



MINUTES

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 12, 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. 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
Sen. Daniel Hemmert

Staff Present:

Russell T. Frandsen, Finance Officer
Clare Tobin Lence, Finance Manager
Kimberly D. Madsen, Financial Analyst
Paula Morgan, 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 8:26 a.m.

Clare Tobin Lence, Finance Manager, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), made a suggestion about the Public Comment.

2 . Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Antoinette Baldez Rudman, parent, spoke in regard to Kinship Placement.

Chair Ray redirected her to another committee. Rep. Daw met with her.

Todd Losser, Executive Director, Utah Public Employees Association, spoke on behalf of funding the caseworker salary increase for Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS).

Tammy Gallegos, Aging Director, San Juan County, spoke on behalf of the Volunteer Voucher Transportation Program.

Rep. Ward asked for information comparing this voucher program to the motor transportation pool – cost wise and efficiency wise. Tammy Gallegos replied with continued comment from Rep. Ward.

Kristy Cottrell, Davis County Health Department, Senior Services, spoke on behalf of increasing the funding for the Utah Commission on Aging,

Neil Allred, Northeastern Services, spoke on an increase of funding for Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) Direct Care Staff and Motor Transportation Rate.

3 . Legislative Audit of the University Neuropsychiatric Institute - Status Update

Ross VanVranken, Executive Director, University of Utah Neuropsychiatric Unit (UNI), introduced the audit.

[5b-A Performance Audit of the University Neuropsychiatric Institute and Crisis Services](#)

[5e-UNI Crisis Services 2019 Year Data](#)

[5c-Legislative Response - UNI Crisis Services 2020](#)

[5d-SafeUT Legislative Summary 2019](#)

[5a-UNI Audit - Letter to Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee](#)

4 . State Mental Health Needs and Huntsman Donation to University Neuropsychiatric

Greg Bell, CEO, Utah Hospital Association, presented information about a donation by the Huntsman family.

David Huntsman, President, Huntsman Foundation, explained the reason for the donation to the University Neuropsychiatric Institute.

Christina Huntsman and Jennifer Huntsman, Huntsman Foundation, continued the explanation and presentation asking for a partnership.

Chair Ray responded.

Rep. Christiansen commented on the importance of mental health issues and gave thanks to the Huntsman family. David Huntsman responded.

Rep. Ward asked which aspect of mental health might be the top priority. Greg Bell responded.

Rep. Dailey-Provost gave thanks for the donation.

5 . Requests for Appropriation

Rep. Eliason - Crisis Response Services, HB32 - Ongoing Funding for Two Behavioral Health Crisis Receiving Centers. There was comment from Chair Ray.

[7qi-Eliason - HB0032 - Budget](#)

[7qii-Eliason - HB0032 - Performance](#)

Rep. Eliason presented information on HB 35 Mental Health Treatment Access Amendments to increase salaries for staff in the forensic unit - #FW on the yellow sheet.

Dallas Earnshaw, Superintendent, Utah State Hospital, testified on the needs at the State Hospital and recruitment retention. Rep. Eliason commented further on the need.

Chair Ray commented on prioritization of funds and the needs and asked Rep. Eliason to meet with staff.

Rep. Eliason presented a request for HB 295 - Opioid Overdose Fatality Amendments for ongoing and one-time funding.

[7sii-Eliason - HB0295 - Performance](#)

[7si-Eliason - HB0295 - Budget](#)

Rep. Eliason mentioned the request for Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) caseworker salaries - #FJ.

Clare Tobin Lence covered information on alternative funding sources available.

Dr. Ray Supiano, Director, Utah Center on Aging, presented the need for the request #ER Utah Alzheimer on the yellow sheet.

[7bi-Ray - Utah Alzheimer's Disease Center - Budget](#)

[7biii-Ray - Utah Alzheimer Center Request - 02-12-20](#)

Dr. Brian Shiozawa, Associate Vice President for Health Policy, University of Utah Health, presented other information about the request.

Sen. Harper presented a request for DCFS Caseworker Salary Increase, item #FH.

[7ci-Harper - DCFS Caseworker Salaries - Budget](#)

[7cii-Harper - DCFS Caseworker Salaries - Performance](#)

Chair Ray commented on the improvements in DCFS.

Rep. Dailey-Provost gave a thank you to the work done by DCFS.

Sen. Harper presented the request for Statewide Volunteer Driver and Voucher Transportation - #FP.

[7gi-Harper - Statewide Volunteer Driver-Voucher Transportation - Budget](#)

[7gii-Harper - Statewide Volunteer Driver-Voucher Transportation - Performance](#)

Ryan Taylor, Utah Transit Authority (UTA), addressed the request and presented more information on and the benefits of the program.

Rep. Judkins wondered about taking the request to the transportation committee. Sen. Harper replied with comment from Chair Ray.

Sen. Harper presented the request for Caregiver Compensation - #FU on the Yellow sheet.

[7fi-Harper - Caregiver Compensation - Budget](#)

[7fii-Harper - Caregiver Compensation - Performance](#)

[7fiii-Harper - Report on Medicaid Compensation Options](#)

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked whether this is an exact funding the request or if it could be adjusted. Nate Checketts, Deputy Director, Department of Health, gave the information to clarify.

Rep. Judkins presented the request on Child and Family Services Caseworker Salary Increase - #FI.

[7dii-Judkins - DCFS Caseworker Salaries - Performance](#)

Rep. Ward presented the request for Additional Adult Protective Services Workers - #FL .

[7hi-Ward - APS Workers - Budget](#)

[7hii-Ward - APS Workers - Performance](#)

Danny Harris, Director of Advocacy, AARP of Utah, spoke to the request.

Chair Ray presented request for Children's Service Society of Utah /Grandfamilies - #FN.

[7ii-Ray - Grandfamilies - Budget](#)[7iii-Ray - Grandfamilies - Performance](#)

Encarni Gallardo, Executive Director, Children's Service Society, presented the request #FN Children's Service Society of Utah - Grandfamilies.

Bacall Hincks, Grandfamilies Program Administrator, Children's Service Society, presented further information on the Family First program and continued to present the request.

Chair Ray commented.

Rep. Daw gave an overview of the request #FQ Improving Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment in Jails.

[7ki-Daw - Improving MH and SA in Jails - Budget and Performance](#)

Darcy Goddard, Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office, gave further information on why the request is being made.

Chair Ray asked a question about a request being made by New York and Darcy Goddard replied.

Rep. Ward asked for clarification on the amount being requested and Rep. Daw clarified.

Rep. Thurston introduced information for the request for Disability Services: Limited Supports Waiver and Waiting List - #FK on the yellow sheet and #BE on the brown sheet.

[7li-Thurston - Limited Supports Waiver - Budget](#)[7lii-Thurston - Limited Supports Waiver - Performance](#)

Sen. Christensen asked where the amount for the request came from and Angella Pinna, Director, Division of Services for People with Disabilities, replied with further comment from Rep. Thurston and Sen. Christensen.

Sen. Christensen asked a question about the funds needed. There was continued comment from Rep. Thurston, Angella Pinna, and Sen. Christensen.

Sen. Escamilla asked for clarification on the request being made. Rep. Thurston clarified. Sen. Christensen commented on bills passed and funding. Russell Frandsen, Finance Officer, LFA, clarified the question Sen. Christensen asked.

Tonya Hales, Assistant Director, Division of Medicaid and Health Financing, Department of Health, gave input on the question. Sen. Christensen continued asking for clarification. There were several more comments.

Rep. Spendlove introduced the request #FY for the Therapeutic Preschool Program.

[7ti-Spendlove - The Children's Center - Budget and Performance](#)

Rebecca Dutson, Executive Director, The Children's Center, continued presenting information on the purpose of the center and services available.

Sen. Weiler introduced Mary Anne Nef, Small Business Owner, who presented the request for item #FO Disability Services Rate Increase for Support Coordinators.

[7jii-Weiler - Disability Services Support Coordinators - Performance](#)

[7ji-Weiler - Disability Services Support Coordinator - Budget](#)

Sen. Weiler introduced the request and also introduced Paige Huff, Executive Director, Alliance House to discuss #BI for Utah Clubhouse Coalition.

Damon Harris, member of Alliance House, testified on behalf of the Clubhouse.

Paige Huff continued presenting the request.

Sen. Christensen introduced Rob Ence, Executive Director, Utah Commission on Aging, to present item #FS, Utah Commission on Aging. Rob Ence explained the reasons for the request being made.

[7pi-Christensen - Commission on Aging - Budget](#)

[7pii-Christensen - Commission on Aging - Performance](#)

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

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Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert

Chair Ray adjourned the meeting at 10:50 AM.