

**MINUTES OF THE  
WORKFORCE SERVICES AND COMMUNITY  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, November 19, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. – Room C250 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Mark B. Madsen, Senate Chair  
Rep. Steven R. Mascaro, House Chair  
Sen. Allen M. Christensen  
Sen. Fred J. Fife  
Sen. Patricia W. Jones  
Rep. James A. Dunnigan  
Rep. Janice M. Fisher  
Rep. Christopher N. Herrod  
Rep. Gordon E. Snow

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Dan R. Eastman  
Rep. Karen W. Morgan

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Arthur L. Hunsaker, Policy Analyst  
Mr. James L. Wilson, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, 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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Mascaro called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. He recognized Sen. Eastman, Sen. Fife, and Rep. Snow who will be leaving the Utah State Legislature and thanked them for their service on the Committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen absent for the vote.

**2. Draft Legislation, "Manufacturing Incentive"**

Chair Mascaro noted that Rep. Brad Dee had requested that his draft legislation, "Manufacturing Incentive" be removed from the agenda and it was not discussed at the meeting.

**3. Report: Immigration Interim Committee**

Rep. Brad Dee, House Chair, Immigration Interim Committee, explained the Legislative Management Committee's charge on S.B. 81, to the Immigration Interim Committee. He distributed and reviewed the Immigration Interim Committee's preliminary report, "Immigration Interim Committee - Report to the Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development Interim Committee."

Mr. Wilson clarified legal issues on serious crimes committed by illegal immigrants and responded to committee questions on this issue.

**4. Draft Legislation, "Refugee Services Fund Amendments"**

Rep. Christopher Herrod distributed and reviewed 2009 General Session draft legislation, "Refugee Services Fund Amendments." He noted the bill provides that all interest or earnings from the Refugee Services Fund will be deposited into the fund rather than go into the General Fund.

Mr. Palmer DePaulis, Executive Director, Department of Community and Culture, commented on the proposed changes in the bill and asked for the committee's favorable action on the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to adopt 2009 General Session draft legislation, "Refugee Services Fund Amendments" as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen absent for the vote.

#### **5. Report: Community Services Block Grant Monies**

Ms. Heather Tritten, Executive Director, Utah Community Action Partnership Association, distributed and gave an overview on a fact sheet and the reports: "Earn it. Keep it. Save it," "Solutions to Problems Presented in the 2008 Annual Report on Poverty in Utah," and "Annual Report on Poverty in Utah 2008."

Ms. Sharon Anderson, Executive Director, The Family Connection Center, explained the Center's efforts in working with families and people at or below the poverty level. She discussed the programs for the charitable food networks, food banks, and food pantries and commented on long-term solutions.

Ms. Tritten distributed a copy and presented a slide presentation on, "Utah Community Action Partnership Association 2007 Annual Report." She explained why the Utah Community Action Partnership Association was to report to the Committee. She noted in Utah, there are nine Community Action Agencies, each with its own programs and services, but all with the same goal which is to help people to become self sufficient.

Ms. Gina Cornia, Executive Director, Utahns Against Hunger, distributed and commented on a news article, "More Low-income Utahns Go Hungry, Report Finds - The Salt Lake Tribune (11/17/2008)." She commented on food pantries, food stamps, food shortages, and the overall rate of Utahns who go hungry.

#### **6. Other Items / Adjourn**

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

Chair Mascaro adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.