

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room W140 West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

January 23, 2006

Members Present: Sen. Al Mansell, Co-Chairman
Rep. Craig Buttars, Co-Chairman
Sen. Dan Eastman
Rep. Jeff Alexander
Rep. Brad Dee
Rep. Patrick Painter
Rep. Jackie Biskupski

Members Excused: Sen. Scott McCoy

Staff Present: Dr. Andrea Wilko, Fiscal Analyst
Jennifer Eyring, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Sen. Mansell called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Dr. Andrea Wilko, Fiscal Analyst, gave an overview of the Division of Indian Affairs' budget and the budget relating to zoos.

Forrest S. Cuch, Director, Division of Indian Affairs, distributed copies of the division's strategic plan to members of the committee. The division's primary goal is positive intergovernmental relations.

Craig Dinsmore, Hogle Zoo, introduced Hogle Zoo Board Members, Ellis Ivory and James Hogle. The division presented materials to the committee members and discussed zoo projects. The division requested a \$295,000 increase in funding to hire an additional veterinarian and expand the animal health program. The division presented the committee members with a framed photo.

Dr. Andrea Wilko, Fiscal Analyst, gave a brief introduction to the following items: 1) State Community Services Office, including the Homeless Committee and the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Fund, 2) Community Services Block Grant, which helps communities address poverty, and 3) the Ethnic Affairs Office. The Analyst recommended that the committee prioritize an increase of \$75,000 for FY 2006 and \$200,000 for FY 2007 in dedicated credits to fund the Private Activities Bond Board.

This meeting also serves as the public hearing for the Community Services budget.

Gordon Walker, Director of Housing and Community Development, renewed his request that all funding have non-lapsing authority. The following requests were reviewed.

- 1) \$500,000 for the Pamela Atkinson Fund
 - 2) \$250,000 for the Olene Walker Fund
- Other interested parties requested an additional \$500,000.
- 3) \$211,000 for the Utah Telephone Assistance Program
 - 4) \$153,000 for the Commission on Volunteers
 - 5) \$75,000 for FY 2006 and \$200,000 for FY 2007 for the Private Activity Bond Board

Gordon Walker introduced Jonathon Hardy, Community Services Office, Lloyd Pendleton, loaned executive from the LDS church, Stephanie Bourdeaux, Community Services Office, and Doug Lee, CPA Auditor.

The Homeless Coordinating Committee has a goal to end chronic homelessness. It is more cost effective to provide permanent housing for the homeless population than to keep them in the homeless system.

The Division requested the committee approve the Governor's budget request of \$500,000 for the Homeless Coordinating Committee.

Luz Marie Robles, Interim Director, Ethnic Affairs Office, presented handouts and their strategic plan to members of the committee. Ms. Robles discussed the mission and activity of the department. The request was made for non-lapsing authority.

Pamela Atkinson, Community Advocate, requested an additional \$500,000 for the Homeless Fund. It was requested that the committee consider \$250,000 ongoing funding for the Community Services Block Grant.

Gina Cornia, Utahns Against Hunger, provided a report to the committee members and spoke in support for the Emergency Food Network funding.

MOTION: Rep. Dee moved to approve the minutes of January 18, 2006. The motion passed unanimously.

Sharon Anderson, Family Connection Center, provided the committee with the 2005 Annual Report of the Utah Community Action Partnership Association and discussed the problems of poverty and the programs used to address it.

Don Carpenter, Ogden-Weber Community Action Partnership, spoke about the CAP agencies' work to eliminate poverty on a permanent basis and to help people become self sufficient.

Beth Cottam, Five County Association of Governments, spoke of the need for funding the Community Service Block Grant and the services they can provide.

Michelle Fairbourne, Bear River Association of Governments, gave an example of the success of the BRAG program.

Sharon Anderson, Family Connection Center, requested \$250,000 funding for CAP agencies.

Kerry Steadman, Salt Lake County, requested an additional \$500,000 for addressing chronic homelessness. He read a letter from Mayor Corroon to Governor Huntsman in support of county and state government working together on the goal to end chronic homelessness.

MOTION: Rep. Buttars moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Eastman and Rep. Alexander absent for the vote.

Sen. Mansell adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Sen. Al Mansell, Co-Chair

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