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SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 | 1:15 p.m. | Utah Public Health Laboratory, 4431 South 2700 West, Rooms 104A and 104B, Taylorsville, UT 84129

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Adam Robertson

Staff Present:

Ms. An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary
Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Finance Officer
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Finance Manager
Kimberly D. Madsen, 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 Ray called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

2 . Introduction to Pew Results First Research Project

Ms. Alyssa Doom, Principal Associate, Pew-MacArthur Results First Research Project, introduced and explained the project.

Ms. Laura Summers, Senior Health Care Analyst, University of Utah Gardner Policy Institute, discussed the data being utilized along with the goals of the project.

Chair Ray asked about methods that will be used to track the participants in the project and Ms. Summers responded.

Rep. Judkins asked for more information about tracking the participants and Ms. Summers responded.

Rep. Thurston asked about using Results First methodology in obtaining data and Ms. Doom responded.

Rep. Ward expressed a desire for evidence-based research and better methodology and Ms. Doom and Ms. Summers responded.

3 . Results from Building Blocks from the 2018 General Session Funded in FY 2019

[5b-DHS - Budget Item Performance Measures - 2018 GS Final Report](#)

Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Finance Manager, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), explained the building blocks to the committee.

[5a-Building Block Performance Measure Report for FY 2019 - Health](#)

[5d-Report for Legislature August 2019](#)

[5e-SSA Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow Up](#)

Mr. Russell Frandsen, Finance Officer, LFA, continued with the presentation.

Rep. Ward asked for more information from the Department of Health (DOH).

Ms. Heather Borski, Director, Division of Disease Control and Prevention, DOH, provided answers to Rep. Ward's questions.

Rep. Thurston asked about sources of data and Ms. Borski responded.

Rep. Thurston asked what is happening with H.B. 12.

Mr. Nathan Checketts, Deputy Director, DOH, provided the information.

Rep. Ward made a comment about the results that would occur if services were bundled rather than paid for separately and Mr. Checketts responded.

Rep. Judkins asked for more information on the Community Supports Waiver and Mr. Checketts responded.

Mr. Checketts gave additional information regarding waivers.

Sen. Weiler asked if the applications for waivers matched the expectations of DOH and Mr. Checketts responded.

Mr. Frandsen explained some possible motions for the committee to consider.

[5c-Performance Measure Results - Building Blocks - FY 2019 DWS](#)

Ms. Kimberly Madsen, Financial Analyst, LFA, gave information about performance measures for the Department of Workforce Services (DWS).

Rep. Judkins asked for clarification and Mr. Nathan Harrison, Finance Director, DWS, responded.

4 . Results from Building Blocks from the 2019 General Session Funded in FY 2019

[6a-DHS - Budget Item Performance Measures - 2019 GS Supplemental Final Report](#)

Ms. Lence explained the document to the committee.

Rep. Thurston asked about the Self-Protection and Dating Violence Prevention for FLDS Refugee Women appropriation and Mr. Jeremy Christensen, Assistant Director, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, Department of Human Services (DHS), responded.

[6b-Performance Measure Results - Building Blocks - FY 2019 DWS](#)

Ms. Madsen explained the document to the committee.

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

5 . Savings Reports for FY 2019 Items

[7-2019 GS Saving Reports - FY 2019 - DHS](#)

Ms. Lence introduced the document to the committee.

Mr. Doug Thomas, Director, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, DHS, provided information to the committee.

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

Mr. Brent Kelsey, Assistant Director, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, DHS, also provided information in response to Rep. Judkin's question.

Rep. Coleman asked for additional information and Mr. Thomas and Mr. Kelsey responded.

Rep. Thurston made a comment about funding requests and the needed data.

Mr. Kelsey responded and offered to put together a presentation with the outcomes.

6 . Division of Services for People with Disabilities - Direct Care Staff Salary Report

[8-DSPD - FY19 Direct Care Staff Wage Increase Report](#)

Ms. Angella Pinna, Director, Division of Services of People with Disabilities, DHS, presented the report.

Rep. Judkins commented on the number of emails she's received about a topic.

Chair Ray asked if we are doing enough to increase wages for direct care staff and Ms. Pinna responded.

[9a-S.B. 2 - Report to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee](#)

7 . Intermediate Care Facilities - Direct Care Staff Salary Report

[9b-ICF Direct Staff Data - October 2019](#)

Mr. Frandsen presented the reports to the committee.

Ms. Emma Chacon, Director of Operations, DOH, provided information to the committee.

8 . Update on Costs of Medicaid Expansion

[10a-Medicaid Expansion - At A Glance](#)

[10b-Expansion Report - October 4, 2019](#)

Mr. Checketts gave information about Medicaid expansion to the committee.

Chair Ray asked for additional information about enrollment numbers and Mr. Checketts provided the information.

Rep. Thurston asked about the newly enrolled and Mr. Checketts responded.

Chair Ray asked for more information on enrollees and the cost of vaping illnesses and Mr. Checketts responded.

Dr. Joe Miner, Executive Director, DOH, gave information about vaping products and the cost to Medicaid for treating vaping illnesses.

Ms. Borski provided updated information of probable and confirmed numbers of vaping related hospitalizations.

9 . Reduction in Demand for Other Programs from Medicaid Expansion

[11-Impacts to Other Programs From Medicaid Expansion](#)

Mr. Frandsen discussed the impacts to other programs in DOH from Medicaid expansion and possible committee actions to address the issues.

Ms. Lence discussed the impacts to DHS due to Medicaid expansion.

Ms. Madsen presented the impacts of Medicaid expansion on DWS.

Dr. Marc Babitz, Deputy Director, DOH, provided information about moving people onto Medicaid.

10 . Suspension of Medicaid Enrollment for Incarcerated Individuals: H.B. 460 (2019)

Mr. Checketts reported on the status of eligibility for Medicaid for individuals recently released from incarceration.

Mr. Dale Ownby, Director, Division of Eligibility Services, DWS, provided additional information.

Mr. Checketts continued providing information and responded to questions from Chair Ray.

Chair Ray asked about eligibility for Medicaid for those who have been released from incarceration to a hospital and Mr. Checketts responded.

Rep. Judkins asked for information regarding suspending eligibility for Medicaid for incarcerated individuals and Mr. Checketts responded.

MOTION: Rep. Judkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

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Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
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

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Chair Ray adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.