



DRAFT MINUTES

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, September 16, 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.

Chair Hall called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

1. Committee Business

Chair Hall introduced herself and the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Acton moved to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2025, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 11

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. K. Chevrier
Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. J. Fitisemanu
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. J. Stevenson
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. S. Eliason
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Gricius
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. S. Hollins
Sen. K. Stratton

2. Office of Homeless Services Update

2 - Utah's Action Plan to Address Homelessness Handout (Homeless Services Board)

Randy Shumway, Chair, Utah Homeless Services Board and Wayne Niederhauser, President, Office of Homeless Services, presented an action plan to address homelessness in Utah, including recommendations and proposed legislative priorities.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked clarifying questions.

Rep. Clancy spoke on the recent historic expansion of shelter in Utah, and the idea that it may have allowed the State to obtain more accurate numbers for homeless individuals and asked a clarifying question.

Randy Shumway and Wayne Niederhauser continued the presentation.

Rep. Eliason provided clarifying information relating to the Plan to Address Homelessness handout.

Sen. Escamilla discussed concerns relating to the presentation and recommendations.

Committee members continued to ask clarifying questions and discuss the presentation.

3. Health Plan Provider Directory Amendments

[3 - Draft Legislation "Health Plan Provider Directory Amendments" \(V007\)](#)

Rep. Eliason presented an overview of 2026 General Session draft legislation, "Health Plan Provider Directory Amendments."

Rep. Ward asked a clarifying question.

Michael Sonntag, representing the Utah Health Insurance Association, spoke to the draft legislation.

Sarah Stroup, Legislative Chair, Utah Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, spoke to the draft legislation.

4. Utah Commission on Aging Sunset Amendments

[4 - Draft Legislation "Utah Commission on Aging Sunset Amendments" \(V004\)](#)

Sen. Karen Kwan and Rob Ence, Executive Director, Utah Commission on Aging, presented an overview of 2026 General Session draft legislation, "Utah Commission on Aging Sunset Amendments."

Rep. Abbott asked a clarifying question.

Amy Shewan responded to Rep. Abbott's question regarding the draft legislation.

Rep. Ward asked a clarifying question about the Utah Commission on Aging.

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to favorably recommend as a committee bill, "Utah Commission on Aging Sunset Amendments." The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 5.



Yea - 14

Rep. N. Abbott
Rep. C. Acton
Rep. S. Barlow
Rep. K. Chevrier
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Eliason
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. J. Fitiseamanu
Rep. S. Gricius
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. L. Monson
Sen. J. Stevenson
Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. T. Clancy
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. K. Stratton

5. Performance Audit of the All-Payers Claims Database

[5 - Performance Audit of the All-Payers Claims Database Presentation \(Office of the Legislative Auditor General\)](#)

Leah Blevins, Audit Manager, Office of the Legislative Auditor General (OLAG) and Nick Varney, Legislative Audit Methodologist, OLAG, presented on the Performance Audit of the All-Players Claims Database.

Chair Hall asked a clarifying question.

Nick Varney and Leah Blevins continued the presentation.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

Tracey Gruber, Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), and Kyle Lunt, Division Director, DHHS, responded to a question from the committee and provided clarifying information.

Chair Hall asked a clarifying question.

6. Rural Health Transformation Program

[6 - Rural Health Transformation Program \(Department of Health and Human Services\)](#)

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Nate Checketts, Deputy Director, DHHS, and Ronak Iqbal, Medicaid Medical Director, DHHS, presented on the Rural Health Transformation Program.

Committee members asked clarifying questions.

7. Dental Care for Medicaid Patients

[7 - Dental Care for Medicaid Patients Presentation \(University of Utah School of Dentistry\)](#)

Sen. Escamilla asked a clarifying question.

James Bekker, Associate Dean, University of Utah School of Dentistry, and Jennifer Strohecker, State Medicaid Director and Division of Integrated Healthcare Director, DHHS, presented on dental care for Medicaid patients.

James Bekker continued the presentation.



Committee members asked clarifying questions.

8. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Monson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 13

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Rep. R. Ward

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. B. Bolinder
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. S. Gricius
Sen. J. Stevenson
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Chair Hall adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.