

**MINUTES OF THE
MEDICAID INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Monday, October 23, 2006 – 8:30 a.m. – Room W135 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Sheldon L. Killpack, Senate Chair
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold, House Chair
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Karen Hale
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Rep. Jeff Alexander
Rep. D. Gregg Buxton
Rep. David Litvack
Rep. Karen W. Morgan
Rep. Michael E. Noel
Rep. Paul Ray

Members Absent:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen

Staff Present:

Mr. Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst
Mr. Leif G. Elder, Research Analyst
Mr. Derek Byrne, Analyst
Mr. Stan Eckersley, Analyst
Mr. William Greer, Analyst
Ms. Debbie Headden, Analyst
Ms. Catherine J. Dupont, Associate General Counsel
Mr. Thomas R. Vaughn, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Phalin L. Flowers, Legislative Secretary

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

1. Committee Business

Chair Newbold called the meeting to order at 8:44 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis absent for the vote.

2. Introduction / Overview of Medicaid Interim Committee

Mr. Vaughn spoke to the Committee about information staff has gathered and prepared. He explained the contents of two compact discs that were distributed to committee members. He discussed "Survey of Health and Human Services Programs Summary" and "Survey of Health and Human Services Programs Summary Mandate Key," which were distributed prior to the meeting.

Mr. Vaughn discussed "An Analysis of Survey Data Submitted to the Utah's Legislature's Medicaid Interim Committee During the 2006 Interim," which was distributed prior to the meeting, and distributed and discussed "Addendum To: An Analysis of Survey Data Submitted to the Utah Legislature's Medicaid Interim Committee During the 2006 Interim." He also discussed "Utah Cases Served Report" and "Mandatory and Optional Services / Mandatory and Optional Eligibility," which were distributed prior to the meeting.

3. Review of Department Program Data Sheets

Mr. Elder gave a presentation that explained how to read the information contained in the document titled "Survey of Health and Human Services Programs Summary."

Committee discussion followed.

Mr. Michael Hales, Director, Division of Health Care Financing, Department of Health, answered questions from the Committee concerning the document titled "Survey of Health and Human Services Programs Summary."

Mr. Andrews provided additional information on the documents titled "An Analysis of Survey Data Submitted to the Utah's Legislature's Medicaid Interim Committee During the 2006 Interim" and "Addendum To: An Analysis of Survey Data Submitted to the Utah Legislature's Medicaid Interim Committee During the 2006 Interim."

Mr. Greer distributed and discussed "Division of Juvenile Justice Services (DJJS) - Targeted Case Management Federal Funds Elimination," "Workforce Services - General Assistance," and "Workforce Services - Child Care." He also distributed "October Federal Funds Report Highlights," "Oregon: The Prioritized List -- an overview," and "Utah State Plan Under Title XIX of the Social Security Act Medical Assistance Program."

4. Medicaid Base Program

Mr. Greer discussed the Children's Health Insurance Program. He also distributed and discussed "Medical (Medicaid / PCN / CHIP)," "Utah's Medicaid Programs," and "Comparison of Adult Medicaid Programs - July 1, 2006."

Dr. David Sundwall, Executive Director, gave the Committee additional information on the Medicaid base program.

Mr. Hales distributed and discussed "Utah Pharmacy Cost Containment Initiatives," "Mandatory Services," and "Mandatory Eligibility Groups." He also provided additional information on the document titled "Mandatory and Optional Services / Mandatory and Optional Eligibility" and answered questions from the Committee.

Ms. Lisa-Michele Church, Executive Director, Department of Human Services, urged the Committee to look closely at which programs are beneficial to the state and which programs may not serve the state as well as they could and decide whether to continue those programs.

5. Pharmacy Program

Mr. Greer distributed and discussed "What is RxConnect Utah?"

Ms. Dupont distributed and discussed "Cost Containment Strategies for Prescription Drugs: Assessing the Evidence in the Literature."

Mr. Mark Payne, Director, Substance Abuse and Mental Health, Department of Human Services, spoke to the Committee about lowering prescription costs for mental health patients.

Mr. Hales answered questions from the Committee.

Sen. Killpack suggested that staff meet with the Department of Workforce Services, the Department of Health, and the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget to determine if there are options to consolidate Medicaid eligibility and make it a more efficient and effective operation.

6. Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Hale moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis absent for the vote.

Chair Newbold adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.