



# MINUTES

## SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 | 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. Kirk A. Cullimore  
Sen. Todd Weiler  
Rep. Kim F. Coleman  
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost  
Rep. Brad M. Daw  
Rep. Sandra Hollins  
Rep. Marsha Judkins  
Rep. Adam Robertson  
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller

Rep. Norman K. Thurston

### Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Keith Grover  
Sen. Daniel Hemmert

### 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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

### 1 . Call to Order

### 2 . Public Input on Topics on

Dr. Kurt Rifleman, Medical Director, Mid-town Community Health Center, spoke in favor of Department of Health (DOH) Workforce Financial Assistance.

Dr. Andrew Garrison, Medical Director, Community Health Center, spoke in favor of DOH Workforce Financial Assistance.

Mr. Alan Pruhs, Executive Director, Association for Utah Community Health, spoke in favor of DOH Workforce Financial Assistance.

Dr. Sarah Cordingley, Pediatric Audiologist, Let Utah Children Hear, spoke in support of the CHAP Program.

Mr. Jeff Davis, parent, Let Utah Children Hear, spoke in support of the CHAP Program.

### 3 . Dental Expenses Incurred by Medicaid Clients in Nursing

[5b-NCSL - Dental expenses incurred by Medicaid clients in nursing homes - how do other Medicaid programs address this](#)

Ms. Emma Chacon, Operations Director, Division of Medicaid and Health Financing, DOH, explained funding for dental services provided to nursing home clients.

### 4 . Improvements in Speed of Disability Determinations

Mr. Jeff Nelson, Director, Bureau of Medicaid Eligibility Policy, DOH, explained the improvements to the committee's performance.

Rep. Judkins asked what the impact will be due to Medicaid expansion and Mr. Nelson responded.

## **5 . Review of Department of Health's Medicaid**

Mr. Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, Office of Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), explained the Medicaid Sanctions Budget and possible motions for the committee's consideration.

Rep. Judkins asked for guidance in finding document links and Mr. Frandsen responded.

## **6 . Results of Contract with Dental Lifeline Network**

### [8-Dental Lifeline Network - Utah - Annual Report](#)

Dr. Laurence Palmer, DDS, Chairman of Utah Leadership Council, introduced himself and Hollie Stevenson, J.D., Vice President of Affiliate and Government Relations, Dental Lifeline Network. She explained the program and provided "Dental Lifeline Network Annual Report" and "About Dental Lifeline Network".

### [8b-Dental Lifeline Network UT Presentation February 5, 2018](#)

Chair Christensen asked how clients are referred to Dental Lifeline Network and what are the qualifications for receiving the service and Ms. Stevenson responded.

## **7 . Requests for Appropriation - Health (agency only)**

### [9-DFHP Building Blocks](#)

Mr. Frandsen explained the report and reviewed funding provided by the legislature for various programs during 2018.

### [9d-Medical Cannabis Building Block Itemized Budget](#)

### [9d1-Medical Cannabis Appropriations](#)

Dr. Joe Miner, Executive Director, DOH, talked about the department's efforts to provide medical cannabis to those with qualified medical conditions and through qualified medical providers.

Chair Christensen asked if there are requests for medical cannabis and Dr. Miner responded.

Rep. Ray asked about guidelines for types of medical cannabis and Dr. Miner responded.

Rep. Thurston asked about impaired driving laws and if having a medical cannabis card allowed for driving while using cannabis and Dr. Miner responded.

Mr. Rich Oborn, Director, Center for Medical Cannabis, DOH, explained the elements of the program and provided the following documents:

### [9d1-Medical Cannabis Appropriations](#)

### [9d2-Medical Cannabis Card Process Overview](#)

### [9d3. Medical Cannabis Fact Sheet.FinalPaperVersion](#)

### [9d4-UMCA Overview Final](#)

Rep. Daw asked for information about the education provided to pharmacists and claims made for conditions helped by medical cannabis. Mr. Oborn responded.

Dr. Marc Babitz, Deputy Director, DOH, provided more information about the education provided to pharmacists.

Rep. Seegmiller asked about training regarding interactions between multiple prescriptions and cannabis and Mr. Oborn responded.

Chair Christensen gave his input on who is responsible for knowing about interactions between multiple prescriptions and medical cannabis and Dr. Babitz gave more information, suggesting dosages should start low and go slow.

Rep. Hollins thanked the department for its work and asked for more clarification about medical providers. Dr. Babitz responded.

Mr. Oborn continued with his presentation.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked for information about the cost of the center's website and Mr. Oborn responded.

Rep. Robertson asked for additional information regarding the budget requests and Mr. Oborn responded.

Chair Christensen asked for information about anticipated income streams and Mr. Oborn responded.

Dr. Joe Miner, Executive Director, DOH, presented the following Building Block requests:

[9f-CHAP BBltemized Budgets - January 2019](#)

[9e-HCWFA BB Itemized Budget](#)

Dr. Babitz commented on funding sources for HCWFA.

Mr. Paul Patrick, Director, Division of Family Health and Preparedness, DOH, talked about the shortage of physicians in rural areas.

Chair Christensen asked for information about attracting rural health care providers and Mr. Patrick and Dr. Babitz responded.

Rep. Dailey-Provost added information about the importance of rural health care providers.

Dr. Babitz clarified funding options for funding rural physicians and clinics.

Mr. Patrick thanked the committee for their work.

Mr. Gary Edwards, Executive Director, Salt Lake County Health Department, discussed funding to local health departments, and provided "Local Public Health Funding Trend."

Mr. Lloyd Berentzen, Executive Director, Bear River Health Department, discussed funding to local health departments and the need to have the resources to respond quickly to outbreaks of infectious diseases.

Chair Christensen asked about the amount of the funding request and Mr. Berentzen responded.

Rep. Robertson asked for clarification of funds provided by counties to their own health departments and Mr. Berentzen responded.

Rep. Judkins asked for clarification regarding the distribution of funds and Mr. Edwards responded.

Dr. Miner provided additional information about the need for the block grant.

Chair Christensen thanked Mr. Berentzen and Mr. Edwards for their work.

**8 . Department of Health's Primary Care Workforce Financial Assistance Base**

Mr. Frandsen explained possible motions for the committee to consider and also explained possible budget reductions.

Dr. Babitz commented on the proposed cuts.

Chair Christensen asked for additional information regarding programs completely using all funds provided by the legislature and Dr. Babitz responded.

**9 . Follow Up on A Performance Audit of the Division of Family Health**

Mr. Patrick discussed the division's efforts to address the audit's recommendations.

[11a-Implementation Status Report FHP - CRB Jan 2019](#)

[11b-Implementation Status Report FHP - CRB Nov 2018](#)

[11c-FHP Strategic Plan 1-31-2019 - CRB Reduced](#)

Mr. Frandsen reviewed possible motions for the committee to consider.

**MOTION:** House Vice Chair Ward moved to approve all BE, BH, BF, BK, and BL motions from the sheet entitled "Social Services Subcommittee - Motions for Subcommittee Consideration" dated 1/25/2019.

House Vice Chair Ward's motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-10

Sen. A. Christensen  
Sen. K. Cullimore  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. T. Seegmiller  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Rep. R. Ward  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-7

Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. K. Coleman  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Hemmert  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. A. Robertson

**MOTION:** Sen. Cullimore moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.



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Senate Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting 10:39 a.m.