



MINUTES

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 5, 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. 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. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Keith Grover

Staff Present:

Russell T. Frandsen, Finance Officer
Clare Tobin Lence, Finance Manager
Kimberly D. Madsen, Financial Analyst
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 Ray called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

2 . Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Libby Oseguera, Utah Developmental Disabilities Council (UDDC), spoke in support of the Limited Supports Waiver.

Rep. Thurston asked Libby Oseguera if the UDDC considers the Limited Supports Waiver a high priority and she responded.

Jenny Dopp, parent, spoke in support of the Limited Supports Waiver.

Stephanie Roach, parent, spoke in support of the Limited Supports Waiver and introduced her daughter, Caitlyn.

Patricia Vigo, parent, spoke in support of the Limited Supports Waiver.

Victor Morris, Chairman, Community Rehabilitation Clinic, spoke in support of funding for the clinic.

3 . Department of Workforce Services (DWS) Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR) - Base Budget

[6a-DWS - USOR Expenditure Details FY19](#)

Kimberly Madsen, Financial Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), presented the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR) - Base Budget.

Nathan Harrison, Director of Administrative Support, DWS, discussed the motions the subcommittee is considering.

Rep. Christiansen asked for information regarding the DWS funding requests and Nathan Harrison responded.

Kimberly Madsen explained possible motions for the committee to consider.

Nathan Harrison provided information regarding the possible motions.

Rep. Christiansen asked for clarification of the funding requests and Nathan Harrison responded.

Kimberly Madsen continued with her presentation and Nathan Harrison added information.

Rep. Christiansen asked for additional information and Nathan Harrison responded. Kevin Burt, Director, Division of Unemployment Insurance, DWS, provided additional information.

4 . DHS - Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) - Base Budget

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

Clare Tobin Lence, Finance Manager, LFA, explained the Department of Human Services (DHS) - Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) - Base Budget.

Angella Pinna, Director, DSPD, provided information regarding the division's budget requests.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the DI motions 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 9 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-9

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-8

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward

MOTION: Senate Chair Christensen moved to approve the DG motions for the Operation Rio Grande Line Item, the DE motions for the Nutrition Assistance Line Item, and the DJ motions for the Unemployment Insurance Line Item on the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/27/2020. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-9

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-8

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward

[7bii-DSPD - FY 2019 - Expenditures by Service Category](#)

[7bi-DSPD - Purposes - 2020 GS](#)

[7biii-DSPD - FY 2019 - Expenditures by Community Provider](#)

Clare Tobin Lence continued presenting the DSPD budget information.

Chair Ray asked which services are ongoing and Angella Pinna responded.

[7c-DSPD - Use of FY 2019 Beginning Balance](#)

Clare Tobin Lence continued with the presentation and explained possible motions for the committee to consider.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to approve the following motions from the sheet entitled "Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee - Motions for Consideration" dated 1/27/2020: All #CG. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-10

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-7

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. N. Thurston

5 . DSPD - New Funding Requests

[8a-DSPD Funding Requests - FY21](#)

Clare Tobin Lence introduced DSPD - New Funding Requests.

Angella Pinna explained the division's funding requests.

Chair Ray asked how many people have been court-ordered to receive services from DSPD and Angella Pinna responded.

Sen. Christensen asked rhetorically if DSPD had a hundred million dollars of waste in its budget, as some people claim.

[8d-Waiting List Management Strategies - Report with LFA Highlight](#)

Tonya Hales, Assistant Director, Division of Medicaid and Health Financing, Department of Health, explained the division's services and funding needs. Angella Pinna provided additional information.

[9-DSPD Waiting List - 2020 GS](#)

Angella Pinna discussed efforts to deal with the waiting list.

Tonya Hales discussed the budget request and Medicaid's waiver list. Angella Pinna continued with her presentation.

Rep. Ward asked about bringing new people into Medicaid and the limited waiver supports and Tonya Hales and Angella Pinna responded.

Sen. Christensen asked what the benefits would be for recipients on the limited supports waiver and Angella Pinna responded.

Chair Ray asked for more information about caps on the wait lists and Angella Pinna responded.

Rep. Thurston asked for offline information about waiver prioritization.

Rep. Judkins asked for additional information about the waiting lists and Angella Pinna responded.

Sen. Christensen commented on the committee's struggles to fund everything.

Sen. Escamilla asked for an update on the lawsuit and Angella Pinna and Tonya Hales responded.

6 . DSPD Waiting List

[9-DSPD Waiting List - 2020 GS](#)

Angella Pinna explained the DSPD Waiting List.

Sen. Christensen expressed appreciation for the Department of Human Services and how much they care about the people they serve.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn. 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
- Rep. S. Hollins
- Rep. M. Judkins
- Rep. P. Ray
- Rep. N. Thurston
- Rep. R. Ward
- Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-5

- Sen. J. Adams
- Sen. K. Cullimore
- Sen. K. Grover
- Sen. D. Hemmert
- Rep. A. Robertson

Chair Ray adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.