

**MINUTES OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tuesday, June 19, 2018 • 1:15 p.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. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
Rep. Edward H. Redd
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Sen. Daniel Hemmert
President Wayne L. Niederhauser
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Sen. Brian Zehnder
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Michael S. Kennedy

Staff Present:

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

Members Absent:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair

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

Chair Ray called the meeting to order.

2 . Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Ms. Amberly Datillo, Staff Attorney, Disability Law Center, addressed the committee and encouraged adequate funding for programs serving the disabled.

[3a-Interpretation of the Federal Settings Rule for HCBS Waivers](#)

[3b-Review of State Waivers and Sheltered Workshops - DOH](#)

Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), explained the agenda item to the committee.

Ms. Tara Harrison, Associate General Counsel, Legislative Research and General Counsel (LRGC), explained the legal requirements for complying with federal guidelines.

Ms. Tonya Hales, Assistant Director, Division of Medicaid and Health Financing, Department of Health (DOH), gave an overview of the State's responsibilities in implementing the Settings Rule.

Ms. Angella Pinna, Director, Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD), presented a review of the Settings Rule.

Chair Ray asked Ms. Harrison for clarification and she responded.

Vice Chair Ward asked if the Settings Rule also applied to group homes. Ms. Pinna provided the answer and Ms. Hales added more information.

Sen. Weiler asked for information about DSPD's intent regarding sheltered work and Ms. Hales and Ms. Pinna responded.

Rep. Redd asked who determines if the department is being compliant with the Settings Rule. Ms. Hales and Ms. Pinna responded.

Sen. Escamilla commented on the ability of the Legislature to fund Utah-directed programs and asked about ways to change how services are provided. Ms. Pinna responded.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked for a comparison with what Idaho is doing with community-based employment. Ms. Pinna answered her question.

Chair Ray expressed frustration with DSPD.

3 . Return on Investment Data for the Utah Parent Center

[6b-Utah Parent Center - Return on Investment](#)

Ms. Pinna provided information to the committee about the State's relationship with the Utah Parent Center.

4 . Addiction and Recovery Rates for Young People

[7-Recovery Service Rate](#)

Mr. Doug Thomas, Director, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH), introduced the topic to the committee.

Mr. Brent Kelsey, Assistant Director, DSAMH, presented the report to the committee.

Chair Ray asked a clarifying question and Mr. Kelsey and Mr. Thomas responded.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked about the availability of counseling services in school and community settings for youth. Mr. Kelsey responded.

[8-DORA Medicaid Expansion](#)

5 . Impact of Medicaid Expansion on the Treatment Gap for Offenders and Need for

Mr. Kelsey explained the Drug-Related Offenses Reform Act (DORA) to the committee with the assistance of Mr. Richard Nance, Director, Utah County Department of Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Treatment.

Rep. Redd asked about DORA participants who are also currently eligible for Medicaid. Mr. Kelsey responded.

Mr. Nance relayed information about Utah County's DORA programs.

Rep. Redd asked what social detox is and Mr. Kelsey explained. Mr. Nance provided additional information.

MOTION: Rep. Seegmiller moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 11 .

Yeas-6

Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. E. Redd
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-11

Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. R. Edwards
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Chair Ray adjourned the meeting.