

**MINUTES OF THE
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, November 9, 2005 – 9:00 a.m. – Room W020 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Scott D. McCoy
Rep. D. Gregg Buxton
Rep. Wayne A. Harper
Rep. Patricia W. Jones
Rep. David Litvack
Rep. Rebecca D. Lockhart
Rep. Steven R. Mascaro
Rep. Ronda Rudd Menlove
Rep. Paul Ray

Members Absent:

Rep. Bradley G. Last, House Chair
Sen. Sheldon L. Killpack

Staff Present:

Mr. Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst
Ms. Catherine J. Dupont, Associate General Counsel
Mr. Thomas R. Vaughn, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Joy L. Miller, Legislative Secretary

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

1. Committee Business

Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Rep. Last was excused from the meeting.

MOTION: Sen. McCoy moved to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Ray absent for the vote.

2. Medicaid -- Follow-up

Rep. Mascaro discussed Draft Resolution, "Resolution Supporting Medicaid Preferred Drug List for Acid Reflux and Statins." The resolution affirms the authority of the DOH (Utah Department of Health) to create a Medicaid drug list for acid reflux and statins. It also urges the DOH to take immediate steps to implement the list as a cost-saving measure in the Medicaid drug program.

Dr. David Sundwall, DOH, explained that having a preferred drug list for these two categories alone could save the state \$5-\$7 million a year.

MOTION: Sen. Knudson moved to go to the next item on the agenda leaving the issue open for further debate.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Mascaro moved to recommend "Resolution Supporting Medicaid Preferred Drug List for Acid Reflux and Statins." The motion failed with Sen. Christensen, Rep. Jones, Rep. Litvack, and Rep. Mascaro voting in favor.

The Committee voted on Sen. Knudson's motion which passed unanimously.

Rep. Mascaro discussed Draft Legislation, "Medicaid Dental Reimbursement Amendments." The bill would establish a standard for reimbursing dentists providing Medicaid services for children.

Chair Christensen acknowledged a conflict of interest with the issue.

MOTION: Rep. Mascaro moved to adopt Draft Legislation, "Medicaid Dental Reimbursement Amendments" as a committee bill. The motion passed with Rep. Harper and Rep. Lockhart voting in opposition and Sen. Knudson and Rep. Ray absent for the vote.

3. Mass Quarantine Follow-up and Disaster Response

Dr. Sundwall discussed Draft Legislation, "Public Health Amendments," which was distributed to the Committee. The bill would provide procedures for responding to group exposures to communicable diseases and public health threats.

Mr. Doug Springmeyer, DOH, stated that the bill is still in the process of being finalized and is an important step forward in dealing with a quarantine environment.

Dr. Sundwall distributed "Hurricane Katrina Aftermath" and "Update on Pandemic/Avian Influenza Planning."

Dr. Robert Rolfs, DOH, discussed the potential impact of an influenza pandemic in America and the current state of pandemic influenza planning.

4. Child Welfare Legislation

Mr. Andrews distributed a letter containing the "Child Welfare Legislative Oversight Panel 2005 Annual Report."

Rep. Harper discussed Draft Legislation, "Child Welfare Revisions," and responded to questions from the Committee.

Ms. Lisa-Michele Church, Department of Human Services, stated that the proposed legislation is an attempt to balance all of the interests involved.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to adopt Draft Legislation, "Child Welfare Revisions" as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. McCoy absent for the vote.

Rep. Harper discussed Draft Legislation, "Child Welfare - Licensing and Management Information Systems." The bill addresses adjudicative proceedings and circumstances under which a person's name and information should be entered on, or removed from, the Licensing Information System.

Ms. Kristin Brewer, Office of the Guardian ad Litem, explained the type of cases to which the bill would apply and indicated that she does not oppose the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Lockhart move to adopt Draft Legislation, "Child Welfare - Licensing and Management

Information Systems" as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. McCoy absent for the vote.

Rep. Harper discussed "Office of Child Welfare Parental Defense Amendments." The bill describes the duties of the director of the Office of Child Welfare Parental Defense and provides for certain contractual arrangements.

Ms. D'Arcy Dixon Pignanelli, Department of Administrative Services, stated that the bill technically makes her the director of the Office of Child Welfare Parental Defense.

MOTION: Sen. Knudson moved to adopt Draft Legislation, "Office of Child Welfare Parental Defense Amendments" as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. McCoy absent for the vote.

Rep. Ray discussed draft legislation "Utah Child Abuse Prevention Board." The bill creates the board within the DOH and lists its duties, powers, and membership.

MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to adopt Draft Legislation, "Utah Child Abuse Prevention Board" as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. McCoy absent for the vote.

5. Services for Persons With a Disability – Follow-up

Rep. Menlove distributed an updated version of Draft Legislation, "Pilot Program for the Provision of Services for People with Disabilities." She responded to questions from the Committee.

Mr. Vaughn reviewed technical differences between the bill under discussion and an earlier version mailed to the Committee.

MOTION: Rep. Lockhart moved to adopt Draft Legislation, "Pilot Program for the Provision of Services for People with Disabilities" as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. McCoy absent for the vote.

6. Family Support Centers

Ms. Shandra Powell, Utah Association of Family Support Centers, distributed a packet of information to the Committee. She noted that the centers assist families by offering a safe, homelike environment where parents can bring their children during times of high stress, emergency, or crisis.

7. Amendments to Indoor Clean Air Act

Sen. Waddoups discussed "Amendments to Indoor Clean Air Act." The legislation would extend smoking prohibitions to taverns, private clubs, buildings owned or operated by social and fraternal organizations, and certain nonpublic workplaces.

Ms. Beverly May, Utahns for a Tobacco-Free Workplace, reported on efforts in other states to adopt

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smoke-free laws.

MOTION: Rep. Mascaro moved to adopt Draft Legislation, "Amendments to Indoor Clean Air Act" as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. McCoy and Rep. Lockhart absent for the vote.

Due to lack of time the following agenda items were not discussed:
FACT sunset review–follow-up, and other business.

Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.