

**MINUTES OF THE
SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**
Room 30 West House Building, State Capitol Complex
February 4, 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. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa
Sen. Alvin B. Jackson
Sen. Todd Weiler
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Melvin R. Brown
Rep. Bradley M. Daw
Rep. Earl D. Tanner
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Rep. Robert Spendlove
Rep. Raymond Ward

Members Absent: Sen. Mark B. Madsen

Staff Present: Mr. Russell T. Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Stephen C. Jardine, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Chandler Young, 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

Co-Chair Ray called the meeting to order at 8:23 a.m.

2. Unfinished Items from the Previous Agenda

None

3. Public Input

None

4. TANF Reserves Issue Brief 2016

Mr. Jardine explained the “Workforce Services TANF Funds” document.
<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00000873.pdf>

Rep. Redd, Sen. Christensen, Ms. Taatiti and Mr. Harrison from the Department of Workforce Services (DWS), and Mr. Jardine discussed the document regarding TANF funds, the concept of one-time money vs. on-going money, and the eligibility process for TANF funds.

5. Workforce Services Report on Outcomes One Year After Entering into \$51 Million in Additional TANF Contracts

Ms. Sisifo Taatiti, DWS TANF Program Manager, reported the outcomes of \$51.2 million usage. Rep. Ray, Rep. Tanner, and Mr. Sisifo discussed the types of crimes these funds have helped to expunge, and the cost to expunge each person.

Rep. Redd asked for future presentations to have outcome data on them.

6. Review of \$28 Million Requested Additional Items Funded with TANF

Mr. Nathan Harrison, Director of Finance with the Department of Workforce (DWS) explained the request for \$9.1 million dollars which is the amount currently approved as compared to the previously estimated \$28 million during the 2015 General Session.

Sen. Escamilla and Mr. Jeremy Christensen, Deputy Director of the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, discussed a portion of the \$9.2 million funds and the eligibility process associated with that portion.

7. Motions for Subcommittee Consideration - #7F & 11F

Mr. Jardine explained 7B and 11F for the [motions sheet](#).

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved that the Subcommittee approve #7B and 11F from the [motions sheet](#).

Rep. Tanner asked for clarification on 11F match program, Mr. Jardine explained.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Brown absent for the vote.

8. FY 2016 and FY 2016 Budget Discussion and Voting

Mr. Frandsen explained the green and gold documents.
<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00000379.pdf> (green)
<http://le.utah.gov/interim/2016/pdf/00000780.pdf> (gold)

Dr. Joseph Miner, Executive Director Department of Health and Mr. Nathan Checketts explained item H from [the gold sheet](#).

Rep. Redd, Sen. Fillmore, Mr. Checketts, Ms. Liesa Stockdale with the Office of Recovery Services, and Dr. Miner discussed the Accountable Care Organization (ACO), what would the effect of the fund reduction be, and federal compliance requirements.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved that we reduce item H from \$386,200 to \$150,000 on the

[gold sheet](#).

Mr. Mark Brasher, Deputy Director of DHS discussed the potential reduction.

SUB MOTION: Rep. Tanner moved that we remove item H from the [gold sheet](#).

Rep. Chavez-Houck and Sen. Fillmore spoke in favor of the substitute motion.

The substitute motion passed with Sen. Christensen, Rep. Ray, Rep. Redd, and Rep. Daw voting in opposition and with Rep. Brown and Sen. Jackson absent for the vote.

Mr. Mark Brasher, Deputy Director of Human Services explained item D from the gold sheet.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved that we reduce item D to from \$748,000 to \$350,000 from the [gold sheet](#).

Rep. Redd discussed item D from the [gold sheet](#) with Mr. Brasher.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Jackson and Rep. Brown absent for the vote.

Mr. Jon Pierpont, Executive Director of DWS explained item AN from the [gold sheet](#).

Sen. Christensen and Mr. Pierpont discussed item AN from the [gold sheet](#) and 6B from the [motions sheet](#).

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved that we remove item AN from the [budget reduction sheet](#).

Sen. Christensen and Mr. Pierpont discussed any other solution for reduction. Sen. Escamilla asked a clarifying question regarding a possible change from one-time funding to ongoing.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Jackson and Rep. Brown absent for the vote.

Mr. Pierpont spoke to item AJ from the [gold sheet](#).

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved that we remove AJ from the [gold sheet](#). The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Brown and Sen. Jackson absent for the vote.

Mr. Pierpont spoke to item AI from the [gold sheet](#).

Sen. Christensen and Mr. Pierpont discussed possible adjustments.

MOTION: Rep. Spendlove moved that we remove item AI from the [gold sheet](#).

SUB. MOTION: Rep. Tanner moved that we reduce AI from \$3 million to \$500,000 from the

[gold sheet](#). The motion passed with Sen. Christensen, Rep. Ray, and Rep. Spendlove voting against the motion and with Rep. Brown and Sen. Jackson absent for the vote.

Mr. Pierpont and Mr. Harrison spoke to item AH from the [gold sheet](#).

Sen. Christensen asked about a one-time cut vs. ongoing cut.

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved that the Subcommittee remove the \$0.7 million reduction in FY 2016 and move the \$2 Million reduction in FY 2017 from ongoing to one-time for item AH from the [budget reduction sheet](#). The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Brown and Sen. Jackson absent for the vote.

Mr. Darin Brush, Executive Director of USOR expanded on AU from the [gold sheet](#) and USOR budget reduction in the future.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved that we remove item AU from the [gold sheet](#).

Sen. Weiler and Rep. Redd spoke in favor of the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Jackson and Rep. Brown absent for the vote.

Mr. Dallas Earnshaw, Superintendent of the Utah State Hospital, explained item N from the [gold sheet](#). Mr. Earnshaw asked for the amount to be lowered to \$100,000.

MOTION: Rep. Daw moved that we reduce item N on the [gold sheet](#) from \$174,000 to \$100,000.

Rep. Ward received clarification from the State Hospital regarding what the employee funds are supporting.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Brown absent for the vote.

Rep. Ray asked Dr. Miner and Mr. Checketts to explain the Telehealth cut for \$35,000. Mr. Checketts explained the reduction and how that cut would mean cutting certain employees.

Sen. Christensen explained the budget reductions made from today.

MOTION: Rep. Chavez-Houck moved that we move line item AK one-time reduction for 2017 from the [gray sheet](#) to [gold sheet](#).

Rep. Redd and Department of Workforce Services staff Mr. Harrison and Ms. Kathy Bounous, General Counsel/Director of Legislative Affairs, discussed the one-time reductions.

Motion was withdrawn by Rep. Chavez Houck.

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved “to fund \$500,000 to replenish the Individuals with Visual Impairment Fund (Account 2355) using one-time budget reduction recommendations ultimately accepted from the [gold sheet](#).”

Sen. Christensen expressed a concern to approve this motion prior to seeing a list of priorities that would allow the committee to view where else this \$500,000 could go. Mr. Darin Brush from the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation and Sen. Escamilla discussed the Visually Impaired fund.

Rep. Ray spoke in favor of Sen. Christensen comments.

Rep. Redd and Rep. Tanner spoke in favor of Sen. Escamilla’s motion.

SUB. MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved that the committee put off taking this motion until the committee hears all the other building block requests. Motion passed with Rep. Tanner voting against the motion and with Rep. Brown and Rep. Spendlove absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Tanner moved to make the Office of Public Guardian, currently within the Executive Director Operations line item in the Department of Human Services, its own line item and include it as such in the Social Services Base Budget Bill beginning in FY 2017.

Ms. Ann Williamson, Executive Director of Human Services, explained a handout. Rep. Ray and Ms. Williamson discussed the outcome from motion.

The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Spendlove and Rep. Brown, and Rep. Redd absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Chavez-Houck moved that as the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR) moves within state government from the Utah State Office of Education and the Utah State Board of Education, it is the intent and recommendation of the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee that any savings resulting from relocation and consolidation be retained in the USOR budget and not the administrative budget of the receiving state agency under which USOR will be located.

Ms. Bounous, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. Jardine explained the motion.

SUB. MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved that we put this motion on tomorrow’s agenda.

Rep. Chavez-Houck approved the substitute motion but explained reasons for this motion.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Henderson, Sen. Weiler, Rep. Brown, Rep. Spendlove, and Rep. Ward absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

Co-Chair Rep. Ray adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Co-Chair

Rep. Paul Ray, Co-Chair