



MINUTES

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, February 13, 2020 | 7:59 a.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Keith Grover
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:

Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair
President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore

Staff Present:

Russell T. Frandsen, Finance Officer
Clare Tobin Lence, Finance Manager
Kimberly D. Madsen, Financial Analyst
An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary
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.

Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1 . 8:00 Unfinished Items from the Previous Agenda

Shawn McMillen, Director, First Step House, discussed the program and its expanding projects.

Chair Christensen asked about the recipients of housing from First Step House and Shawn McMillen responded.

Rep. Dailey-Provost thanked Shawn McMillen for the program.

Charlie Luke, Executive Director, Utah Association of Community Services, presented requests for Services for People with Disabilities Motor Transportation Payment Rate and Services for People with Disabilities Provider Direct Care Staff Compensation.

2 . 8:15 Requests for Appropriation

[5a-UTRateChangeEX](#)

Sen. Weiler presented Rural Ambulatory Care Funding Request with the assistance of Alexander Tarbet, Associate, Bennett Group DC, representing Classic Air Medical.

Rep. Ward asked for information about funding sources for air medical transport and Nate Checketts, Deputy Director, Department of Health (DOH), Sen. Weiler, Alexander Tarbet, and Eric Grant, Assistant Director, Division of Medicaid and Health Financing, DOH, responded.

Sen. Escamilla asked how the disparity between reimbursement rates for air ambulances happened and Nate Checketts responded.

Russell Frandsen, Finance Officer, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), provided more information regarding Sen. Escamilla's question.

Rep. Eric Hutchings presented the appropriation request for traumatic brain injuries.

[5c1-Hemmert - Medicaid ACO Rates](#)[5c2-Hemmert - Medicaid ACO Rates](#)

Sen. Hemmert presented the appropriation request for Medicaid Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Rates with the assistance of Michael Hales, Senior Director, Government Healthcare Programs, University of Utah Health.

Rep. Daw asked about ACO use in rural settings and Michael Hales responded.

Rep. Ward assumed the chair.

3 . 9:40 Training Pilot Program for Non-Custodial Parents

Elizabeth Carver, Division Director, Workforce Development Program, Department of Workforce Services (DWS), and Liesa Stockdale, Director, Office of Recovery Services, Department of Human Services (DHS), explained the Training Pilot Program for Non-Custodial Parents.

Chair Ward asked for information about the program and Liesa Stockdale responded.

4 . 9:55 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Elizabeth Carver presented information on the TANF request.

Chair Ward asked if the current system of reporting outcomes is effective and Elizabeth Carver responded.

5 . 10:20 Pew Results First - Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program Map

Alyssa Doom, Principal Associate, Pew Charitable Trusts - Results First Initiative, and Laura Summers, Senior Health Care Analyst, University of Utah Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute, presented the status of the Pew Results First - Substance Use Disorder Treatment Program Map.

Sen. Christensen resumed the chair.

Rep. Daw asked if the study contained information on best practices and Alyssa Doom and Laura Summers responded.

6 . 8:15 Requests for Appropriation

Sen. Jacob Anderegg presented the funding request for Homeless Shelter and Services Sharing.

7 . 9:00 FY 2020 and FY 2021 Budget Discussions, Prioritizing, and Voting

Russell Frandsen explained the first motion.

MOTION: Rep. Ward moved the Legislature intends that the Department of Health report on the following additional performance measures for the Disease Control and Prevention line item, whose mission is to "prevent chronic disease and injury, rapidly detect and investigate communicable diseases and environmental health hazards, provide prevention-focused education, and institute control measures to reduce and prevent the impact of disease.": Utah youth use of electronic cigarettes in grades 8, 10, and 12 (Target = 11.1% or less) by October 1, 2020 to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-10

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

Nays-0

Absent-7

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson

[6c-Motion - Judkins - In Depth Audit Follow Up Health](#)

MOTION: Rep. Judkins moved the Legislature intends that the Department of Health report to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst by August 1, 2020 on the status of all recommendations in chapter two from "An In-Depth Budget Review of the Utah Department of Health" that the Department of Health had anticipated finished implementing.

The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-10

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

Nays-0

Absent-7

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson

[6d-Motion - Thurston - Report Health Care Waste](#)

MOTION: Rep. Thurston moved that if the legislature provides funding for the building block entitled "Health care expenditure waste calculator," then the intent language below is approved:

The Legislature intends that the Department of Health report by May 1, 2021 to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee on the findings from the health care waste calculator and recommended steps that the State could take to reduce wasteful spending.

Rep. Ward asked for clarification on the motion and Rep. Thurston responded.

MOTION: Rep. Ward moved to amend and accept Rep. Thurston's motion by adding "and ways to bring duplicative quality measurements into alignment."

Sen. Escamilla asked for clarification and Rep. Thurston responded.

The substitute motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-11

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

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson

[6e-Motion - Daw - Certified Community Health Workers](#)

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved that if the Legislature provides funding for "Case Management for Rural Medicaid Clients," then the intent language below is approved:

The Legislature intends that the Utah Department of Health provide a portion of the case management services in rural fee-for-service counties through certified community health workers. The Department of Health will evaluate the impact of this workforce in improving outcomes and decreasing inappropriate utilization and report this information in performance measure reports. 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. K. Grover
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson

[6f-Motion - Christiansen - Medicaid Cost Sharing Options](#)

MOTION: Rep. Christiansen moved the Legislature intends that the Departments of Health and Workforce Services report to the Office of the legislative Fiscal Analyst by July 1, 2020 on the costs and revenue associated with implementing cost sharing for families with incomes above 150% of the federal poverty level on Medicaid waiver programs for children.

Rep. Judkins asked for clarification and Rep. Christiansen responded.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked for clarification and Rep. Christiansen and Russell Frandsen responded.

Rep. Ward asked for clarification and Rep. Christiansen and Russell Frandsen responded.

Sen. Escamilla commented on previous work done by the Legislature on this issue.

Rep. Christiansen asked Sen. Escamilla for more information regarding her concerns and she responded.

Rep. Thurston spoke in favor of the motion.

The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 4 - 5.

Yeas-8

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-4

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson

[6g-Motion - Christiansen - Medicaid Work Options](#)

MOTION: Rep. Christiansen moved the Legislature intends that the Departments of Health and Workforce Services report to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst by July 1, 2020 on the Medicaid populations not currently with a work requirement who could have a work requirement. The report shall include the number of new individuals who could have a work requirement and the associated costs and savings to the State.

Rep. Ward spoke in opposition to the motion and Rep. Christiansen and Russell Frandsen responded.

The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 4 - 6.

Yeas-7

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. N. Thurston
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-4

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. R. Ward

Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson

[6h-Motion - Judkins - Social Detox Performance Measures](#)

MOTION: Rep. Judkins moved that if funding is approved for an expansion of social detox services, then the intent language below is approved:

The Legislature intends that for reporting on the outcomes of the expansion of social detox services to Medicaid expansion clients, that the Department of Health report the following performance measures (1) initiation and engagement of alcohol and drug abuse or dependence treatment and (2) reduction in substance-use-related emergency department visits.

The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-11

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson

[6i-Motion - Christensen - Workforce Limit Year 1 Funding to 500K](#)

MOTION: Chair Christensen moved that if the Legislature provides funding in FY 2021 for the building block entitled "Loan Repayment Incentives for 15 Medical Providers to go to Underserved Areas," then the General Fund appropriations in FY 2021 shall be limited to a maximum of \$500,000 between ongoing and one-time funds. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-10

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-7

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson

[6j-Motion - Dailey-Provost - Identifying Mental Health Specialists](#)

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved the Legislature intends that the Department of Health use the ongoing funding provided in item 186 of Chapter 407, Laws of Utah 2019 to coordinate with the Department of Human Services' Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to have each local mental health authority identify at least one provider that is a specialist in maternal mental health, or will identify a provider to be trained as a specialist in maternal mental health; providers will be connected to a statewide network of trained and informed maternal mental health specialists. The Department of Health and Human Services shall report on the progress of these efforts to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst by January 1, 2021.

Dr. Marc Babitz, Deputy Director, DOH, stated there are no specialists in maternal mental health. Rep. Dailey-Provost clarified her intent.

Curtis Burk, Assistant Director, Division of Family Health and Preparedness, DOH, provided additional information.

Rep. Dailey-Provost suggested amending her motion.

Rep. Christiansen asked for clarification and Rep. Provost responded.

Rep. Thurston suggested wording on the amendment.

Rep. Ward commented on the classification of a maternal mental health specialist and Rep. Provost and Jessie Mandle, Senior Health Policy Analyst, Voices for Utah Children, responded.

Rep. Dailey-Provost's motion was amended to say:

"The Legislature intends that the Department of Health use the ongoing funding provided in item 186 of Chapter 407, Laws of Utah 2019 to coordinate with the Department of Human Services' Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health to have each local mental health authority identify at least one provider who has experience in maternal mental health, or will identify at least one provider to be trained in maternal mental health; providers will be connected to a statewide network of experienced and informed maternal mental health professionals. the Departments of Health and Human Services shall report on the progress of thee efforts to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst by January 1, 2021." The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-10

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-7

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. N. Thurston

[6k-Motion - Escamilla - ICF-ID Property Improvement Nonlapsing Language](#)

MOTION:

Sen. Escamilla moved under Section 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code Item 64 of Chapter 10, Laws of Utah 2019, the Legislature intends up to \$350,000 provided for the Department of Health's Medicaid Services line item shall not lapse at the close of Fiscal year 2020. The use of any nonlapsing funds is limited to property improvements in intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities serving Utah Medicaid clients. 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. K. Grover
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson

Russell Frandsen provided additional information about nonlapsing funds.

[6I-Motion - Ward - Reduce RFA Nonlapsing Authority to 25](#)

MOTION:

Rep. Ward moved to reduce the maximum amount of nonlapsing authority for funding provided for legislative requests for appropriations motions from the amounts on the left to the amounts on the right as shown below:

- 1)BC8 - \$250,000 => \$63,000
 - a. Alzheimer's programs and outreach
- 2)BC9 - \$250,000 => \$63,000
 - a. prevent sexual assault
- 3)BC10 - \$400,000 => \$100,000
 - a. Utah produce incentives

Sen. Escamilla asked for more information and Rep. Ward responded.

Russell Frandsen and Chair Christensen provided additional information.

Heather Borski, Director, Division of Disease Control and Prevention, DOH, also provided information about the motion.

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. K. Grover
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson

[6n-Motion - Judkins - Aging Alternatives](#)

MOTION:

Rep. Judkins moved modify the action taken by the Subcommittee on February 10th as follows:

Restore the ongoing FY 2021 reduction of \$231,400 for the Aging Alternatives Program (#23) on the Reduction list, and
Reduce funding by \$231,400 one-time in FY 2020 for the Aging Alternatives Program.

Rep. Thurston asked for clarification from staff and Clare Tobin Lence, Finance Manager, LFA, responded.

Rep. Christiansen asked for additional clarification and Rep. Ward responded.

The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 1 - 7.

Yeas-9

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Coleman
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-1

Rep. N. Thurston

Absent-7

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Sen. T. Weiler

[6o-Motion - Escamilla - Office of Recovery Services Report](#)

MOTION:

Sen. Escamilla moved the Legislature intends that the Office of Recovery Services provide a report to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst by September 15, 2020 detailing the following for the estate recovery program: 1) the amount of FY 2020 collections and projections for FY 2021 and FY 2022 and reasons for the trend, 2) the impact of TEFRA liens and other changes from S.B. 241 (2018 G.S.), and 3) what collection efforts are based on federal and which are based on state law only.

Clare Tobin Lence provided additional information.

Mark Brasher, Deputy Director, DHS, commented on the motion.

Emma Chacon, Operations Director, Division of Medicaid and Health Financing, DOH, gave additional information.

The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-10

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-7

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Sen. T. Weiler

[6q-Motion - Ward - Allow Automatic Payments for CHIP Premiums](#)

MOTION: Rep. Ward moved the Legislature intends that the Departments of Health and Workforce Services create an option for clients with recurring automatic withdrawal payments to pay their CHIP premiums and report on their progress to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst by October 1, 2020. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

Yeas-10

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-7

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Sen. T. Weiler

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

Yeas-10

Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. N. Thurston
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-7

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
Sen. T. Weiler

Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.