



# MINUTES

## SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, January 31, 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. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Keith Grover  
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. Kirk A. Cullimore  
Sen. Daniel Hemmert

### Staff Present:

Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Maddy Oritt, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Paula Morgan, 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).

Chair Ray called the meeting to order at 8:16 a.m.

## 1 . Department of Human Services (DHS) - Base Budget

Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst, reviewed the base budget for the Department of Human Services (DHS) using [cobi.utah.gov](http://cobi.utah.gov).

### [4ai-Expenditures by Vendor - DHS - FY 2018](#)

### [4b-Fund Balances - DHS - FY 2018](#)

Chair Ray requested clarification about the Children's Account fund and the actual use of the funds. Ms. Lence clarified the use.

Rep. Thurston had a question about court assessment funds and the actual use of them. Chair Ray said that question would be asked when the Division of Substance Abuse and Health presented on Monday, February 4. Ms. Lence continued with her explanation.

### [4c-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - Fees - Department of Human Services](#)

Ms. Lence explained the fee brief and a requested change.

Rep. Thurston asked a question about the State Hospital photo shoot fee.

Dallas Earnshaw, Utah State Hospital Superintendent, replied to the question.

Sen. Weiler asked about the fee for services for the collection of child support.

Leisa Stockdale, Director, Office of Recovery Services (ORS), answered the question.

Ms. Lence continued with explanation of fees.

Rep. Robertson asked a question about the outdoor youth program under the Executive Director's Office (EDO). Ms. Lence explained.

Mark Brasher, Deputy Director, DHS answered the question about the fee.

Ms. Lence continued explanation about upcoming motions.

Chair Ray clarified about a motion on fees.

Rep. Judkins asked for clarification on the Performance Measures. Ms. Lence replied.

**MOTION:** Rep. Thurston moved to approve the following motions from the sheet entitled " Social Services Subcommittee - Motions for Subcommittee Consideratioin" dated 1/25/2019:#CC2, CC9. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-12

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

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. K. Cullimore  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Hemmert

Ms. Lence spoke about the Priority List - Ongoing State Funds under the DHS agency-wide new funding requests. Rep. Robertson asked for clarification on where the item could be found. Ms. Lence clarified with input from Chair Ray.

Rep. Thurston shared a concern and asked for clarification on the measure of success on the building blocks spending. Rep. Ray suggested that would be answered by the Department of Health (DOH). There was continued conversation for clarification about the unfavorable federal match rate change between Ms. Lence and Rep. Thurston.

Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, gave further explanation of the issue and Rep. Thurston suggested that it would be helpful to have more information.

Rep. Ward shared input on the question about the match rate.

[6-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - System of Care](#)

Ms. Lence discussed the brief.

Lana Stohl, Deputy Director, DHS, explained the scope of the System of Care Program and its importance.

**2 . DHS - Executive Director Operations (EDO) - Base Budget**

[7b-EDO Purposes - 2019 GS](#)

Ms. Lence referred to the Purposes sheet and explained it.

Rep. Judkins had a question about an amount in Human Resources. Ms. Lence explained.

Ms. Lence continued explaining internal service funds.

Ann Silverberg Williamson, Executive Director, DHS, spoke about the mission of the department concerning the Office of Quality and Design.

Rep. Judkins asked a clarifying question about increasing efficiencies. Ms. Williamson clarified the question. There was continued conversation.

Rep. Thurston asked a question about the procedures the committee should use to make decisions for the budget. Ms. Williamson replied. Rep. Thurston and Ms. Williams continued discussion.

Rep. Daw addressed the proposed reduction and expressed concern and wondered how the cut had been determined. Ms. Lence replied to the question. There was continued discussion with input from Chair Ray.

Sen. Escamilla asked a question about acquiring more information and commented on the procedures being implemented and the importance of focusing on the person not the money.

Rep. Thurston asked about how to structure the budget so that money saved could be reinvested. Ms. Lence made some suggestions with input from Chair Ray.

Sen. Christensen commented about savings.

Ms. Lence explained the Federal Funds Brief.

Rep. Thurston had a question about one of the federal funds and asked for explanation about the State Health Insurance Program and what it is and how it is awarded. Ms. Lence replied to that question.

Ms. Lence continued her explanation of the Social Services Block Grant.

Rep. Provost asked for clarification and Ms. Lence clarified.

Ms. Lence continued.

Rep. Robertson asked for clarification on the lag in grant spending and whether it is related to delays in federal funding.

Mark Brasher, Deputy Director, DHS, addressed the question on funding for aging in certain situations. Rep. Robertson continued questioning about the time an agency might respond.

Ms. Lence moved to a review of the motions to be considered CC1, CC2, CC3, CC4, CC5, CC6, CC7, and CC8.

Sen. Christensen had a question about motion CC6 and where it came from. Ms. Lence replied.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to approve the following motions from the sheet entitled "Social Services Subcommittee - Motions for Subcommittee Consideration" dated 1/25/2019: CC1, CC3, CC4, CC6, CC7, CC8 The substitute motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-12

Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. K. Coleman  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. B. Daw  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. T. Seegmiller  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams  
Sen. K. Cullimore  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Hemmert  
Rep. R. Ward

**3 . DHS - Office of Recovery Services (ORS) - Base Budget**

Ms. Lence explained the role and reviewed the Office of Recovery Services (ORS) base budget.

Sen. Christensen offered explanation about the ORS budget.

Rep. Daw asked a question about a situation of noncustodial parents that have funds they receive "under the table" and if there are some legal ramifications. Ms. Stockdale responded to the question.

Rep. Thurston asked a question about a particular individual who was asked to sign a waiver to end their case. Ms. Stockdale responded. There was continued discussion between Ms. Stockdale and Rep. Thurston.

Sen. Escamilla commented on the scenario and asked Ms. Stockdale if the department felt fully staffed to handle issues that come up. Ms. Stockdale responded.

Ms. Lence continued on the Budget Reduction sheet #27.

Ms. Stockdale responded to the budget reduction.

Ms. Lence continued on federal funds for ORS in the base budget.

Rep. Dailey-Provost had a question about an item on the list. Ms. Stockdale replied.

Rep. Thurston asked how the medicaid recovery program interfaces with the Office of Inspector General Ms. Stockdale responded.

Ms. Lence explained the #CE motions to be considered for ORS.

Sen. Christensen asked a question about a bill showing up on a fiscal note.

Ms. Lence and Mr. Frandsen answered.

Ms. Lence continued.

Ms. Stockdale commented on #CE4.

Chair Ray asked for specifics about areas of training. Ms. Stockdale responded.

Ms. Lence continued with a review of the motions.

Sen. Christensen had a question about #CE5. Ms. Stockdale replied. The discussion continued.

Rep. Robertson asked a question about Medicaid Expansion and how the people served would increase and how many FTEs would be needed to cover the increase. Ms. Stockdale responded.

Rep. Dailey-Provost requested clarification on the motion. Ms. Lence clarified.

**MOTION:** Rep. Thurston moved to approve the following motions from the sheet entitled "Social Services Subcommittee - Motions for Subcommittee Consideration" dated 1/25/2019: #CE1 -6 except #CE3. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-11

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

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. K. Coleman  
Sen. K. Cullimore  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Hemmert

**4 . DHS - Child and Family Services (DCFS) - Base Budget**

Ms. Lence explained the base budget items for DCFS.

Diane Moore, Director, DCFS commented on efficiencies in leases.

Ms. Lence continued with item #18 on the base budget dealing with a crisis nursery.

Sen Christensen asked about the status of the crisis nursery. Ms. Moore responded.

Rep. Ward asked about the cut being made and if it is reasonable and Ms. Moore responded.

Ms. Lence continued with the DCFS budget.

Ms. Lence reviewed all the #CB motions to be considered.

Rep. Ray asked a question about the balance. Ms. Lence responded.

Sen. Escamilla spoke to item #18 on the Budget Reduction Options sheet and clarified about the crisis nursery center timeline.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to approve the following motions from the sheet entitled "Social Services Subcommittee - Motions for Subcommittee Consideration" dated 1/25/2019: All #CB Motions with the exception of #CB2 and CB4. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-13

Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. B. Daw  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. T. Seegmiller  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Rep. R. Ward  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. K. Coleman  
Sen. K. Cullimore  
Sen. D. Hemmert

**5 . Federal Family First Prevention Services Act**

Diane Moore, Director, DCFS explained the Family First Act and the funding parameters.

Rep. Robertson asked for explanation. Ms. Moore discussed how they work. Ms. Moore explained 3 areas to be considered. There was continued conversation between Ms. Moore and Rep. Robertson with input from Sen. Christensen.

Ms. Lence asked the committee look at reports prepared by DCFS in agenda items #11b and 12b and 12c.

Brian Dean, Deputy Director, Legislative Auditor General reported on the audit they performed of Juvenile Justice Services.

Ms. Williamson introduced Brett Peterson as new state director of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services. Mr. Peterson responded.

Chair Ray commented on the audit and the response of the agency.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn at 10:48 a.m. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-13

Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. B. Daw  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. M. Judkins  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. T. Seegmiller  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Rep. R. Ward  
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. K. Coleman  
Sen. K. Cullimore  
Sen. D. Hemmert