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**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, December 16, 2015 – 8:00 a.m. – Room 450 Capitol Building

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Chair
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Evan J. Vickers
Sen. Todd Weiler

Members Absent:

Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Peter C. Knudson

Staff Present:

Mr. Mark Andrews, Policy Analyst
Ms. Lee A. Killian, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Lori Rammell, Legislative Assistant

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 Christensen called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Henderson moved to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2013, meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Weiler absent for the vote.

2. Overview of Committee Duties

Mr. Andrews reviewed the committee's duties in considering Governor Gary R. Herbert's nomination of Gene D. Cottrell as the executive director of the Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services and in recommending whether the Senate should confirm appointment of the nominee.

3. Consideration of Proposed Appointment of Gene D. Cottrell as the Executive Director of the Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services

Mr. Gene Cottrell, nominee, reviewed his experience as the interim director of the Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services for the last year. He said the office is examining billing practices to increase recovery and align practices with Medicaid requirements. He reviewed his military background and explained how that management experience lends itself to the requirements of this position. He responded to questions from the committee regarding the office's recovery statistics and relationships with providers.

MOTION: Sen. Henderson moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate that Gene D. Cottrell be appointed executive director of the Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Adjourn

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

Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting at 8:23 a.m.