

**MINUTES OF THE  
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tuesday, June 19, 2018 • 8:00 a.m. • Columbus Community  
Center, 3495 S. West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84115

**Members Present:**

Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair  
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Daniel Hemmert  
President Wayne L. Niederhauser  
Sen. Todd Weiler  
Sen. Brian Zehnder  
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck  
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards  
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes  
Rep. Sandra Hollins  
Rep. Edward H. Redd  
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller

Rep. Norman K. Thurston

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell  
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Maddy Oritt, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary  
Ms. Alysha S. Gardner, Staff Economist

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).

**1 . Call to Order**

Chair Ray called the meeting to order.

Ms. Kristy Chambers, Chief Executive Officer, Columbus Community Center (CCC), explained the services offered to the clients of the center.

Chair Ray announced that Ms. Alysha Gardner, Staff Economist, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), is leaving Utah for a job in Washington, D.C. and will be replaced by Ms. Maddy Oritt, Fiscal Analyst, LFA. Chair Ray thanked Ms. Gardner for her work with the committee.

**2 . New Federal Funding Opportunities with the 2018 Omnibus Agreement**

[4a-FFIS Summary of 2018 Federal Omnibus - 6-29-2018](#)

Dr. Joe Miner, Executive Director, Department of Health (DOH), explained the sources of funding for various programs overseen by the department.

Rep. Thurston asked Dr. Miner clarifying questions about funding and Dr. Miner responded.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked about Title 10 and other sex education funding and expressed concern with the increases in sexually transmitted diseases. Dr. Miner responded.

Mr. Mark Brasher, Deputy Director, Department of Human Services (DHS), and Mr. Brent Kelsey, Assistant Director, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, DHS, discussed opioid funding and programs.

Rep. Thurston asked questions about funding and databases regarding opioid addiction and Mr. Kelsey responded.

Mr. Nathan Harrison, Finance Director, Department of Workforce Services (DWS), explained the department's funding for its programs.

Vice Chair Ward asked clarifying questions and Mr. Harrison responded.

### **3 . Comparison of Subcommittee Priorities and Final Funding**

#### [5-Social Services Recommendations vs Final Action from 2018 General Session](#)

Mr. Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, explained the document to the committee.

### **4 . Legislative Audit of the Road Home**

#### [6a-A Limited Review of Three Facilities Operated by The Road Home - Slide Presentation](#)

Mr. Brian Dean, Audit Manager, Office of the Legislative Auditor General (OLAG), introduced the audit of The Road Home (TRH) to the committee.

Mr. Jim Behunin, Audit Supervisor, OLAG, explained the audit of TRH shelters, including the processes used in the audit and recommendations for improvement.

Chair Ray asked about the audit and its recommendations. Mr. Behunin responded.

Rep. Edwards asked clarifying questions about the audit and Mr. Dean responded.

Rep. Thurston asked about the awareness of TRH's leadership of the problems outlined in the audit and Mr. Behunin responded.

Sen. Zehnder asked questions about the planned follow-up to the problems noted in the audit. Mr. Dean and Mr. Behunin responded.

Rep. Redd asked what happens to residents who are found with drugs while in the shelter and who are reported to the police. He also asked about interventions offered to residents in crisis. Mr. Behunin responded and provided recent examples.

Vice Chair Ward asked about the differences between Palmer Court and another facility that is not associated with TRH. Mr. Behunin and Mr. Dean answered the questions.

Mr. Matt Minkevitch, Executive Director, TRH, responded to the audit. He thanked the auditors for their work and recommendations and detailed some of the efforts the shelters are making to improve their service delivery and to implement audit recommendations.

Mr. Chris Acton, President, Board of Trustees, TRH, stated that the board takes the recommendations seriously and detailed what steps are being taken to follow the audit's recommendations.

Mr. Preston Cochrane, Executive Director, Shelter the Homeless, thanked the auditors and expressed support for the recommendations in the audit.

Chair Ray talked about his investigation into TRH shelters.

Rep. Thurston asked if TRH was surprised by the findings of the audit and about efforts to coordinate the transfer of services to new facilities. Mr. Minkevitch responded to the first question and Mr. Cochrane responded to the second question.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked the committee to consider how they can prepare service providers to make shifts in how services are provided to the homeless population and how the Legislature can make appropriations in the future that enable changes.

Mr. Minkevitch responded by explaining a shift in the type of populations being seen in homeless shelters and what is needed to meet their needs.

Mr. Acton discussed the board's efforts to be more involved with the shelters.

Rep. Redd made suggestions about gleaning information from participants and providers of other programs and facilities.

Ms. Tiffanie Provost, Chair, Board of Directors, Pioneer Park Coalition (PPC), expressed concerns about problems with the service providers for the homeless.

Mr. Dave Kelly, Vice Chair, Board of Directors, PPC, discussed the audit.

Mr. Scott Howell, Board of Directors, PPC, expressed his concerns with how services for the homeless are being provided and coordinated.

Ms. Provost commented on outcomes versus outputs and other issues and made suggestions for changes.

Mr. Howell summed up PPC's recommendations for three changes to improve services to the homeless.

## **5 . Follow Up on Homelessness Deep-Dive/Operation Rio Grande**

[7-Workforce Services - Follow-Up on Homeless Services Deep-Dive](#)

Ms. Maddy Oritt, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, presented the report to the committee.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked clarifying questions about the report.

Mr. Greg Paras, Deputy Director, DWS, provided answers.

Chair Ray welcomed Rep. Seegmiller to the committee.

Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, explained the agenda for the rest of the meeting.

Ms. Kristy Chambers, CCC, gave more information about the facility and the many services provided to its clientele.

Mr. Mike Willhard and his daughter, Ms. Sarah Willhard, told how CCC has provided socialization and work opportunities for Sarah and respite for her family. The audience and committee applauded Sarah for being named Employee of the Year for Intermountain Health Care's laundry facility.

Mr. Revis Christensen was introduced to the committee by Ms. Safia Keller, Chief Employment Development Officer, CCC. He spoke about his many jobs and how well he is doing writing his resume. He told what he buys with his income (game systems and shoes). The audience and committee applauded Mr. Christensen for his accomplishments.

Chair Ray asked Mr. Christensen what game he plays best. He responded that it is "Mortal Kombat vs. DC Universe."

Mr. Dylan Donahoe spoke about CCC's job coaching program and how it led to his employment with Boeing Company. Chair Ray asked Mr. Donahoe what he does for Boeing Company and Mr. Donahoe detailed the many jobs he has done for the company. The audience and committee applauded Mr. Donahoe for his advancements and hard work.

Ms. Leslie Perkins, Manager, Boeing Company, spoke about the positive relationship the Boeing Company has with CCC and its clientele.

Chair Ray thanked all those who addressed the committee and recessed the meeting. The legislators and staff were then taken on a tour of CCC, led by Ms. Chambers.