

**MINUTES OF THE  
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 30 West House Building, State Capitol Complex

February 5, 2014 PM

**Members Present:** Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Co-Chair  
Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove, Co-Chair  
Rep. Daniel McCay, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson  
Sen. Luz Robles  
Sen. Todd Weiler  
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck  
Rep. Tim M. Cosgrove  
Rep. Paul Ray  
Rep. Edward H. Redd  
Rep. Marc K. Roberts  
Rep. Earl D. Tanner

**Members Absent:** President Wayne L. Niederhauser  
Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
Rep. Brad L. Dee

**Staff Present:** Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst  
Mr. Stephen C. Jardine, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Paula Winter, Secretary

**Note:** A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Call to Order/Approval of Minutes**

Co-Chair Menlove called the meeting to order at 2:08.

**3. Building Block – Domestic Violence Shelters**

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001861.pdf>

Kendra Wyckoff, Executive Director, Utah Domestic Violence Coalition, spoke on the need for an emergency shelter. Ms. Wyckoff referred to a fact sheet that illustrated the prevalence of domestic violence in the state. She focused on the unmet need for services and explained how the requested funding would be spent to address the unmet need.

Stephen Jardine asked Ms. Wyckoff to submit a document by Friday showing how each shelter intends to use the allocation, if funded.

Sen. Christensen asked if the \$693,000 request would be divided equally and Ms. Wyckoff indicated it would be divided equally between the 13 victims programs. There was further

conversation between Sen. Christensen and Ms. Wyckoff about the needs of each of the programs.

Rep. Tanner asked what the typical length of stay for a woman/family would be. Ms. Wyckoff stated that all cases are different and that case management could be helpful in determining that time spent.

Rep. Cosgrove shared information about a visit to a shelter during the government shutdown and the run on the services at that time. A case management worker was spending her time looking for food, a basic need, rather than using her training to assist the people there and stated that the needs are great in the shelters.

Sen. Christensen encouraged all Committee members take an opportunity to tour a shelter to see how they are accomplishing their objectives.

Stephen Jardine, Fiscal Analyst, and Rep. Menlove explained the importance and necessity of explaining how funds will be spent specifically before funds are allocated and so itemized and detailed information is needed.

Mr. Jardine commented that all those submitting requests have itemized information of how the tax dollars will be spent.

#### **4. Building Block -Meals on Wheels**

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001864.pdf>

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001867.pdf>

Sarah Brenna, Associate Director, Human Services, Salt Lake County, and former Aging Services Director, and Scott McBeth, Director, Mountainlands Area Agency on Aging, represented the 12 area agencies on aging in the state. They requested \$400,000 be added to the base budget for senior meals. Mr. McBeth stated that the request is higher than the Building Block request because of their need. He explained what the request represented and explained the situation in relation to funding and services now available as well as the savings incurred when people are kept in their homes and off Medicaid assistance.

Rep. Menlove indicated that a detailed budget has not been presented and asked them to do so and to make sure they are specific in all 12 area agencies.

Sen. Christensen stated that in talking to recipients and providers the meals are a secondary factor and the communication is important.

**5. Building Block – Mental Health Early Intervention**

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001870.pdf>  
<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001873.pdf>  
<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001876.pdf>  
<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001879.pdf>  
<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001882.pdf>  
<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001885.pdf>

Mr. Jardine again asked Mr. Snow for specifics on their spending plan. Rep. Menlove explained what specifics she was talking about. Kyle Snow, Chief Executive Officer Northeastern Counseling, Chairman of Utah Behavioral Health, and Doug Thomas, Director, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health introduced themselves. Mr. Thomas referenced information sent to the Committee previously in interim in September. Mr. Thomas introduced three key components in early intervention funding: 1) family resource facilitation with wraparound to fidelity, 2) Mobile Crisis Teams and 3) school-based services. Mr. Thomas shared the impact the previous funding has made on children. Mr. Snow appreciated the visit made by the analyst and for the impact of the program in the schools.

**6. Building Block – Local Authority Medicaid Match**

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001888.pdf>  
<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001891.pdf>  
<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001894.pdf>  
<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001897.pdf>

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001900.pdf>

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001902.pdf>

Kyle Snow, Chief Executive Officer, Northeastern Counseling, referred to the document entitled Percentage General Fund Increase – Medicaid and Mental Health graph. Mr. Snow discussed the fact that the number of people who are Medicaid eligible has more than doubled and the attendant problems this creates in meeting the match in Medicaid funding for counties. Mr. Snow reported their request for minimum for their funding.

The request was again made by Mr. Jardine for specific funding uses.

Rep. Redd asked what the consequences have been in collecting flat matching funds from the state. Mr. Snow, Mr. Redd, and Mr. Thomas continued to have conversation about this question and the results of it.

Mr. Jardine and Rep. Menlove asked Mr. Snow and Mr. Thomas to state some outcomes broadly that go with the data they have collected. They stated a number of outcomes and also indicated that these vary.

## **7. Building Block - Mental Health Service Rates**

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001905.pdf>

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001926.pdf>

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pds/000001929.pdf>

Vicki Goodman, Outgoing President for the Youth Provider Association (YPAP and Quality Assurance Director for The Journey asked for a rate increase to Department of Family and Child Services (DCFS) Medicaid rates to make them commensurate with the Department of Health (DOH) rates. The amount being asked for would be \$686,500 of ongoing funding for DCFS and their contracted providers. She spoke of the increased expectations and services needed as well

as lack of motivation for workers to stay because of low pay rates.

Rep. Menlove raised some questions about how the funds would be distributed specifically.

Christina Zidow, Chief Operating Officer, Odyssey House and President of YPA, shared information about the impact lack of funding has on best practice curriculum.

## **8. Requests for Appropriations**

- a. Sen. Christensen – Weber /Morgan Mental and Physical Health Pilot Project

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001908.pdf>

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001911.pdf>

Kevin Eastman, Executive Director, Weber Human Services (WHS), reported that WHS is one of the local mental health and substance abuse authorities in the state. Mr. Eastman introduced Randy Bates, WHS Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Director. He also reported on concepts being proposed as a pilot program. Mr. Eastman shared the reasons for the proposal. He described a scenario for their proposal of care in a Health Home and their goal.

Sen. Christensen asked if there are other places in the state that have this kind of program. Mr. Eastman indicated that Salt Lake County has begun to implement a clinic and that there are several across the state that will be applying for the same grant they obtained in 2010 and that there are other grants becoming available. Sen. Christensen and Mr. Bates continued to clarify some points about the amount requested.

- b. Rep. Perry - Garland Family Support Center

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001914.pdf>

Rep. Perry shared the purpose and the condition of the facility in Garland. He pointed out the details on the Community Resource Center Budget Report and the Community Resource Center document. JeuneElle Jeffries, Director, Boys and Girls Club of Northern Utah, explained what the function of the center will be and the services available.

Rep. Menlove asked if this could be implemented immediately if the funds are allocated. Ms. Jeffries replied in the affirmative. They discussed some reasons for the request.

- c. Rep. Redd and Sen. Hillyard – Hyrum Family Support Center

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001917.pdf>

Sen Hillyard requested \$150,000 knowing that they need \$75,000. He referred to the document entitled Child & Family Support Center. Sen. Hillyard clarified that this request is to pay off the mortgage of a building and to add on to the nursery which is a crisis nursery. He suggested that remaining funds be spread across the state.

Rep. Redd and Esterlee Molyneux, Executive Director, Child and Family Support Center of Cache County, each spoke in behalf of the support center.

d. Rep. Menlove - Foster Care Services

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001920.pdf>

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001923.pdf>

Rep. Menlove shared the importance of serving the foster care youth who are aging out of the system. Jennifer Larsen, Adolescent Services Instructor and Transition to Adult Living Specialist, Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) spoke to the committee. The request was for \$250,000 and would provide for five family navigators in six counties. Ms. Larsen referred to the Family Resource Facilitator (FRF) Higher Education Navigator document. Ms. Larsen shared the desired function of this program. This service can be implemented immediately. There was further conversation back and forth. Rep. Menlove mentioned that

additionally the youth would be eligible for federal financial aid and scholarships.

Rep. Roberts asked how this would be different than a counselor at a college.

Ms. Larsen replied that this person would be more like a mentor to guide them like a buffer or a parent. Ms. Larsen explained about the referral process for those now in foster care and that this person can help them move through the process and help them build the confidence they need. Ms. Larsen walked through the mechanics of how this process would take place.

e. Sen. Weiler – Clubhouse Utah

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001926.pdf>

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001929.pdf>

Sen. Weiler introduced the mission of Clubhouse Utah and the appropriation request. Dan Braun, Executive Director, Alliance House asked for \$120,000 to help achieve the goal of increasing the employment rate among their members by 25%. Luke Todd, member of Alliance House, related his story of being a member and the benefits of Clubhouse. Since 2013 he has moved from being homeless to working at employment at the U of U. He received housing and permanent part time employment at the U of U.

Sen. Weiler spoke from personal experience with his sister and stated he wished that his sister would have had this resource of the Alliance House. Sen Christensen spoke in praise of Alliance House.

Rep. Ray asked if this is one time or ongoing and found it is one time.

f. Rep. Menlove – GrandFamilies Program

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001942.pdf>

<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2014/pdf/00001945.pdf>

Jacci Graham, Executive Director, Children's Service Society; Merrill Bateman, Chair, Kinship Cove, Children's Service Society and Advocate and chair of Children's Society of Utah, were introduced. Ms. Graham gave a background of the organization. There are 82,000 children, or 10 percent of the children, being raised by grandparents or relatives in Utah. This is mostly due to abuse of drugs. This program was established in Salt Lake. Ms. Graham enumerated the awards and recognition of this program as far as drug prevention. Ms. Graham referred to documents distributed entitled the Children's Service Society. The goal is to keep the families out of foster care.

Mr. Bateman stated they are asking for \$200,000 in ongoing funds. There is money being donated to help them sustain. Currently there are 100,000 in need of this program.

Sen. Christensen stated that the remaining 4 items will be pushed to Tuesday morning.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Co-Chair Christensen stated that the next meeting would be held on February 7, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.8 a.m.

Co-Chair Menlove adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.