Yeas-10

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

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. S. Hollins
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Rep. Redd presented "Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program" with the assistance of Dr. Babitz.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked if mental health professionals are included and Dr. Babitz responded.

[6d-Utah Anti Bullying Coalition](#)

Rep. Ray introduced "Utah Anti-Bullying Coalition" to the committee.

Mr. Kevin Bischoff, Business Development Director, Utah Anti-Bullying Coalition, presented information on the coalition to the committee.

Ms. Pam Hayes, Executive Director, Utah Anti-Bullying Coalition, added additional information.

Mr. Bischoff provided statistics on rates of suicide among Utah youth.

Chair Christensen commented on the value of the lives saved for the amount of budget provided.

Rep. Hollins made a comment on the use of restorative justice.

Sen. Escamilla asked clarifying questions and Ms. Hayes responded.

[6e-Medical Interpreting Education and Accountability Program](#)

Rep. Chavez-Houck and Sen. Escamilla explained "Medical Interpreting Education and Accountability Program" to the committee.

Chair Christensen asked approximately how many languages are available for interpretation services. Sen. Escamilla provided the answers.

Rep. Thurston asked about the licensing process. Sen. Escamilla responded.

Rep. Redd asked about the curriculum for medical interpreters and Sen. Escamilla responded.

Chair Christensen gave a personal experience of the need for trained interpretation skills in his dental practice.

[6f-The INN Between](#)

Sen. Escamilla explained "The INN Between" to the committee.

Ms. Kim Correa, Executive Director, The INN Between, provided information to the committee.

Chair Christensen asked questions about the building that The INN Between is interested in purchasing. Ms. Correa responded.

Rep. Redd asked about the life expectancy of the building and Ms. Correa responded.

Rep. Ray offered to take any members of the committee to The INN Between to see what services they provide.

[6g-ICF- ID Property Improvement](#)

Sen. Escamilla presented "ICF-ID Property Improvement" to the committee.

Ms. Karen Root, ICF-ID Chair, Utah Healthcare, provided information about Mesa Vista and its need for one-time funding for improvements.

6 . Report on Sufficient Funds For Transfer From the University of Utah School of

Mr. Checketts explained the "Report on Sufficient Funds For Transfer From the University of Utah School of Dentistry."

[7a-Motion - Ward - USIIS Audit or Report - 2018 GS](#)

MOTION: Rep. Ward moved to get a performance audit of the Department of Health's Utah Immunization Information System. (See above document, 7a-Motion - Ward - USIIS Audit or Report - 2018 GS, issued 1/26/2018 3:29 PM)

Rep. Ward spoke to the need for a performance audit of immunizations in Utah.

Sen. Escamilla asked who would bear the costs of an audit.

Dr. Miner responded.

Rep. Kennedy wondered if the audit should include information about what other states are doing.

Rep. Ward's motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 1 .

Yeas-15

Nays-0

Absent-1

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[10-Issue Brief - 2018 General Session - Medicaid Spending Statewide](#)

Mr. Frandsen explained the Issue Brief to the committee.

MOTION: House Chair Ray moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 5 .

Yeas-11

Nays-0

Absent-5

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Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.