



MINUTES

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, February 4, 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. Daniel Hemmert
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

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.

Chair Ray called the meeting to order at 8:12 AM

1 . Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Andrew Riggle, Disability Law Center, Public Advocate, spoke requesting adequate funding for forensic evaluators.

Rep. Judkins asked which bill was being referenced and Mr. Riggle indicated it was Senator Fillmore's bill for assisted outpatient treatment.

2 . DHS - Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) - Base

[5c-DSAMH Purposes - 2019 GS](#)

Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, reviewed the purposes sheet details for DSAMH.

Ms. Lence proceeded to explain from the Budget Reduction Options Sheet.

Rep. Judkins asked how preschool autistic children are served in rural areas. Ms. Lence deferred to the division to answer the question.

Doug Thomas, Director, DSAMH responded to the question indicating the locations of the preschools.

Ms. Lence continued presenting from the Budget Reduction Options sheet.

Mr. Thomas responded to the reduction item indicating that this reduction is a small amount and explained that the funding had been spent.

Rep. Robertson asked for clarification on the \$15,000 spent and Mr. Thomas explained the procedure used for spending the funding.

Ms. Lence continued presenting from the Budget Reduction Options sheet #20, 21, and 22, which included information about Proposition #3, Drug Offender Reform Act, and one-time funding for medication assisted treatment.

Mr. Thomas responded to the reductions and Proposition 3.

Rep. Thurston asked for clarification about if someone in jail or prison could receive Medicaid. Chair Ray responded with the assistance of Sen. Christensen and Mr. Thomas.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked for clarification on those in jail receiving treatment or care and what happens when they are released and Mr. Thomas clarified. Rep. Dailey-Provost also voiced opposition to the cuts just explained.

Chair Ray also offered clarification about Medicaid coverage in regard to suspension versus termination of Medicaid coverage.

Ms. Lence continued with presentation on #23 and 24 on the reduction sheet regarding the State Hospital.

[5a-Utah State Hospital - Reduction Options Response](#)

Dallas Earnshaw, Superintendent, Utah State Hospital, referred to the Acute Recovery Treatment Center (ARTC) and the results of how reduction of funding would effect the ARTC and other areas affected.

Ms. Lence continued with the Fund Balances Sheet for Human Services and addressed a question from Rep. Thurston about the Intoxicated Driver Rehabilitation Account and evaluations done and effectiveness of the program.

Mr. Thomas presented information on the findings and indicated that rules were changed for better transparency of fund usage.

Rep. Thurston expressed appreciation for the efforts.

[6a-Issue Brief - 2018 Interim - Social Services - Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-up Report](#)

Ms. Lence continued with information from the brief.

Ms. Lence referred to the Social Services Motion sheet and reviewed each #CG items.

Elizabeth Klc, Utah Behavioral Health Committee and Brandon Hatch, Director, Davis Behavioral Health, and Chair, Utah Behavioral Health Committee, voiced concerns about the reductions being made in reference to item #CG4 on the motions sheet.

Rep. Ward asked a question about someone in treatment under Medicaid enrollment and the time involved to become enrolled. Mr. Hatch responded and there was continued discussion between Rep. Ward and Mr. Hatch.

Rep. Robertson asked for more clarification on timing for enrollment time and Mr. Hatch explained that he did not have them currently but that could be provided and also indicated that if too much time is taken it would have dilatory effects. There was further discussion about enrollment and and treatment costs.

Rep. Seegmiller commented on the programs that might have a problem if the reduction is made and asked for names of programs being affected. Mr. Hatch responded with a short list of items and the effects of cuts that might be made. There was continued discussion about the cuts.

Chair Ray and Ms. Lence recapped the items being considered for the upcoming motion.

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 #CG with the exception of #CG3 and CG4. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-14
Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Hemmert
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-3
Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. K. Grover

3 . Status of State Hospital Forensic Unit: Settlement Timelines and Funding

[6b-Utah State Hospital - Competency Restoration Handout - 2019 GS](#)

[6c-Utah State Hospital - Competency Restoration Presentation - 2019 GS](#)

Mr. Earnshaw presented information about the forensic population at the hospital and services with input from Mr. Thomas.

Sen. Christensen gave thanks to the division for their efforts and caring.

Rep. Ward asked about the trends taking place in the cases being served and its steep increase as compared to population increase. Mr. Earnshaw responded with some specifics.

Chair Ray also commented on the situation and the efforts being made in Utah.

4 . Five-Year History of Outcomes Data for Behavioral Health Treatment for

Mr. Thomas reported on the information in justice reinvestment and the trends and history there.

5 . Mental Health Coordination in Schools

Ms. Lence presented information about services provided and results collected from an legislative study and introduced Kathryn Macdonald-Poelman, Policy Research Assistant, Legislative Research and General Counsel.

[8ai-Mental Health Services in Schools - Results of School District Survey](#)

Rep. Dailey-Provost made a comment about the survey from someone in her district. Ms. Lence responded.

Ms. Macdonald-Poelman reviewed the information results from each section of the survey that was given.

[8aiii-School-Based Mental Health - Youth Served - FY18](#)

Ms. Poelman continued.

Rep. Coleman, voiced her concern about this being a big challenge in Public Education and what is expected from the LEAs and treatment and the role of school counselors as well as the needs of the students in schools. for mental health services. Ms. Lence responded.

Ms. Lence completed the presentation

Rep. Coleman commented on the presentation and asked what do we expect of the Public Education System as well as one of the items questioned on the survey and asked what is the responsibility of the school administrator. She also asked about where the discussion should take place in regard to student mental health issues.

Rep. Dailey-Provost expressed that the job of our schools has increased in regards to mental health and that we have an obligation to provide the services if that is the only place to receive it.

Mr. Thomas gave thanks for the survey that was completed and commented on the role of the school and what is the role of the local mental health authority and explained how the funding being provided to DSAMH has been used at the school level and referenced the partnership between the school and DSAMH.

Rep. Judkins voiced concern about the lack of mental health providers in certain areas. Mr. Thomas responded and emphasized what has been done to make the program work in schools in various areas including a program using telehealth in far away districts.

Kristen Reisig, Clinical Director, Davis Behavioral Health presented information about services provided and Brad Christensen, Davis School District commented on services currently being provided. Ms. Reisig continued with explanation of interventions being used along with input from Mr. Christensen.

Ms. Lence advised the committee to review the remaining item on the agenda.

Rep. Judkins asked a question about students receiving therapy in the schools and how it is being funded. Mr. Christensen responded to the question and explained how those services are given.

Rep. Robertson asked about funding and whether it is one-time or ongoing funding. Ms. Reisig explained the funding. There was continued inquiry from Rep. Robertson about costs, numbers being served and funding with a response from Ms. Reisig and Casey Layton, Davis School District. Rep. Robertson requested information about how much funding would be needed in Davis School District to adequately fund all the students needing mental health services.

Chair Ray commented about determining the exact funding needed because some services would be handled in the family but also needing some services in the schools provided. Ms. Reisig responded.

Chair Ray complimented the efforts being made in the Davis School District in answering the needs of the students.

Rep. Robertson commented on the mental health issue increasing in the country and gave thanks for their efforts being made for the services.

6 . DSAMH - New Funding Requests

Ms. Lence explained the Building Block list items and alternative funding sources on the Ongoing State Funds sheet.

Rep. Thurston had a question about procedures and the alternate sources of funding. Ms. Lence responded that staff could assist with that procedure. Chair Ray encouraged promptness in that procedure.

Mr. Thomas reviewed each item beginning with #FI on the Ongoing Funding List and #FH, #BA, and Item #DE.

Rep. Thurston had a question about savings taking place. Mr. Thomas explained costs along with some savings and Ms. Lence also responded to the idea of savings in different areas.

Rep. Thurston requested a motion be crafted to address the issue of savings.

Rep. Ray gave instruction about upcoming days and working with staff prior to motion days.

Ms. Lence advised the committee to review the last item on the agenda for tomorrow.

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to adjourn at 10:32 a.m. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-10

- Rep. K. Coleman
- Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
- Sen. K. Grover
- Rep. S. Hollins
- Rep. M. Judkins
- Rep. P. Ray
- Rep. T. Seegmiller
- Rep. N. Thurston
- Rep. R. Ward
- Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-7

- Sen. J. Adams
- Sen. A. Christensen
- Sen. K. Cullimore
- Rep. B. Daw
- Sen. L. Escamilla
- Sen. D. Hemmert
- Rep. A. Robertson