



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 20, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. | Fourth Street Clinic, 409 West 400 South, Salt Lake City, 84101

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. Sandra Hollins

Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Marsha Judkins
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Travis M. Seegmiller
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams

Staff Present:

Ms. An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Finance Manager
Ms. Maddy Oritt, Financial Analyst

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 8:31 a.m.

2 . Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-Up Report 2019

[4a-Issue Brief - 2019 Interim - Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-Up Report - Social Services](#)

Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Finance Manager, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), presented the report to the committee.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked a clarifying question and Ms. Lence responded.

Chair Christensen asked about funding and expenditures and Ms. Lence responded.

Rep. Ward asked for more information and Ms. Lence responded.

Ms. Maddy Oritt, Financial Analyst, LFA, presented information on the Intergenerational Poverty grants..

Ms. Lence continued with her presentation, discussing the funding of Suicide Prevention and Medical Examiner Provisions.

Ms. Oritt presented information regarding Operation Rio Grande.

Ms. Lence presented information regarding the efforts of the Department of Health (DOH) to limit initial prescriptions for short-acting opiates.

Sen. Weiler asked for more information about the limitations placed on prescribing opiates and Ms. Lence, Chair Christensen, and Rep. Ward responded.

Ms. Lence presented information on the Child Welfare Amendments.

Rep. Ward asked about the reporting methods used and Ms. Lence responded.

Ms. Diane Moore, Director, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), provided additional information on the methods used when reporting data.

Ms. Oritt explained the funding of the Talent Ready Utah Amendments.

Ms. Lence reported on the Utah Statewide Stroke and Cardiac Registry Act.

Ms. Lence discussed UCOOP for Outreach, Diversion and Partnerships to Support the Utah DEA360 Program.

Ms. Oritt presented information on the Work is the Way Initiative.

Chair Christensen asked if there were measurable benefits to the program and Rep. Dailey-Provost and Ms. Oritt responded.

Ms. Lence presented information on Require a 90 Day Supply Generic Drugs in Medicaid.

[5a-Internal Audit Presentation](#)

3 . Accountable Process Budget Review - Internal Audit Budgeted Levels

Ms. Lence presented the report and recommended possible actions to the committee.

Ms. Oritt discussed the types of audits that are done.

Ms. Lence discussed funding sources.

Ms. Oritt discussed resources and funding for internal audits and provided examples of the methodology used by North Carolina.

Dr. Joe Miner, Executive Director, DOH, introduced Ms. Melanie Henderson, Internal Audit Director, DOH.

Ms. Henderson discussed the strategic budget auditing methods used by the department.

Chair Christensen asked for clarification on what is considered high risk and Ms. Henderson responded.

Rep. Ward asked about the auditing of fees and services and Ms. Henderson and Dr. Miner responded.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked for more information about the need for additional full-time employees (FTEs) and Ms. Henderson responded.

Chair Christensen asked about funding FTEs and Dr. Miner responded.

Chair Christensen asked about the high compliance and low conflict of interest rates of the DOH and Ms. Henderson and Dr. Miner responded.

Rep. Ward asked how DOH defines conflict of interest.

Mr. Mark Brasher, Deputy Director, Department of Human Services (DHS), introduced Mr. Richard Sallstrom, Fiscal Audit Director, DHS.

Mr. Sallstrom discussed the department's efforts to find and prosecute fraud.

Rep. Ward asked for examples of employee and provider fraud and Mr. Sallstrom responded.

Mr. Sallstrom discussed the department's efforts to find or avoid conflict of interest with department employees. Mr. Brasher also provided information.

Chair Christensen asked for additional information about conflict of interest and Mr. Brasher responded.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked if a reported conflict of interest triggers a certain response. Mr. Sallstrom and Mr. Brasher responded.

Rep. Ward asked about filling a vacant auditor position and Mr. Brasher responded.

Sen. Escamilla asked how the department quantifies the impact of fraud on the department and Mr. Brasher and Mr. Sallstrom responded.

Rep. Ward asked about audit methods and Mr. Brasher and Ms. Lence responded.

Chair Christensen asked about the relationship between DHS and the Office of Inspector General (OIG) and Mr. Brasher responded.

[5c-TRH Report and Follow Ups](#)

[5d-DWS FY 19 - Internal Audit Plan](#)

Mr. Van Christensen, Director, Internal Audit, Department of Workforce Services (DWS), talked about the department's efforts to look for, address, and prevent conflict of interest and fraud.

Rep. Hollins asked about staffing levels and Mr. Christensen responded.

Sen. Escamilla asked about security reviews and processes at the homeless shelter and Mr. Christensen responded.

4 . Accountable Process Budget Review - DWS Administration Fees

[6-DWS - Fee Recommendations](#)

Ms. Oritt explained the budget review to the committee.

Sen. Escamilla asked about fees and transparency and Ms. Oritt responded.

Rep. Ward asked about the costs for GRAMA requests and Ms. Oritt responded.

5 . Behavioral Health Funding Reductions from S.B. 96 (Medicaid Expansion)

[7a-Expansion Report - DOH - 8-8-2019](#)

Ms. Lence explained the S.B. 96 funding reductions to the committee.

Mr. Nate Checketts, Deputy Director, DOH, explained the costs and enrollment changes due to the Medicaid expansion.

Rep. Ward asked about the estimates used by the department and Mr. Checketts responded.

Chair Christensen asked how many of the 36,000 people who signed up were transferred from the Primary Care Network (PCN) and Mr. Checketts responded.

Mr. Doug Thomas, Director, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, DHS, provided information on the impact of the Medicaid expansion on mental health and substance use disorder care.

[7b-Davis Behavioral Health - Medicaid Expansion](#)

Mr. Brandon Hatch, Director, Davis Behavioral Health, discussed the impact of the Medicaid expansion to county behavioral health departments.

Chair Christensen asked about the impact on the number of people covered and the budgets and Mr. Hatch and Mr. Thomas responded.

Rep. Ward asked for clarification on those for whom services are provided by the county departments and Mr. Hatch and Mr. Thomas responded.

Rep. Ray asked what will happen if nothing is done to increase funding before the next session and Mr. Hatch responded.

Mr. Lloyd Berentzen, Department Director, Bear River Health Department, discussed the reductions to services provided due to lack of funding.

Ms. Lence was invited by Chair Christensen to explain possible processes to provide funding for county health programs.

Rep. Ward talked about the enrollment in Medicaid and funding allocated for one-time spending.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked for clarification on funding and Chair Christensen responded.

Mr. Checketts discussed possible waivers and expansion of Medicaid. Mr. Hatch and Mr. Thomas provided additional information.

Rep. Ward asked about reasons for Medicaid ineligibility and Mr. Thomas and Mr. Berentzen responded.

6 . Accountable Process Budget Review - Unemployment Compensation Fund

[9-Unemployment Compensation Fund](#)

Ms. Oritt introduced the topic to the committee.

Mr. Kevin Burt, Director, Unemployment Insurance, DWS, provided information on the fund and compared it to other states.

Rep. Ray commended DWS for their good work.

The committee and audience were invited to attend a tour of the facilities of the Fourth Street Clinic.

Chair Christensen recessed the meeting at 10:57 a.m.