



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 | 8:00 a.m. | Odyssey House, 3944 South 400 East, Millcreek, UT 84107

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. Todd Weiler
- Sen. Brian Zehnder
- Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
- Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
- Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes
- Rep. Edward H. Redd
- Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller
- Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Members Absent:

- President Wayne L. Niederhauser
- Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
- 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. An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary

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 Christensen called the meeting to order at 8:28 AM.

2 . Consensus Funding Reduction Items (green)

Mr. Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), explained the agenda to the attendees.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to take all the items from the sheet entitled "Consensus Funding Reduction Items" dated 12:15 PM 10/12/2018 and put the money on a list for future internal reallocation, subject to approval by the Executive Appropriations Committee, and to make an adjustment to #1 for the One-Time State Funds column from \$13,564,000 to \$8,700,000.

Rep. Ray's motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-10

- Rep. R. Chavez-Houck
- Sen. A. Christensen
- Rep. T. Hawkes
- Sen. D. Hemmert
- Rep. P. Ray
- Rep. E. Redd
- Rep. T. Seegmiller
- Rep. R. Ward
- Sen. T. Weiler
- Sen. B. Zehnder

Nays-0

Absent-7

- Rep. R. Edwards
- Sen. L. Escamilla
- Rep. S. Hollins
- Rep. M. Kennedy
- Sen. W. Niederhauser
- Rep. N. Thurston
- Sen. K. Van Tassell

[4a-Mental Health in Schools - Legislation in Other States - NCSL](#)

Ms. Ruth Wilson, Assistant Director, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH), Department of Human Services (DHS), and Mr. Eric Tadehara, Program Director, DSAMH, introduced themselves and Mr. Tadehara explained services provided by DSAMH.

[4b-Mental Health Early Intervention Legislative Report - FY 2018](#)

[4c-Telehealth Follow-Up Report](#)

[4d-School-Based Behavioral Health School List - FY 2019 Q1](#)

[4e-School-Based Behavioral Health - DSAMH Presentation - Oct 2018](#)

[4f-FY17 School-Based Behavioral Health Fact Sheet](#)

[4g-School-Based Behavioral Health - Funding Sources](#)

Rep. Edwards asked for additional information and Mr. Tadehara responded.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked clarifying questions and Mr. Tadehara responded.

Rep. Redd asked for information about services provided to families. Mr. Tadehara and Ms. Wilson responded.

Rep. Ward asked questions about funding. Mr. Tadehara responded.

Rep. Seegmiller asked for information about discrepancies between school districts and the mental health services they provide. Mr. Tadehara responded.

Chair Christensen asked for additional information about the discrepancies and Mr. Tadehara responded and then continued his presentation.

Rep. Redd asked for clarification about students' GPA data and Mr. Tadehara responded.

Rep. Ward asked for more information and Mr. Tadehara responded.

Rep. Thurston asked about the increasing need for mental health services among youth. Mr. Tadehara responded.

Rep. Redd asked about the difference between needs and interventions based on the age of youth. Mr. Tadehara responded.

Rep. Hawkes asked for information about Davis County School District's participation in mental health programs. Mr. Tadehara responded.

Rep. Ray provided additional information.

Rep. Edwards asked for additional information and Mr. Tadehara responded.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked Mr. Tadehara to address how geographical area and age of the client affects the availability of mental health services and he responded.

Chair Christensen expressed gratitude to Mr. Tadehara and Ms. Wilson for the presentation.

3 . How are the State Dental and Medical Clinics Coordinating with Other Non-Profit

[5-SSA Presentation on Clinics - October 2018](#)

Dr. Marc Babitz, Deputy Director, Department of Health (DOH), introduced himself and Mr. Jake Fitsemanu, Manager, Health Clinics, DOH, and Mr. Pete Adams, Director, Dental Clinics, DOH, and answered questions from the committee.

Rep. Ward ask about DOH clinic funding and Dr. Babitz responded.

Sen. Zehnder asked if it is possible to have a private/public mix for reimbursement. Dr. Babitz responded.

Rep. Redd made a comment about compensation for providers and asked how long community clinics have been in operation and if this particular safety net is still needed. Dr. Babitz responded.

Rep. Thurston asked for more clarification and Dr. Babitz responded.

Mr. Frandsen provided information about the number of clients served by the program.

Mr. Adams explained the dental clinic operations and clientele at the invitation of Chair Christensen.

Mr. Frandsen provided information about the percentage of Medicaid claims.

4 . Time-Series Analysis on General Assistance Funding

[6-Time Series Graph of General Assistance](#)

Ms. Carrie Mayne, Chief Economist, Department of Workforce Services (DWS), introduced the data to the committee. Mr. Jon Pierpoint, Executive Director, DWS, provided additional information.

Chair Christensen asked for additional information and Mr. Pierpont responded.

Rep. Redd asked about the number of people on general assistance. Mr. Pierpont responded.

5 . Legislative Audit of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

[7a-Audit Presentation of Utah's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families](#)

[7b-A Performance Audit of Utah's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program](#)

Chair Christensen explained what TANF is to the audience.

Ms. Anndrea Parrish, Audit Supervisor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General (OLAG), introduced the audit to the committee with the assistance of Mr. Kade Minchey, Audit Manager, OLAG, and Mr. Mike Allred, Audit Staff, OLAG.

Rep. Ward asked for more information about the definition of returning to state assistance and Ms. Parrish responded.

Chair Christensen asked clarifying questions and Mr. Minchey responded.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked for additional information and Ms. Parrish responded.

Sen. Weiler asked for more information about legislative initiatives addressed by the audit and Ms. Parrish responded.

Sen. Zehnder asked for more information about the Family Employment Program and Ms. Parrish responded.

Rep. Chavez-Houck asked questions about measuring poverty, outcomes, and funding. Ms. Parrish responded.

Chair Christensen commented on the need to reassess funding for contracts and programs.

Sen. Escamilla asked a clarifying question and Ms. Parrish responded.

Chair Christensen thanked the auditors for their presentation and invited Mr. Pierpont to address the findings of the audit.

Mr. Pierpont thanked the auditors for their work and provided a response to the audit.

Chair Christensen commented on federal block grants and the need to prioritize programs so the most important ones remain funded when block grants end.

Rep. Ward asked a clarifying question about how much is spent on case management and Mr. Pierpont responded.

6 . Legislation to Address Pharmaceutical Price Transparency

Rep. Thurston briefed the committee on pharmaceutical price transparency and answered questions from the committee.

Mr. Nate Checketts, Deputy Director, DOH, provided more information and responded to questions from the committee.

Sen. Hemmert commented on the way Medicaid works at the state level.

Rep. Seegmiller thanked Rep. Thurston for his thought leadership and asked for more information about other efforts being made around the country. Rep. Thurston responded.

Chair Christensen made a comment about copays and insurance.

Rep. Ward commented on getting pricing information from pharmacists.

7 . Written Reports

[9a2-MMIS Quarterly Report - September 2018](#)

[9b1-Issue Brief - 2018 Interim - A Performance Audit of the Division of Family Health and Preparedness](#)

[9b2-OLAG - FHP Audit - 10-1-18](#)

[9b3-Quality Engagement CSHCN](#)

[9b4-Health Facilities CMP - Worksheet 3-18](#)

[9c2-OLAG Performance Audit update 2018](#)

[9d-2018 Report on Generic Medication Three Month Supply - 2018-10-12](#)

[9e-Triage Criminal Background HB7i28 Report](#)

[9f1-Survey Cost Comparison One-Pager](#)

[9f2-Survey Cost Comparison Report](#)

[9g-USIIS Report](#)

[9c1-Issue Brief - 2018 Interim - Beaver Valley Hospital's Medicaid Upper Payment Limit Program](#)

Mr. Frandsen explained 9c1-Issue Brief to the committee.

Mr. Adam Cohen, CEO, Odyssey House, introduced himself and described the Odyssey House programs to the committee.

Mr. Bracken Stewart Hoffman, Odyssey House client, introduced himself and described his former addictions and homelessness and his recovery due to the Odyssey House programs.

Chair Christensen expressed his gratitude to Mr. Hoffman for his hard work in overcoming his addictions and asked if he would be willing to be a contact for legislators as they seek to establish laws that affect the homeless and addicts.

Ms. Brittney Hawkes, Odyssey House client, formerly homeless and addicted, introduced herself and explained how Odyssey House changed and saved her life.

Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM and the attendees took a tour of the Odyssey House facilities.