



Meeting Outline

Health and Human Services Interim Committee | Revised June 18, 2024

Health and Human Services Interim Committee

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

1:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Room 30 House Building

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AGENDA OVERVIEW

1. Committee Business
2. Government Response to Public Health Emergencies
3. Transgender Treatment for Minors
4. Statutory Reports
5. Adjourn

Approximate
Time Frame

1:15 **1. Committee Business**

Background
- Minutes: Draft minutes of the May 2024, meeting
Presenters
- Chair Kennedy
Potential Action
- Approve minutes

1:20 **2. Government Response to Public Health Emergencies**

Background
The committee will receive a presentation on strategies that state policymakers could consider to ensure that federal, state, and local government officials retain a role in planning for and responding to public health emergencies.
Potential questions for consideration include:
- <i>What mechanisms are currently in place to promote government transparency during public health emergencies (public health orders of constraint and restriction, approved treatments, off-label treatments, public health response protocols, etc.)?</i>
- <i>How can local, state, and federal government systems more effectively balance public health recommendations against the right of an individual to make decisions with their</i>



doctor, or healthcare practitioner, based on personal beliefs, conscience, or medical priorities?

- *What are the rights or responsibilities of local and state government officials and public health officials to question public health decisions and directives made by federal or global health officials (World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, etc.)?*
- *What actions should the state legislature take right now to ensure that national or world organizations do not usurp state sovereignty either now or in the event of a potential public health emergency?*

Presenters

- Aaron Siri, Managing Partner, Siri & Glimstad LLP
 - o Presentation: [Lessons Learned: Evaluating the Safety and Efficacy of COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

Public Comment

The chair may not take comment from a member of the public unless the individual provides the individual’s legal name and the entity they represent, if any, and if the individual is participating via Zoom, the individual states their place of residence and their video is enabled.

Potential Action

- Request follow-up information
- Request legislation

2:30

3. Transgender Treatment for Minors

Background

The committee will receive an update on certain statutory provisions established by [SB 16 \(2023\) – Transgender Medical Treatments and Procedures Amendments](#). Specifically, the Department of Health and Human Services will provide an update on the ‘Systematic Medical Evidence Review of Hormonal Transgender Treatments,’ in accordance with UCA [26B-1-239](#), and the Division of Professional Licensing will provide an update on the ‘Transgender Treatment Certification,’ in accordance with UCA [58-1-603](#).

Additionally, the committee will be briefed on recent studies related to transgender treatment for minors, including ‘The Cass Review: Independent Review of Gender Identity Services for Children and Young People,’ a report commissioned by the National Health Service England to “... make recommendations on how to improve NHS gender identity services, and ensure that children and young people who are questioning their gender identity or experiencing gender dysphoria receive a high standard of care, that meets their needs, is safe, holistic and effective.”

Materials:

- [Transgender Treatment Certification](#) (Source: DOPL)
- [The Cass Review](#) (Source: NHS England)



Presenters

- Chris Williams, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
 - o Presentation: [SB 16 Statutory Provisions](#)
- Michelle Hofmann, MD, Executive Medical Director, Department of Health and Human Services
 - o Presentation: [SB 16 \(2023\) Transgender Medical Treatments and Procedures Amendments Progress Report](#)
- Mark Steinagel, Director, Division of Professional Licensing, Department of Commerce
- Miriam Grossman, MD, Do No Harm
- Leor Sapir, PhD, Manhattan Institute
- Marina Lowe, Equality Utah
 - o Presentation: [Cass Report: Calls for Action](#)
- Lisa Diamond, PhD, University of Utah

Potential Action

- Request follow-up information
- Request legislation

3:40

4. Statutory Reports

Background

The committee will receive a brief update on statutory reports. This will include an implementation update from committee staff on [HB 506 \(2023\) – Government Entity Compliance Amendments](#), as well as an overview of how to retrieve reports and how entities will submit reports in accordance with [UCA 36-12-12.1](#).

Presenters

- Lisa Sorensen, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

3:45

5. Adjourn