

MINUTES
SENATE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 06, 2018

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW54

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Heider, Vice Chairman Souza, Senators Martin, Lee, Harris, Agenbroad, Foreman, Potts, and Jordan

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

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CONVENED: **Chairman Heider** called the meeting of the Health and Welfare Committee (Committee) to order at 3:18 p.m.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Chairman Heider** acknowledged he violated Senate Rule 20 by holding an unapproved executive session without 24-hour notice during the March 5, 2018 Committee meeting. **Chairman Heider** requested unanimous consent to nullify the Committee's vote to hold **H 0577**, which occurred as a result of said executive session. There were no objections.

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT: **Reappointment of Dr. Jay Kunze to the Hazardous Waste Facility Siting License Application Review Panel (Panel).** **Dr. Jay Kunze** detailed his professional and educational background. He described his experience as a past Panel member and explained the Panel's work with the Grand View Hazardous Waste Facility.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Martin** asked how long Dr. Kunze has served on the Panel. **Dr. Kunze** stated he has been a member for around 12 years. **Senator Martin** asked Dr. Kunze to describe his greatest accomplishment as a Panel member. **Dr. Kunze** stated the Panel's greatest accomplishment was its review of the Grand View Hazardous Waste Facility.

Senator Lee asked if the Panel has any upcoming challenges of which the Committee should be aware. **Dr. Kunze** voiced his support of nuclear energy and stated nuclear energy could be a useful resource in Idaho.

MOTION: There being no further questions, **Senator Martin** moved to send the appointment of Dr. Jay Kunze to the Hazardous Waste Facility Siting License Application Review Panel to the floor with the recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Harris** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator Martin will carry the appointment on the floor of the Senate.

PRESENTATION: **Community NOW! Supports and Services Recommendations.** **Christine Pisani** introduced herself as the Executive Director of the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities (ICDD). She stated the Community NOW! Program released a report that includes 17 program recommendations. **Ms. Pisani** stated Community NOW! attempts to grant more power to individuals with disabilities and their families.

Arthur Evans introduced himself as the Bureau Chief of Developmental Disability Services in the Division of Medicaid within the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (DHW). He explained Community NOW! is a collaborative stakeholder group formed in accordance with the *K.W. v. Armstrong* settlement agreement. In 2017, Community NOW! held stakeholder meetings, convened workgroups, and established listening sessions throughout Idaho. Individuals with disabilities, family advocates, and care providers attended the various events. Community NOW! used the information obtained from stakeholders to develop 17 recommendations for supports and services. **Mr. Evans** described his experience attending the listening sessions. The primary recommendation resulting from the collaborative efforts was person-centered planning, which involves providing support to individuals with disabilities so they can manage their own lives and make their own decisions.

Chairman Heider asked who coaches and interacts with individuals with disabilities. **Ms. Pisani** stated it depends upon which aspect of life Chairman Heider was referring to. She stated some individuals with disabilities receive support from their family; others receive support from paid, non-familial providers. During the Community NOW! process, DHW did not want providers to influence the input provided by adults with disabilities regarding services. Some providers were present in the meetings, but they could not respond to the comments made by individuals with disabilities. Throughout the Community NOW! meetings, ICDD staff assisted individuals with disabilities.

Ms. Pisani explained the importance of person-centered planning and described how it can help individuals with disabilities achieve their goals.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Martin** shared his experience participating in the Community NOW! collaboration process.

Senator Potts inquired as to the definition of "adults with developmental disabilities." **Mr. Evans** stated Idaho Code defines an individual with a developmental disability as an individual with an intellectual disability, autism, cerebral palsy, or a seizure disorder occurring before age 22 and causing functional limitations. **Senator Potts** asked if individuals who become developmentally disabled after age 22 are eligible for State support services. **Mr. Evans** stated individuals who meet certain standards could fill out an Aged and Disabled Waiver in order to become eligible.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business, **Chairman Heider** adjourned the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Senator Heider
Chair

Rachel Goodman
Secretary