



MINUTES

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 6, 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. Todd Weiler
Rep. Kim F. Coleman
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Marsha Judkins
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller

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 9:36 AM.

1 . Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Brooke Wilson spoke for Joyce Dolcourt regarding people with disabilities and referencing several items on the Building Block list. She spoke to three items not on the list including: Direct Care Staff Salary Increase, Disability Transportation, and Restoration of 2009 Support Coordinator rate.

Denise Devynck, advocate for the homeless and disabled, spoke in support of funding for the homeless who do not know the procedures to obtain services they need.

Joey Hanna, Executive Director, Utah Parent Center, spoke in support of requested funding for people with a disabilities limited supports waiver.

Charile Luke, Executive Director, Utah Association of Community Services, requested continuing funding for provider rates as well as increased funding for motor transportation rates.

Sen. Escamilla asked a question about staffing increase to handle increase of those coming off the waiting list. Mr. Luke responded that providers would find space for services. Sen. Escamilla followed with a comment which addressed living wages. There was continued discussion.

Rep. Ward asked a question of salary per hour currently and Mr. Luke responded with details. There was comment from Sen. Christensen and also Mr. Luke.

[6a-DWS - USOR Expenditure Details FY18](#)

2 . DWS State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR) Base Budget

Maddy Oritt, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, presented details from the Compendium of Budget Information (COBI) document and addressed information on the budget requests from five divisions in USOR.

Ms. Oritt continued presenting Performance Measures for Vocational Rehabilitation, Increase the Percentage of Clients Served who are Youth and Increase services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Ms. Oritt continued explaining the one-time request for funding of assistive technology and equipment and explaining the motions #DI through DI13.

3 . DHS - Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) - Base Budget

Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, introduced the services available from the Division, requirements to qualify, and where and how services could be rendered as well as numbers served.

[7ci-DSPD Purposes - 2019 GS](#)

Ms. Lence reviewed the items on the purposes documents.

[7cii-DSPD - FY 2018 - Expenditures by Service Category](#)

Ms. Lence explained the items on the document.

Rep. Judkins asked a question about when we should talk about coordination between agencies and Rep. Ray answered the question.

Angella Pinna, Director, Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD), explained information from the Department about coordination of services and spoke about carry-forward money as well as a concerns about the depth of the proposed cut of funding.

Rep. Judkins asked for clarification on which cut was being referenced. Ms. Pinna clarified.

Ms. Lence proceeded to explain the Federal Funds Brief. Chair Ray indicated that there was a quorum.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen requested that Ms. Pinna speak to him offline about lapsing funds. Sen. Christensen moved to approve all of the DI motions for the General Assistance line item on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/25/2019 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
- Sen. L. Escamilla
- Rep. S. Hollins
- Rep. M. Judkins
- Rep. P. Ray
- Rep. A. Robertson
- Rep. N. Thurston
- Rep. R. Ward
- Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-5

- Sen. J. Adams
- Sen. K. Cullimore
- Sen. K. Grover
- Sen. D. Hemmert
- Rep. T. Seegmiller

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to reconsider actions on the previous motion. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

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Nays-0

Absent-5

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MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve all of the DI motions for the General Assistance line item on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motion for Consideration" dated 1/25/2019 with the exception of item #DI6. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-12

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Sen. L. Escamilla
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Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
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Ms. Lence continued her explanation of Federal Funds for DSPD as well as the motions for DSPD.

Sen. Christensen asked for clarification about how there could be a grant for female victims as opposed to male victims. Jamie Wuthrich, Associate Director, DSPD, responded that the grant was a Federal Grant specifically for women not available for men.

Ms. Lence explained all the CF motions for DSPD.

Rep. Judkins asked a question about performance measures and goals for the review Ms. Lence referenced and requested clarification of it.

Mark Brasher, Deputy Director, Department of Human Services answered the question by sharing the procedures used to obtain information about the funds. Ms. Judkins asked for continued clarification and Mr. Brasher clarified.

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 #CF items with the exception of #CF4. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-11

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. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
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[8-Settings Rule Update - Presentation](#)

Tonya Hales, Department of Health (DOH), Assistant Medicaid Director, Division of Medicaid and Health Financing, gave an interpretation of the Settings Rule.

Ms. Pinna clarified the Settings Rule and the center-based employment code.

Chair Ray commented and asked about feedback from families being served. Ms. Pinna replied. There was continued discussion between Ms. Pinna and Chair Ray.

Rep. Ward commented on the plan and requested clarification on the person-centered plan vs. the Settings Rule and questioned Ms. Pinna. Ms. Pinna voiced optimism.

Ms. Hales continued explaining about broader concept of a plan to be approved by Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and a survey that was given to individual providers in conjunction with the plan and will be approved later. There were further comments from Ms. Pinna.

[9a-DSPD New Funding Requests - 2019 GS](#)

Ms. Pinna presented explanation of items being requested by the Department as well as background and services provided by them.

Sen. Christensen asked how many individuals were currently on the waiting list. Ms. Pinna replied that there are currently 3,145 and Sen. Christensen asked about a projected number for those who may become eligible for the services. Ms. Pinna shared figures with the Committee. There was continued discussion with Sen. Christensen and Chair Ray commented on the discussion.

Ms. Pinna continued explaining the requests and shared details for Competitive Employment Services which are being made.

Chair Ray thanked everyone for enduring the weather and being able to move forward and asked for a last motion.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn at 10:57 AM. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 8.



Yeas-9

Sen. A. Christensen
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Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. N. Thurston

Nays-0

Absent-8

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. R. Ward
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