

Meeting Outline

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Health and Human Services Interim Committee

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

1:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Room 30 House Building, State Capitol Complex, Salt Lake City, Utah

(Outline version: 06/14/22)

1. Committee Business
2. Local Health Department Funding
3. Sunset Reviews
4. Healthcare Reform – Prescription Drugs
5. Adjourn

Approximate
Time Frame

1:15 **1. Committee Business** (5 minutes)

Background

- Draft minutes of the May 18, 2022, meeting
- Consolidation of the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services: latest information available [here](#)

Potential Action

- Approve minutes.

1:20 **2. Local Health Department Funding** (70 minutes)

The Health and Human Services Interim Committee has been assigned to study the availability, adequacy, and use of revenue options for local health departments. In accordance with Section [26A-1-106](#), Utah's 13 local health departments are charged with meeting certain minimum performance standards for the protection of public health. Section [26A-1-106\(1\)\(c\)](#) directs the Department of Health to establish minimum performance standards applicable to all local health departments by administrative rule, which are promulgated in R380-40: Local Health Department Minimum Performance Standards. The committee will be briefed on how local, state, and federal funds contribute to the ability of local health departments to carry out the minimum performance standards and will consider how state policy has and could affect the way local health departments function throughout the state.

Background

- Utah Code [Title 26A, Chapter 1](#) (Local Health Departments Act)
- [Administrative Rule R380-40 \(Local Health Department Minimum Performance Standards\)](#)
- [A Performance Audit of the Culture and Grant Management Processes of the Department of Health](#) (Source: Office of the Legislative Auditor General)
- Local Health Department Funding Summary Presentation (Source: Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel) (*forthcoming*)
- Response from presenters to Committee questions
 - [Utah Association of Local Health Departments](#)
 - [Department of Health and Human Services](#)

Potential Issues

- How will the [increase in funding from the '22 Legislative Session](#) impact the ability of Utah's Local Health Departments to comply with state minimum standards for public health?
- How do sources of funding (local, state, federal) manifest in the priorities of the Local Health Department?
- Which is most beneficial to the Local Health Department – local, state, or federal funding? Why?
- Does the Governance Committee ([Section 26-1-4](#)) effectively weigh the priorities of Local Health Departments and the Department of Health?
- Does the current formula for allocation of state funds to Local Health Departments incentivize – or disincentive – counties to levy taxes to fund the Local Health Department? If so, how?
- What programs are Local Health Departments administering outside of the state minimum standards for public health?
- How have funds from the [2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#) expanded services provided by Local Health Departments? If services were expanded, is it expected that they will remain this way? And, if so, what channels of funding will be used to sustain the expansion?

Presenters

- Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel (10 minutes, including Q&A)
- Jill Parker, Executive Director, Utah Association of Local Health Departments (20 minutes, including Q&A)
- Department of Health and Human Services (10 minutes, including Q&A)
- Utah Association of Counties (10 minutes, including Q&A)
- Local Health Departments (20 minutes, including Q&A)
 - Jordan Mathis, MPH, Health Officer, Bear River Health Department
 - Brian Hatch, MPH, Director of Health, Davis County Health Department
 - Eric Edwards, MPA, Executive Director, Utah County Health Department

2:30 **3. Sunset Reviews (30 minutes)**

Under the Legislative Oversight and Sunset Act, the following Utah Code sections are scheduled for repeal on the dates noted below. The committee will consider whether to recommend repeal or reauthorization—with or without amendment—of each section.

Identifying Potential Overuse of Non-Evidence-Based Health Care	
Sections of Code that Sunset	26-33a-117
Purpose	Section 26-33a-117 requires DOH to contract with an entity to implement a health waste calculator to analyze the state’s All Payer Claims Database and to identify areas of potential overuse of non-evidence-based health care. Requires the Health Data Committee to make recommendations for action and identify opportunities for improvement. Requires DOH to compile a report.
Current Sunset Date	December 31, 2023 (Section 63I-1-226)

Forensic Mental Health Coordinating Council	
Sections of Code that Sunset	62A-15-605
Purpose	Section 62A-15-605 creates the Forensic Mental Health Coordinating Council and establishes its duties for advising how criminal justice, juvenile justice, and civil commitment systems interact to best serve individuals with an intellectual disability or mental illness. The Council is required to study state hospital bed capacity and the forecast for long-term need and to annually report its findings and make recommendations for changes.
Current Sunset Date	July 1, 2023 (Section 63I-1-262)

Background

- [Utah Department of Health: Identifying Potential Overuse of Non-Evidence-Based Health Care in Utah Report](#)
- [Utah State Hospital: Review of 5-Year Bed Requirements, 2021 Report](#)
- BRIEF: [Overview of Health and Human Services Sunset Reviews, May 18, 2022](#) (Source: Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel)

- SUMMARIES OF CODE SECTIONS TO BE SUNSETTED (Source: Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel):
 - [Identifying Potential Overuse of Non-Evidence-Based Health Care](#)
 - [Forensic Mental Health Coordinating Council](#)
- REPORTS ON CODE SECTIONS TO BE SUNSETTED
 - [Identifying Potential Overuse of Non-Evidence-Based Health Care](#) (Source: Department of Health and Human Services)
 - [Forensic Mental Health Coordinating Council](#) (Source: Department of Health and Human Services)

Potential Issues

- Has the statute accomplished its intended purpose?
- Should the statute be allowed to sunset as scheduled, or should it be reauthorized (for up to 10 years if it remains subject to future sunset)?
- If reauthorized, should the statute be amended?

Presenters

- Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

Potential Action

- For each Code section, recommend repeal or reauthorization — with or without amendment — for up to 10 years. Reauthorization may also be achieved by removal of the section from the Legislative Oversight and Sunset Act.

3:00 **4. Healthcare Reform – Prescription Drugs (30 minutes)**

As follow-up to the committee's discussion last month about prescription drug prescribing and purchasing practices that may have the potential to promote better health outcomes at lower cost, the committee will receive a report from an [entity](#) that has provided [pharmaceutical claims data](#) to the [Utah State Auditor's Utah Health Cost Compare](#) website.

Potential Issues

- How could the services offered by Milligram and other entities lead to improved prescribing, purchasing, and use of prescription drugs? Specifically, what steps would prescribers, payers, and patients have to take in response to Milligram's services to realize better health outcomes and lower costs?
- To what extent are the services offered by Milligram and other entities already used by PEHP? Medicaid? Private payers? Healthcare providers? Patients?

Presenters

- Dr. Bruce Wolf, CEO, Milligram
 - [Statement](#)
 - [Presentation](#)

Potential Action

- Determine next steps.

3:45 **5. Adjourn**