



MINUTES

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Friday, January 31, 2020 | 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. Daniel Hemmert
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Steve R. Christiansen
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. Keith Grover

Staff Present:

An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary
Russell T. Frandsen, Finance Officer
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 8:08 a.m.

2 . Annual Audit of the Department of Workforce Services by the State Auditor

[4-FY19 State Audit of DWS - Presentation Materials](#)

[4-State Audit - Department of Workforce Services - Report No. 19-09](#)

John Dougall, State Auditor, presented the Annual Audit of the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) by the State Auditor with the assistance of Andrew Driggs, Financial Senior Auditor, Office of the State Auditor.

Rep. Christiansen asked for information regarding agency responses to audits and John Dougall responded.

John Pierpont, Executive Director, DWS, discussed the audit and was commended by the committee for the audit results.

Tracy Gruber, Senior Advisor, Utah's Intergenerational Poverty Initiative, DWS, presented the Intergenerational Poverty Updates and Annual Report.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked for information regarding insurance rates for children in intergenerational poverty and their involvement in the criminal justice system and Tracy Gruber responded.

Rep. Thurston asked about a project to incentivize families to set aside funds for their children's education and Tracy Gruber responded.

Rep. Judkins asked for additional information about what drives intergenerational poverty and Tracy Gruber responded.

Chair Ray provided information about the Family First program.

Tonya Hales, Assistant Medicaid Director, Department of Health (DOH), and Jonathan Hardy, Director, Division of Housing and Community Development, DWS, discussed Leveraging Medicaid Dollars for Homeless Services.

Rep. Ward asked for information regarding housing waivers and Tonya Hales responded.

3 . Department of Workforce Services - Base Budget

[5b-DWS Facility Costs FY20](#)

Kimberly Madsen introduced the DWS Base Budget.

[5c-DWS Funds Balances](#)

[5d-Issue Brief - 2020 General Session - Fees - Department of Workforce Services](#)

Kimberly Madsen explained the proposed fees and possible motions for the committee to consider.

Rep. Ward asked for information about some of the fees and Jonathan Hardy and Bradley Carpenter, Director, Weatherization Assistance Program, DWS, responded.

[5e-Issue Brief - 2020 General Session - Federal Funds - DWS](#)

Kimberly Madsen discussed DWS requests for Federal Funds in the Issue Brief.

[5f-DWS Caseloads Final](#)

Kimberly Madsen presented information on DWS Caseloads.

[5g-DWS - Line Item Performance Measures - FY 2019](#)

Kimberly Madsen discussed motions for the committee to consider.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve DA motions except DA3 from the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/27/2020. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-13

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
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-0

Absent-4

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert

4 . DWS Administration Base Budget

[6d-DWS - Administration Expenditure Details FY19](#)

Kimberly Madsen discussed the DWS Administration Base Budget.

Kathy Bounous, General Counsel, DWS, and Nathan Harrison, Director of Administrative Support, DWS, provided additional information.

Rep. Robertson asked for clarification about overpayments and Kathy Bounous and Nathan Harrison responded.

Rep. Coleman asked for additional information about unemployment overpayments and Kathy Bounous responded.

Rep. Judkins asked how funds are spent and Kathy Bounous responded.

Melisa Stark, DWS, gave information on how DWS monitors performance measures.

Kimberly Madsen continued with her presentation.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the DB motions for the Administration of line item on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/27/2020.

Rep. Christiansen asked for information about caseload metrics and adjustments and Nathan Harrison responded.

Sen. Christensen's motion to approve the DB motions for the Administration of line item on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/27/2020 passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-14

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. N. Thurston

5 . DWS General Assistance Base Budget

[7a-DWS - GA Expenditure Details FY19](#)

Kimberly Madsen explained the DWS General Assistance Base Budget and possible motions for the committee to consider.

Sen. Christensen asked if this was other than TANF money and Nathan Harrison and Sen. Escamilla responded.

Rep. Christiansen commented on targets listed in the General Assistance Base Budget.

Rep. Robertson commented on targets given in the base budget.

Liz Carver, Director, Division of Workforce Development, Program and Policy, DWS, and Nathan Harrison provided additional information.

Rep. Dailey-Provost commented on other options for choosing a baseline and Sen. Christensen responded.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the DC1 motion for the General Assistance line item on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/27/2020. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-12

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. N. Thurston
Sen. T. Weiler

MOTION: Rep. Christiansen moved to request the Department of Workforce Services prepare for committee review by August, 2020 a comprehensive review of workload trends and corresponding FTE to ensure the workforce is flexing appropriately.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked for more information on the need for a motion and Chair Ray responded.

Sen. Escamilla asked for clarification on the motion and Rep. Christiansen responded.

The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-12

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Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. N. Thurston
Sen. T. Weiler

Sen. Christensen explained his vote and commended DWS for its wise use of funds and resources.

6 . DWS Housing and Community Development Base Budget

[8c-DWS - HCD Expenditure Details FY19](#)

Kimberly Madsen explained the DWS Housing and Community Development Base Budget and suggested possible program reductions and cuts.

[8c-Private Activity Bond Projects](#)

Jonathan Hardy and Nathan Harrison responded to the suggestions for budget cuts.

Rep. Coleman asked why certification is not privatized and Jonathan Hardy responded.

Rep. Judkins asked for more information about the costs of the weatherization program and Jonathan Hardy responded.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked for information about spending funds and about the federal government's requirements for quality over quantity and Jonathan Hardy responded.

Rep. Judkins asked for clarification on expenditures and Jonathan Hardy responded.

Rep. Coleman asked for information about Work is the Way and Jonathan Hardy responded.

Sen. Escamilla asked about program funding and Kimberly Madsen and Jonathan Hardy responded.

7 . DWS Housing and Community Development Base Budget

Jonathan Hardy provided an explanation of the Base Budget.

8 . DWS Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund - Base Budget

Jonathan Hardy explained the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund.

Rep. Christiansen asked what are the funding sources and Jonathan Hardy responded.

9 . DWS Operation Rio Grande - Base Budget

[12a-DWS - ORG Expenditure Details FY19](#)

[12c-Issue Brief - 2019 General Session - Operation Rio Grande - Funding and Performance Update](#)

Pamela Atkinson, community activist, discussed Operation Rio Grande (ORG) and its effects on the homeless community.

Sen. Christensen thanked Pamela Atkinson for her efforts with the homeless and she responded.

Rep. Christiansen also thanked Pamela Atkinson.

Nathan Harrison provided more information about the ORG expenditures.

Chair Ray expressed appreciation to Jonathan Hardy and Pamela Atkinson for the help they've given to the homeless population.

Rep. Robertson asked for progress reports and Chair Ray and Jonathan Hardy responded.

Rep. Ward asked if there is a sense that ORG produced positive results and Jonathan Hardy responded.

Chair Ray asked if there is evidence of other states are busing homeless to Utah and Jonathan Hardy responded.

[8c-DWS - HCD Expenditure Details FY19](#)

Kimberly Madsen explained motions for the committee to consider.

Rep. Christiansen requested additional information about the motions and Jonathan Hardy and Nathan Harrison responded.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the DD motions except DD2, DD17-DD21, DD31, and DD33 in the Housing and Community Development line item section on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/27/2020.

MOTION: Rep. Coleman moved to approve the DD motions except DD1, DD2, DD4, DD5, DD6, DD17-DD21, DD24, DD25, DD31, and DD33 in the Housing and Community Development line item section on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/27/2020.

Chair Ray asked staff for clarification and Russell Frandsen responded.

Sen. Christensen and Rep. Thurston commented on the substitute motion.

Rep. Coleman's substitute motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-14

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Rep. S. Christiansen
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Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. T. Weiler

10 . DWS Permanent Community Impact/Community Development Capital - Base

[10a-DWS - HCD PCIF Expenditure Details FY19](#)

Kimberly Madsen explained additional motions to the subcommittee.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the motions #DD17-DD20 and DD31 in the Housing and Community Development line item section on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/27/2020.

Rep. Judkins asked for additional information about the motions and Nathan Harrison responded.

Rep. Thurston asked for additional information and Jonathan Hardy responded.

Sen. Christensen's motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-12

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Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Daw
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Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. T. Weiler

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

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Nays-0

Absent-5

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Chair Ray adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.