



Meeting Outline

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Health and Human Services Interim Committee

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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

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AGENDA OVERVIEW

1. Committee Business
2. Utah Behavioral Health Assessment and Master Plan
3. Mental and Behavioral Health Licenses Review
4. Reproductive Health Access
5. Promoting Effectiveness and Efficiency in Health and Human Services
6. Potential Legislation for Committee Consideration
7. Adjourn

Approximate
Time Frame

8:30 1. Committee Business

Background

Minutes: Draft minutes of the June 14, 2023, meeting

Presenters

- Senator Kennedy

Potential Action

- Approve minutes

8:35 2. Utah Behavioral Health Assessment and Master Plan

Members of a collaborative project examining Utah's behavioral health system will present background information on the assessment and master plan project and discuss recommendations that the collaborative has produced.

Background

- [Utah Behavioral Health Assessment & Master Plan Review Draft \(2023\)](#)
- [Utah Behavioral Health Assessment & Master Plan Review Draft – Executive Summary \(2023\)](#)
- [A Roadmap for Improving Utah's Behavioral Health System \(2020\)](#) (Source: Utah Hospital Association)



- [Utah’s Mental Health System: A collaborative endeavor of the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute and the Utah Hospital Association](#) (2019) (Source: University of Utah)

Presenters

- Greg Bell, President and CEO, Utah Hospital Association
- Laura Summers, Senior Health Care Analyst, Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute
- Jordan Sorenson, Project Manager, Utah Hospital Association
- Pat Fleming, Chair, Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council

Potential Action

- Request follow-up information
- Request legislation

9:40

3. Mental and Behavioral Health Licenses Review

2022 S.B. 16, Licensing Amendments, created the Office of Professional Licensure Review. The office will report on its work with respect to mental health professionals.

Background

At the HHS Interim Committee’s November, 2022, meeting, representatives of the Office of Professional Licensure Review [presented](#) on how they would approach the licensure review in 2023, and provided the committee with a [report](#) describing the scope of the review.

Presenters

- Jeff Shumway, Director, Office of Professional Licensure Review, Utah Department of Commerce

Potential Action

- Request follow-up information
- Request legislation



10:10 **4. Reproductive Health Access**

The committee will receive an overview of the reproductive health landscape in Utah. Presenters will discuss disparities within certain patient populations or geographic regions, cost savings data, and financial barriers related to reproductive health care.

Presenters

- Dr. David Turok, Associate Professor, University of Utah Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Dr. Sarah Woolsey, Medical Director, Association for Utah Community Health

Potential Action

- Request follow-up information
- Request legislation

10:40 **5. Promoting Effectiveness and Efficiency in Health and Human Services**

Each interim committee of the Legislature is charged to "investigate and study possibilities for improvement in government services within its subject area." As a follow-up to discussion on this topic from the committee's June meeting, the committee will be briefed by the newly created Department of Health and Human Services on its capacity for self-assessment, correction, and improvement, including the capacity to conduct and execute on long-term planning, the capacity to increase effectiveness and efficiency, and the capacity to identify and eliminate fraud, waste, and other misuse of government funds.

Background

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Presenters

- Tracy Gruber, Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services
- Shannon Thoman-Black, Director, Division of Continuous Quality & Improvement, Department of Health and Human Services
- Randy Loveridge, Internal Audit Director, Department of Health and Human Services



Potential Issues

- With the merging of the Utah Department of Health and the Utah Department of Human Services into a single state agency, what do the new Department’s self-assessment and self-correction mechanisms look like and how broadly will they be applied across Department programs and activities?
- Could the Department’s capacity to increase effectiveness and efficiency through self-assessment and self-correction be increased by additional discretion, authority, or other resources from the Legislature? If so, how?

Potential Action

- Request follow-up information
- Request legislation

11:00 **6. Potential Legislation for Committee Consideration**
As time permits, the committee will entertain requests by committee members for consideration of draft legislation at future meetings.

Presenters

- Committee discussion

Potential Action

- Request legislation

11:00 **7. Adjourn**