

**MINUTES OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**
Room 30 West House Building, State Capitol Complex
February 5, 2016

Members Present: Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Co-Chair
Rep. Paul Ray, Co-Chair
Rep. Edward H. Redd, House Vice Chair
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Melvin R. Brown
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Earl D. Tanner
Rep. Robert Spendlove
Rep. Raymond Ward
Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa
Rep. Bradley M. Daw

Members Absent: Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Alvin B. Jackson
Sen. Mark B. Madsen

Staff Present: Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Stephen C. Jardine, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Tonya Hadley, Secretary

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

1. Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

Co-Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

3. Public Input

The following spoke in support of the Deaf and Blind community:

Ms. Jennie Thompson, advocate
Ms. Ramona Rice, advocate
Mr. Darran Zenger, advocate
Ms. Kathryn Evans, volunteer, Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Mr. Mitchell Jensen, Program Director, Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Ms. Peggy Rohrer, Staff, SSP

The following spoke in support of Independent Living Services:

Rob Davis, child advocate
Mr. Kevin Greever, advocate
Mr. Dan Kotter, advocate
Mr. David Guymon, advocate
Mr. Travis Berenyi, advocate
Ms. Robin Berenyi, mother
Ms. Virginia Guymon, consumer, Roads to Independence
Mr. Larry Haddock, consumer, Roads to Independence and Vocational Rehabilitation
Ms. Elizabeth Haddock, consumer, Vocational Rehabilitation
Mr. Dee Davis, parent

The following spoke in favor of a DSPD rate increase:

Ms. Kate McConaughy, Executive Director, Work Active Center
Mr. Dustin Erekson, Director, CTA

MOTION: Rep. Chavez-Houck moved that the Social Services Subcommittee adopt the following intent language: “it is the Subcommittees’ intent that the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation be established as its own separate line item, within the Social Services Subcommittee budget”. The chairs and analysts asked her to add: “wherever they are established administratively”. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Requests for Appropriations

(a) Senator Harper and Rep. Redd presented about the psychotropic drug proposal (S.B. 82). [S.B. 82 request](#); [Fiscal note](#)

(b) Sen. Weiler presented about the foster care parent rate increase proposal ([request for appropriation](#)). Ms. Laurieann Thorpe, foster mom and president, Foster families of Utah, supplied what being a foster mom really looks like. Mr. Doug McLean, foster father, Utah Foster Care, assured funding would go to the families. [Foster Families of Utah](#); [rate proposal](#); <http://le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00001102.pdf>

(c) Rep. Redd presented about a computer system in the cloud for DHS to share information. Mr. Mark Brasher, Deputy Director, DHS, added the sharing of data will bring uniformity and better decisions across agencies. <http://le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00001108.pdf>

(d) Rep. Redd and Mr. Sachin Pavithro, Director, Utah Assistive Technology Program, presented about the desire to set up an assistive technology lab in Uintah Basin, like the one currently operating at Utah State University. [Request for appropriation](#) ; [proposed budget](#)

(e) Rep. Redd and Mr. Paul Smith, Director, DSPD, and Mr. Ryan Carrier, Transportation Specialist, DSPD, stressed the need for transportation funding in order to continue to provide services in the least restrictive and least costly setting to their participants.

[Request for appropriation](#) ; [Annual costs in the Bear River Region](#)

Rep. Hutchings and Mr. Brent Kelsey, Deputy Director, did not present today. They requested to be placed on Monday's agenda.

4g. Clubhouse Utah

They were moved back on the agenda.

5. Building Block requests USOR

(a) Mr. Darin Brush, Executive Director, USOR, and Ms. Nancy Bentley, Director, AICU, requested \$300,000 for Independent Living Centers. Each center is non-residential and helps people with all kinds of disabilities.

Co-chair Christensen interrupted USOR's presentation to hear from Sen. Weiler and Clubhouse Utah. Mr. Brush presentation resumed afterward.

4g. Clubhouse Utah

Sen. Weiler and Mr. Leif Oldert, Executive Director, Alliance House, presented a [request for appropriation](#) for Clubhouse Utah. Sen. Weiler applauded these programs for keeping these people with mental illness contributing and out of jail or the ER. Ms. Teresa Rommiger, a consumer, Clubhouse Utah, told her story. ([Itemized budget](#))

5. Building Block requests USOR (Continued)

(b-j) Mr. Brush and Ms. Bentley itemized the [requests](#), in order of importance: [Independent Living](#); [Fiscal note](#). Rep. Tanner inquired if they are any leveraging federal money for these requests. Mr. Brush and Ms. Bentley both negated.

6. SUCCESS Examples and Progress - Department of Health

Dr. Joe Miner, Director, Department of Health, and Mr. Dave Lewis, Director, Organizational Development and Performance Improvement, [presented](#) ACO implementation, Babywatch Early Intervention, and the State Medical Examiner position requests.

7. SUCCESS Examples and Progress - Department of Human Services

Ms. Ann Silverberg Williamson, Director, Department of Human Services, discussed the needs of DCFS, Office of Licensing, Office of Recovery Services, and Child Support Collection. [SUCCESS presentation](#)

8. SUCCESS Examples and Progress - Department of Workforce Services (DWS)

Mr. Dale Ownby, Director of Eligibility Services, DWS, and Mr. Kevin Burt, Assistant Director of Eligibility Services, DWS, gave a [SUCCESS presentation](#) highlighting FAST plan strategies.

10. Building Block Lists (Distribute Lists)

The new building block requests will be delivered today or tomorrow via email from the Fiscal Analysts.

Rep. Redd thanked the public for voicing their advocacy today.

12. Other Business

MOTION: Rep. Redd moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Henderson, Sen. Shiozawa, Sen. Weiler, Co-chair Ray, Rep. Brown, Rep. Daw and Rep. Chavez-Houck absent for the vote.

Co-chair Christensen adjourned the meeting at 10:48 am.

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Co-Chair

Rep. Paul Ray, Co-Chair