



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 | 7:59 a.m. | Lindon Care & Training Center, 680 N. State Street, Lindon, Utah

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Kim F. Coleman
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Marsha Judkins
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Adam Robertson

Members Absent:

Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair
President J. Stuart Adams

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.

1 . Call to Order

Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m.

2 . Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Rep. Ward moved to approve the minutes from the following ten meetings in 2019 of Social Services: January 31, February 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15. It was determined that a quorum was not present and no vote was taken.

3 . Proposed Performance Measures for Building Blocks from the 2019 General Session

[4a-Performance Measures Health 2019 General Session Staff Analysis](#)

Mr. Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), explained the Performance Measures for Building Blocks from the 2019 General Session and made some suggestions to the committee.

Rep. Thurston asked for clarification about the base for the proposed one percent increase.

Rep. Judkins made a comment about the proposed increase and asked the Department of Health (DOH) to respond.

Ms. Emma Chacon, Operations Director, Division of Medicaid and Health Financing, DOH, responded.

Rep. Judkins asked for additional clarification and Mr. Frandsen and Ms. Chacon responded.

MOTION: Rep. Judkins moved that we get numbers in this of what is happening currently so that we know if there actually are increases or increases in full for these goals. No vote was taken because there was not a quorum.

Rep. Thurston asked for more information about the Medicaid Expansion Adjustments and Ms. Chacon and Mr. Frandsen responded.

[4b-DHS - Budget Item Performance Measures - 2019 GS - April 2019 Report](#)

Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, discussed the Department of Human Services' (DHS) Budget Item Performance Measures.

Rep. Thurston asked for more information about moving people off the waiting list and Ms. Lence and Chair Christensen responded.

[4c-2019 General Session Performance Measures - DWS](#)

Ms. Maddy Oritt, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, continued with the presentation and discussed the Department of Workforce Service' (DWS) Performance Measures.

Rep. Coleman asked about the implementation of recommendations put forth in the audit of homeless services and Ms. Oritt and Chair Christensen responded.

Rep. Thurston asked for information about how many families moved out of poverty and into self-reliance due to Medicaid expansion and Chair Christensen responded.

Sen. Weiler made a comment about how committee recommendations are implemented and asked staff for clarification. Mr. Frandsen provided the information.

Rep. Coleman made additional comments.

Mr. Frandsen gave information about the auditors' follow up to the committee's recommendations.

Rep. Coleman asked additional questions and Ms. Lence and Chair Christensen responded.

4 . Accountable Process Budget Review

[5ai-Social Services Accountable Budget Plan](#)

Chair Christensen introduced the topic to the committee.

Mr. Frandsen went back to Rep. Coleman's questions regarding the implementation of funding requests from the committee.

[5aii-Accountable Base Budget Review - June 2019 - Preliminary Analysis](#)

Ms. Oritt gave a presentation on the Base Budget Review.

[5b-Research Materials for June 2019 Accountable Base Budget Review of the DOH 's EDO Line Item](#)

Mr. Frandsen gave an overview of performance measures and suggested potential recommendations for the committee to consider.

Rep. Coleman asked for more information about health care statistics and Mr. Frandsen responded.

Mr. Frandsen continued with his presentation.

Rep. Judkins asked for more information and Mr. Frandsen responded.

Rep. Judkins asked for information and Mr. Frandsen and Rep. Thurston responded.

Ms. Navina Forsythe, Director, Center for Health Data and Informatics, DOH, provided information about funding for online information.

Mr. Frandsen continued with his presentation.

Rep. Judkins asked for information about the audits and Mr. Frandsen responded.

[5c-Research Materials - Human Services - Executive Director Operations and Office of Public Guardian - June 2019](#)

Ms. Lence continued with the presentation and provided information about funding for the Department of Human Services.

Rep. Thurston asked for clarification about the budget review and Ms. Lence provided the information and continued with her presentation.

Rep. Seegmiller made a comment about the number of youth that have been evaluated and asked for some additional information. Ms. Lence responded and then continued with her presentation.

Rep. Thurston asked for information about funding and Chair Christensen and Ms. Lence responded.

Rep. Seegmiller asked for more information and Chair Christensen and Ms. Lence responded.

Ms. Lence continued with her presentation.

Rep. Judkins asked about the timing of making budget requests and Ms. Lence responded.

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to approve the actions and the items for further study for the Department of Human Services in the presentation "Accountable Base Budget Review June 2019 Preliminary Analysis" and to include the Department of Health items for further study as well.

Rep. Coleman requested that the homeless issue also be reviewed. Chair Christensen clarified that the issue would be included in this year's interim agendas.

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved to adopt the recommendations for "action now" for both the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services, on pages 20 and 34, but not the recommendations for further study.

Rep. Seegmiller spoke in support of the substitute motion.

Rep. Thurston's substitute motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 9.

Yeas-8

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-9

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson

5 . Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to approve the minutes from the following ten meetings in 2019 of Social Services: January 31, February 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 1 - 9.

Yeas-7

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. T. Seegmiller
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-1

Rep. N. Thurston

Absent-9

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
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Rep. Judkins asked for more information about the recommendations for further study and Rep. Thurston, Mr. Frandsen, and Ms. Lence responded.

[5d-Accountable Base Budget Detailed Documentation - DWS](#)

Ms. Oritt discussed the budget for the Department of Workforce Services (DWS).

Rep. Ward made a comment about what departments are being statutorily required to do by the federal government and the committee's ability to have oversight on those items in the budget.

Rep. Thurston made a comment about prioritizing the items the committee considers.

6 . Compliance with Medicaid Coverage Laws for Abortion

Mr. Nathan Checketts, Deputy Director, DOH, gave a presentation on Compliance with Medicaid Coverage Laws for Abortion and discussed changes the department has made to be compliant with federal law.

Rep. Thurston asked for clarification about Medicaid's definition of abortion and Mr. Checketts responded.

7 . Tour - Lindon Care & Training Center (Intermediate Care Facility)

Chair Christensen recessed the meeting until the afternoon session.