



DRAFT MINUTES

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, August 17, 2020 | 8:00 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
President J. Stuart Adams
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. Sandra Hollins

Rep. Marsha Judkins
Rep. Adam Robertson

Members Absent:

Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Staff Present:

Douglas B. Farr, IT Manager
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 . 8:00 Call to Order

Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 8:28 a.m.

2 . 8:00 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to approve the minutes of the interim meetings held May 26 and May 29, 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. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-8

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. N. Thurston

3 . 8:00 Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Michael Hales, Senior Director, Government Healthcare programs, University of Utah Health, commented on A Performance Audit of Medicaid's Pharmacy Benefit Oversight. He suggested the proposed cuts may be premature. Chair Christensen, Rep. Ray, and Russell Frandsen, Finance Officer, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), also gave input.

4 . 8:10 Re-Cap of Budget Actions from the 2020 General Session and Subsequent

Thomas Young, Economist, LFA, presented Re-Cap of Budget Actions from the 2020 General Session and Subsequent Special Sessions.

Rep. Ward asked about the budget targets and Thomas Young responded.



Rep. Judkins also asked for clarification about the budget targets and Thomas Young responded.

Kimberly Madsen, Financial Analyst, LFA, continued with the presentation, providing an overview of what happened in the 2020 General Session and subsequent Special Sessions.

Rep. Hollins asked for more information about cuts to health centers, and Russell Frandsen responded.

Rep. Robertson asked about a discrepancy between numbers, and Kimberly Madsen responded.

Russell Frandsen provided information about navigating between the different tabs.

Chair Christensen acknowledged the presence of former Senator, Dr. Brian Shiozawa.

Clare Tobin Lence, Finance Manager, LFA, introduced the Human Services portion of the budget items.

Russell Frandsen presented the Department of Health's budget information.

Chair Christensen asked about the State's medical and dental clinics, and Russell Frandsen responded.

Paul Patrick, Director, Division of Family Health and Preparedness, Department of Health (DOH), provided information about the closures of the Ogden and Provo medical and dental clinics.

Sen. Escamilla requested more information about the closure of the medical and dental clinics, and Paul Patrick responded.

Rep. Ward asked for additional information about the medical and dental health clinics and Paul Patrick and Russell Frandsen responded.

Sen. Escamilla commented on the status of community health clinics and the State's medical and dental clinics. Russell Frandsen and Paul Patrick responded.

5 . Proposed Performance Measures for Building Blocks Funded in the 2020 General Session

[6a-Performance Measures Health 2020 General Session Staff Analysis](#)

Clare Tobin Lence discussed Proposed Performance Measures for Building Blocks Funded in the 2020 General Session.

[6b-DHS - Budget Item Performance Measures - 2020 GS - Proposed Measures](#)

Russell Frandsen presented the Performance Measures Health 2020 General Session Staff Analysis.

Chair Ray assumed the chair.

Rep. Judkins expressed her pleasure with the staff's recommendations.

MOTION: Rep. Judkins moved for items on rows 13-15 and 23-25 on the Department of Health's items, that different performance measures be submitted that are outcome-based to the October Social Services Subcommittee for subcommittee approval. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 4.



Yeas-13

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. A. Christensen
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Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
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-4

Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. N. Thurston

Chair Christensen resumed the chair.

Clare Tobin Lence said that due to the online sound difficulties, staff will write the unofficial motions in the Webex chat for the committee to read.

Kimberly Madsen continued with the presentation, discussing Department of Workforce Services' performance measures.

Rep. Christiansen requested clarification about the extent of the performance measures, and Kimberly Madsen, Clare Tobin Lence, and Chair Christensen responded.

6 . 9:20 A Performance Audit of Medicaid's Pharmacy Benefit Oversight

[7a-A Performance Audit of Medicaid's Pharmacy Benefit Oversight](#)

[7b-Audit Action Tracker - Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee](#)

Ben Buys, Audit Manager, Office of the Legislative Auditor General (OLAG), introduced the Performance Audit of Medicaid's Pharmacy Benefit Oversight.

Jesse Martinson, Audit Supervisor, OLAG, presented the audit to the committee.

Rep. Judkins asked for information regarding prescription rebates and pricing indices, and Jesse Martinson responded.

Rep. Ward asked for additional information about cost units and Jesse Martinson responded.

Rep. Ward asked for clarification about the chart. Jesse Martinson responded and continued with the audit presentation.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved that the Legislature intends that the Department of Health, in coordination with the Utah Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services, report to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst by July 15, 2021 on the status of all recommendations from "A Performance Audit of Medicaid's Pharmacy Benefit Oversight" and include an estimate of savings for each recommendation where applicable. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 4.



Yeas-13

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Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. A. Robertson
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Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. K. Cullimore
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7 . 9:50 Accuracy of Records in the Utah Statewide Immunization System

Richard Saunders, Acting Executive Director, DOH, introduced himself to the committee.

Rep. Ray requested Richard Saunders repeat a portion of what he said due to sound difficulties.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked Richard Saunders for information regarding his background and education.

Rep. Ray provided clarification about the requirements for the position of Department of Health director.

[8-USIIS Factsheet](#)

Jon Reid, Program Manager, Statewide Immunization Information System, DOH, presented information about the immunization program.

Rep. Ward asked for an overall idea of the immunization record plan and Jon Reid responded.

Rep. Judkins asked for information about the expense to small medical clinics to hook up to the USIIS system and Jon Reid responded.

Sen. Escamilla asked about the USIIS system and Jon Reid responded.

Heather Borski, Director, Division of Disease Control and Prevention, DOH, asked Jon Reid to address additional issues.

MOTION:

Rep. Ward moved that the Legislature intends that the Department of Health report to the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee by October 1, 2021 on the results of recent initiatives to improve the accuracy of records in the Utah Statewide Immunization System for (1) youth for under reporting of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) and Td (tetanus and diphtheria) immunization, (2) adults over 65 years old for better links to death records, (3) identifying how many medical providers are not enrolled, and (4) recommendations for what would need to happen long-term so that the database be complete and accurate. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.



Yeas-11

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Rep. R. Ward
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. K. Cullimore
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The subcommittee returned a second time to the agenda item below.

8 . 9:20 A Performance Audit of Medicaid's Pharmacy Benefit Oversight

[7a-A Performance Audit of Medicaid's Pharmacy Benefit Oversight](#)

Nathan Checketts, Director, Division of Medicaid and Health Financing, DOH, explained the Pharmacy Benefit Oversight.

9 . 10:05 Cost Sharing for Families With Incomes Above 150%

Russell Frandsen explained Cost Sharing for Families With Incomes Above 150%.

[9-Work Requirement Report to LFA - 2020-07-01](#)

Russell Frandsen discussed the Medicaid Work Requirement.

10 . 10:10 Update on Recommendations From an In-Depth Budget Review of the Utah

Emma Chacon, Operations Director, Division of Medicaid and Health Financing, DOH, provided an update on recommendations from an In-Depth Budget Review of the Utah Department of Health.

Rep. Ward asked how acuity is determined and Emma Chacon responded.

MOTION: Rep. Ward moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

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Sen. T. Weiler

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. K. Cullimore
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Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.