



MINUTES

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, February 11, 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. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Kim F. Coleman
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Marsha Judkins
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller

Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Rep. Adam Robertson

Staff Present:

Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Maddy Oritt, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary
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.

1 . Call to Order

Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 8:22 a.m.

2 . Requests for Appropriation Department of Workforce Services

Mr. Jon Pierpont, Executive Director, Department of Workforce Services (DWS), explained the department's requests for ongoing building block funding.

Rep. Ward asked for additional information about the funding requests for the Pamela Atkinson Account and Mr. Pierpont responded.

Rep. Coleman asked about the impact of the Performance Audit of Homeless Services on funding requests and Mr. Pierpont responded.

Mr. Pierpont explained a one-time request for assistive technology funding and a request for one-time funding for intergenerational poverty solutions in rural areas.

Mr. Gage Froerer, Commissioner, Weber County, explained the county's request for funding for Weber County's homeless shelter and population. He provided "Requests for Appropriation (2019 Session) St. Anne's Center dba Lantern House."

[4b1-RFA - Lantern House Request for Appropriation - SAC](#)

[4b2-RFA - Lantern House Population Snapshot - SAC](#)

[4b3-RFA - Lantern House P and L Snapshot - SAC](#)

[4b4-RFA - Lantern House Expense Detail 2018 - SAC](#)

[4b5-RFA - Lantern House Outcomes 2019 - SAC](#)

Mr. Jay Stretch, Executive Director, Lantern House, expounded on the center's services, clientele, and need for additional funding.

Rep. Ray asked how much funding Weber County gives to the shelter and Mr. Froerer and Mr. Stretch responded.

Rep. Judkins asked for more information about Weber County's contribution to the Homeless Mitigation Fund. Mr. Froerer and Mr. Stretch responded.

Mr. Andy Curry, Executive Director, Roads to Independence, explained the center's needs for funding and where the funds would be allocated.

[4c-Roads to Independence - Supporting Documentation](#)

Chair Christensen commended the work done by Roads to Independence and Mr. Curry.

Mr. David Alexander, Board Co-Chair, Roads to Independence, presented information regarding the need for a new building.

[4e-Thurston IGP Earned Income Credit and Education Savings Incentive Program](#)

Rep. Thurston discussed the efficacy of the program and provided statistics on what works to end intergenerational poverty.

[4f1-RFA - Healing Hunger Here Budget - RTQ](#)

[4f2-RFA - Healing Hunger Here Performance Measures - RTQ](#)

Rep. Quinn explained the one-time request for funding for the food pantry and provided "Wasatch Community Service Alliance 'Healing Hunger Here' Campaign 2019 Review."

Mr. Terry Pitts, Community Service Alliance, Wasatch Community Foundation, explained the program and the need for funds.

Chair Christensen asked how the pantry works with the food stamp program and Mr. Pitts responded.

[4k1-RFA - Apprenticeship Opportunity Awareness - RFA Form - RMW](#)

[4k2-RFA - Apprenticeship - Itemized Budget - RMW](#)

Rep. Winder explained the request to create and fund a Commissioner of Apprenticeship Programs.

Rep. Thurston asked about current programs for apprenticeships and Rep. Winder responded.

Mr. Nate McDonald, Communications Director, DWS, provided additional information about different platforms to create a campaign to get information out to the community.

[4l1-RFA - Economic Development and Affordable Homes Amendments - RFA Form - RJB](#)

[4l2-RFA - Economic Development and Affordable Homes Amendments - RJB](#)

Rep. Briscoe explained the need to provide funds for affordable housing.

Ms. June Hiatt, Director of Policy and Advocacy, Utah Housing Coalition, spoke about the trials faced by people who cannot afford housing and asked the committee to fund the Olene Walker Housing Fund.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked for more information about the funding and Rep. Briscoe and Ms. Hiatt responded.

[4d1-Affordable Housing Itemized Budget 2-11-2019](#)

[4d2-Affordable Housing Performance Measures 2-11-2019](#)

Sen. Anderegg presented the ongoing and one-time requests for affordable housing and asked that it be given high prioritization.

Mr. Jonathan Hardy, Director, Division of Housing and Community, DWS, gave more information about the success of the Olene Walker Affordable Housing Fund.

[4g1-RFA - Individual Development Accounts Budget - STW](#)

[4g2-RFA - IDA Performance Measures and State Funding - STW](#)

[4g3-RFA - IDA Fact Sheet - STW](#)

Sen. Weiler presented the budget request to the committee and provided "How an Individual Development Account will change my life."

Ms. Martha Wunderli, Executive Director, AAA Fair Credit Foundation, explained the program and its impacts on poverty.

Rep. Thurston asked if the program competes with non-profit and religious programs and Ms. Wunderli answered.

[4j1-RFA - United Way of Northern Utah Community Resource Building - RFA Form - RSW](#)

[4j2-RFA - United Way of Northern Utah Community Resource Building - Supporting Documents - RSW](#)

Rep. Waldrip presented information about United Way and provided "Request to Support Completion of purchase of the United Way of Northern Utah Building at 2955 Harrison Boulevard in Ogden."

Mr. Robert Hunter, Ambassador, United Way of Northern Utah, explained the need for the facility and also listed the many services provided by the foundation. Sen. Weiler added information about the strong community support for the building.

Mr. Hunter thanked Chair Christensen and the legislature for their work on Medicaid legislation.

Rep. Waldrip explained the budget request for Habitat for Humanity and provided "Jefferson Park Vision: Ogden" and "Jefferson Park Neighborhood Revitalization Budget (6 yrs)."

[4m1-RFA - Habitat for Humanity - RFA Form - RSW](#)

[4m2-RFA - Habitat for Humanity - RFA Itemized Budget for Request - RSW](#)

[4m3-RFA - Habitat for Humanity - RFA Supporting Docs - RSW](#)

[4m4-RFA - Habitat for Humanity - RFA Supporting Docs \(2\) - RSW](#)

Ms. Jeannie Gamble, Executive Director, Weber and Davis Counties Habitat for Humanity, explained the value of services that Habitat for Humanity provides.

Rep. Ray asked for more information about the location of the homes and Ms. Gamble responded.

[4i-RFA - Work Is the Way - Supporting Docs - RKC](#)

Rep. Coleman provided information about Work is the Way and the funding request. She provided "Utah Restaurant Industry at a Glance."

Ms. Melva Sine, President/CEO, Utah Restaurant Association, explained the industry's need for additional employees and why this program would help alleviate the employee shortage.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked about the types of employees being sought and the wages being paid to servers. Ms. Sine responded.

Rep. Ray asked for clarification on how the requested funds will be used and what the industry is investing in the program.

[4h1-RFA - CIRCLES Total Budget - SLE](#)

[4h2-RFA - Circles USA Circle Leader Progress Report 2019 - SLE](#)

[4h3-RFA - CIRCLES Impact Report - SLE](#)

[4h4-RFA - CIRCLES Salt Lake Itemized Budget - SLE](#)

Sen. Escamilla delivered information regarding CIRCLES and provided "2019 Circles Salt Lake Administrative Budget."

Ms. Ashley Hoopes, Board Member, CIRCLES, explained the desire to expand the program.

Sen. Weiler expressed his support for the program.

Sen. Escamilla gave information about the return on investment for the funds given to the program.

Rep. Judkins asked about the amount being requested and Sen. Escamilla responded.

3 . Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Ms. Virginia Guymon, consumer, Assistive Technology Program, spoke of the need for funding for Roads to Independence and how the activities provided have helped her.

Mr. David Guymon, consumer, Assistive Technology Program, spoke in support of the programs that help people like him get out in the community.

Ms. Miranda Price, Assistive Technology Coordinator, Roads to Independence, explained the program's services and read a letter from a client detailing the center's help for her handicapped grandchild and the comfort it provides to her.

4 . FY 2019 and FY 2020 Budget Reductions Discussion and Voting

Dr. Joe Miner, Executive Director, Department of Health (DOH), said the department is okay with the proposed budget reductions.

Dr. Mark Brasher, Deputy Director, DHS, gave the department's response to the proposed budget cuts. He expressed concern over some of the decreases but spoke in support of most of the reductions.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked about the budget reduction for the Acute Recovery Treatment Center and Mr. Brasher responded.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to accept the budget reduction options as amended by this subcommittee as the final recommendations to be presented to the Executive Appropriations Committee. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-9

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-8

Sen. J. Adams
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Dr. Marc Babitz, Deputy Director, DOH, was invited to talk about Primary Care Grants.

Chair Christensen commented on the funding of community clinics and the services they are able to provide because of the volunteers that make it possible for them to provide services far beyond the funding given to them.

Dr. Babitz gave additional information about the services.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked for information about continuance of care provided by the volunteer and community clinics and Dr. Babitz responded.

Rep. Ward asked for more information about the program's request for funding and Dr. Babitz responded.

5 . Distribute building blocks list

Mr. Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, explained the building block list and gave the committee information on how to make changes or accept it as is.

Rep. Seegmiller asked for clarification about prioritizing the items on the list and Mr. Frandsen responded.

MOTION: Rep. Ward moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 9.

Yeas-8

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Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.