



DRAFT MINUTES

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, August 20, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Grover, Chair
Rep. Katy Hall, Chair
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Jerry W Stevenson
Rep. Nelson T. Abbott
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow
Rep. Kristen Chevrier
Rep. Tyler Clancy
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Jake Fitisemanu
Rep. Stephanie Gricius
Rep. Sandra Hollins

Rep. Logan J. Monson
Rep. Raymond P. Ward

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Keven J. Stratton
Rep. Bridger Bolinder

Staff Present:

Seth Anderson, Policy Analyst
Lisa Sorensen, Policy Analyst
Kami Orton, Associate General Counsel
Amy Shewan, Associate General Counsel
Christopher Williams, Associate General Counsel
Gabi Prior, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Grover called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Hall moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 8.

Yea - 11

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. K. Chevrier
Rep. S. Eliason
Rep. J. Fitisemanu
Rep. S. Gricius
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. K. Hall
Sen. J. Stevenson
Rep. R. Ward

Nay - 0

Absent - 8

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. K. Stratton

Chair Grover introduced Rep. Hall as a new Chair of the Committee.

2. Healthcare Occupational Regulation

[2 - Nursing and Allied Health Licensure Review Presentation \(OPLR\)](#)

Jordan Gygi, Lead Analyst of Nursing, Office of Professional Licensure Review (OPLR), and Jeff Shumway, Director, OPLR, presented on professional licensure review findings and recommendations.

Rep. Ward asked a clarifying question.

Jeff Shumway and Jordan Gygi continued the presentation.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

3. Medication Assisted Treatment in Carceral Settings

[3 - Opioid Use Disorder Treatment in Utah's Prisons \(Department of Health and Human Services\)](#)

Stacy Bank, Executive Medical Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and Christi Johnson, Clinical Programs Director for Correctional Health Services, DHHS, presented on medication assisted treatment and medication for opioid use disorder in Utah's correctional settings.

Rep. Ward asked clarifying questions.

Rep. Eliason asked a clarifying question.

Mike Schoenfeld, Deputy Executive Director, Department of Corrections, spoke on the challenges related to the diversion of medications in carceral settings.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

4. Office of the Medical Examiner Fatality Review

[4 - Overdose Fatalities Presentation \(Office of the Medical Examiner\)](#)

Megan Broekemeier, Overdose Fatality Examiner, Office of the Medical Examiner, presented on recent fatality reviews and recommendations related to overdose fatalities.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

5. Medicaid Funding Amendments

[5 - 2026 General Session Draft Legislation, "Medicaid Expansion Amendments"](#)

[5 - Medicaid ACA Fund 85% FMAP Scenario \(Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst\)](#)

Rep. Eliason presented an overview of 2026 General Session draft legislation, "Medicaid Expansion Amendments," and an analysis of Utah's Medicaid ACA fund.

6 - Medicaid ACA Fund 85% FMAP Scenario (Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst)

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to favorably recommend as a committee bill, "Medicaid Expansion Amendments." The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 11

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. S. Eliason
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. J. Fitisemanu
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. L. Monson
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0Absent - 8

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Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Gricius
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. K. Stratton

6. Follow-Up Audit of Healthcare in State Prisons

[6 - Healthcare in State Prisons Audit Report \(Office of the Legislative Auditor General\)](#)

[6 - Healthcare in State Prisons Audit Presentation \(OLAG\)](#)

Brian Dean, Legislative Deputy Auditor General, Office of the Legislative Auditor General (OLAG), and Brendon Ressler, Lead Performance Auditor, OLAG, presented on a Second in-Depth Follow up of Healthcare in State Prisons.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

MOTION: Rep. Eliason moved to open a committee bill file to address correctional healthcare services. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 11

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Rep. C. Acton
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Eliason
Sen. L. Escamilla
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Sen. K. Grover
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Tracey Gruber, Executive Director, DHHS, and Stacy Bank spoke on the audit recommendations.

7. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Hall moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 8.

**Yea**s - 11

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Chair Grover adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.