

Meeting Outline

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Health and Human Services Interim Committee

Online Meeting, Wednesday, September 16, 2020

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

(Outline version: 09/16/20)

Anchor location for meeting: Room 30 House Building, State Capitol Complex, Salt Lake City, Utah

Due to public health restrictions, members of the public are not permitted to attend the meeting at the anchor location but are invited to participate [online](#).

Approximate
Time Frame

1:00 1. Committee Business

Background

- [Draft minutes of the August 19, 2020, meeting](#)

Potential Action

- Approve minutes

1:05 2. Telehealth: The Future

The committee will consider recommendations for legislative action to help telehealth realize its full potential.

Background

- **REPORT:** [Preliminary COVID-19 Healthcare Trends: A Snapshot from Utah's All Payer Claims Database & Healthcare Facility Database Updated: August 2020](#) (Source: Utah Department of Health; see pages 9–10 for telehealth and in-person visits, by week)
- **REPORT:** [Increasing Access to Health Care Through Telehealth](#) (Source: NCSL)
- **REPORT:** [Telehealth Flexibilities During the COVID-19 Pandemic and the ATA's Recommendations for Permanent Policy](#) (Source: American Telemedicine Association; *federal* policy)
- **REPORT:** [Taskforce on Telehealth Policy \(TTP\) Findings and Recommendations: Latest Evidence: September 2020](#) (National Committee for Quality Assurance)
- **PRESENTATION:** [Telehealth & Office Visit Trends: A Snapshot from Utah's All Payer Claims Database](#) (Source: Utah Department of Health)
- **PRESENTATION:** [The Future of Telehealth in Utah](#) (Source: UETN)

- **PRESENTATION:** [University of Utah Health – Digital Health](#) (Source: University of Utah Health)

Issues

- How has telemedicine impacted the availability, cost, and quality of care during the COVID-19 pandemic at both the individual and population levels?
- What are the remaining barriers to realizing telemedicine's full potential to improve individual and population health outcomes by improving the availability, cost, and quality of care?
- Are there steps the Legislature could take to address those barriers?

Presenters

INSURANCE CLAIMS FOR TELEHEALTH DURING COVID-19

(10 minutes, including questions)

- Sterling Petersen and Carl Letamendi, Office of Healthcare Statistics, Utah Department of Health

TELEHEALTH OVERVIEW

(25 minutes, including questions)

- Matt McCullough, Utah Education and Telehealth Network (UETN)
- Dr. Sarah Woolsey, Utah Telehealth Advisory Council
- Topics
 - The vision of telehealth
 - Current infrastructure
 - Current payment and delivery systems
 - Gaps and barriers
 - Recommendations for legislative action

Note: UETN is required to "...explore and encourage the development of telehealth services as a means of reducing health care costs and increasing health care quality and access...[and] advise...the Legislature on: (i) the role of telehealth in the state; (ii) the policy issues related to telehealth; (iii) the changing telehealth needs and resources in the state; and (iv) state budgetary matters related to telehealth." [Utah Code Subsections 53B-17-105\(2\)\(g\) and \(h\)](#)

PROVIDER PERSPECTIVES

(30 minutes, including questions)

- David C. Gessel, Utah Hospital Association
- Dr. Terry Box, Project ECHO, University of Utah Health
- Nate Gladwell, Senior Director, Clinical Operations Officer, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
- Michelle McOmber, CEO, Utah Medical Association
- Dr. Patrice F. Hirning, MD
- Topics
 - Current uses of telehealth
 - Vision for the future
 - Gaps and barriers
 - Recommendations for legislative action

Potential Action

- Determine next steps

- 2:35 **3. Sunset Review: Telehealth Mental Health Pilot Program**
Utah Code Section 62A-15-114, Telehealth Mental Health Pilot Program, is scheduled for repeal December 31, 2021, unless reauthorized by the Legislature. The committee will conduct a sunset review of the statute.

Background

- [Utah Code Section 62A-15-114, Telehealth Mental Health Pilot Program](#)
- [Utah Code Subsection 63I-1-262\(6\)](#) (Repealer)
- [Sunset Reviews: A Brief Overview](#) (Source: Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel)
- **PRESENTATION:** [Telehealth Mental Health Pilot Program](#) (Source: Utah Department of Human Services)

Issues

- Have the statute's objectives been accomplished effectively and efficiently?
- Should the statute be reauthorized? With amendment or without? For how long?

Presenters

- Utah Department of Human Services
 - Doug Thomas, Director, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health
 - Eric Tadehara, Program Administrator of Children, Youth & Family Services, Division of Substance Abuse & Mental Health
- Public comment

Potential Action

- Determine whether to recommend reauthorization of the statute, with or without amendment.

- 2:50 4. **Sunset Review: Child Protection Unit Pilot Program**
Utah Code Section 62A-4a-202.9, Child Protection Unit Pilot Program, is scheduled for repeal December 31, 2021, unless reauthorized by the Legislature. The committee will conduct a sunset review of the statute.

Background

- [Utah Code Section 62A-4a-202.9, Child Protection Unit Pilot Program](#)
- [Utah Code Subsection 63I-1-262\(3\)](#) (Repealer)
- [Sunset Reviews: A Brief Overview](#) (Source: Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel)

Issues

- Have the statute's objectives been accomplished effectively and efficiently?
- Should the statute be reauthorized? With amendment or without? For how long?

Presenters

- Diane Moore, Director, Division of Child and Family Services, Utah Department of Human Services
- Kim Cordova, Executive Director, Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
- Chair Christensen (sponsor of 2019 S.B. 40, which extended the sunset date for two years)
- Public comment

Potential Action

- Determine whether to recommend reauthorization of the statute, with or without amendment.

3:05

5. Sunset Review: Utah Commission on Aging

Utah Code Title 63M, Chapter 11, Utah Commission on Aging, is scheduled for repeal July 1, 2021, unless reauthorized by the Legislature. The committee will conduct a sunset review of the statute.

Background

- [Utah Code Title 63M, Chapter 11, Utah Commission on Aging](#)
- [Utah Code Section 63I-1-263\(26\)](#) (Repealer)
- [Sunset Reviews: A Brief Overview](#) (Source: Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel)
- [Utah Commission on Aging Annual Report, 2018-19](#)
- [Utah Commission on Aging Annual Report, 2019-20](#)
- **PRESENTATION:** [Collective Impact of Strategic Partnerships](#) (Source: UCOA)
- [Letter of Support](#) (Source: UCOA)
- [Letter of Support](#) (Source: San Juan County Commission)

Issues

- Have the statute's objectives been accomplished effectively and efficiently?
- Should the statute be reauthorized? With amendment or without? For how long?

Presenters

- Rob Ence, Executive Director, Utah Commission on Aging
- Public comment

Potential Action

- Determine whether to recommend reauthorization of the statute, with or without amendment.

- 3:20 6. **Sunset Review: Kurt Oscarson Children’s Organ Transplant Coordinating Committee**
Utah Code Title 26, Chapter 18a, Kurt Oscarson Children’s Organ Transplant Coordinating Committee, is scheduled for repeal July 1, 2021, unless reauthorized by the Legislature. The committee will conduct a sunset review of the statute.

Background

- [Utah Code Title 26, Chapter 18a, Kurt Oscarson Children’s Organ Transplant Coordinating Committee](#)
- [Utah Code Subsection 63I-1-226\(16\)](#) (Repealer)
- [Application for loan from the Kurt Oscarson Children’s Organ Transplant Fund](#) (Source: Utah Department of Health)
- **PRESENTATION:** [Kurt Oscarson Children’s Organ Transplant Fund \(KOCOTF\) Sunset Review](#) (Source: Utah Department of Health)
- [Sunset Reviews: A Brief Overview](#) (Source: Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel)

Issues

- Have the statute’s objectives been accomplished effectively and efficiently?
- Should the statute be reauthorized? With amendment or without? For how long?

Presenters

- Dr. Marc Babitz, Director, Division of Family Health and Preparedness, Utah Department of Health
- Noel Taxin, Chair, Kurt Oscarson, Children’s Organ Transplant Coordinating Committee and Director, Bureau of Children with Special Health Care Needs, Utah Department of Health
- Ann Rasmussen, Kurt Oscarson Children’s Organ Transplant Coordinating Committee
- Public comment

Potential Action

- Determine whether to recommend reauthorization of the statute, with or without amendment.

3:35

7. COVID-19: An Update

The committee will continue its oversight of the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Background

- [Coronavirus.Utah.gov](https://www.coronavirus.utah.gov) (Utah Coronavirus Task Force)
- [Phased Guidelines for the General Public and Businesses to Maximize Public Health and Economic Reactivation Version 4.11](#) (Source: Governor's Office of Management and Budget et al.)
- [Unified Response Plan Scoreboard](#) (Source: Utah Department of Health)

Presenters

- Utah Department of Health
 - Rich Saunders, Interim Executive Director
 - Dr. Angela Dunn, State Epidemiologist
 - Nathan Checketts, Covid-19 Testing Manager
 - Heather Borski, Deputy Director

Potential Action

- Request additional information

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8. Adjourn