

MINUTES  
**JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 16, 2014

**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room C310

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Cameron, Vice Chairman Keough, Senators Mortimer, Vick, Nuxoll, Johnson, Bayer, Schmidt, Lacey

Chairman Bell, Vice Chairman Bolz, Representatives Eskridge, Thompson, Gibbs, Miller, Stevenson, Youngblood, Ringo, King

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Senator Thayn

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jared Tatro

**CONVENED:** Chairman Bell convened them meeting at 8:00 a.m.

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE**

**Division of Family & Community Services**

**PRESENTER:** **Robert B. Luce, Administrator**

Topics of discussion:

- 1) Facts, figures & trends for two programs: Services for individuals with Developmental Disabilities: Southwest Idaho Treatment Center (SWITC) and Community Development Disabilities (DD)
- 2) 2015 budget recommendations
- 3) Transfer 17 unfunded FTE from SWITC to other programs within the Department of Health and Welfare. To see presentation click on Services for the Developmentally Disabled. To view the presentation click on [Division of Family Community Services](#)

**REPORT:** **The Department of Health and Welfare's Management of Appropriated Funds**

**PRESENTER:** **Rakesh Mohan, Director, and Lance McCleve, Principal Performance Evaluator, Office of Performance Evaluations**

Key Findings:

Financial information is complex but understandable.  
The cooperative welfare fund services a specific purpose.  
Financial management systems are set up for federal reporting.  
Health and Welfare's physical organization is comparable to those in other states.  
To view the total report click on [Performance Audit](#)

**Catastrophic Health Care Program (CAT)**

**PRESENTER:** Roger Christensen, Chairman of the Board

Reviewed:

- 1) CAT case load
- 2) Hospital/Provider Payments
- 3) Patient Reimbursements
- 4) Total for combined state & county case load
- 5) FY 2014 projections and estimate for FY 2015
- 6) Costs of administering the program
- 7) Law and the CAT program To view the presentation click on [Catastrophic Health Care Program](#).

#### **IDAHO PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICTS**

**PRESENTER:** Tom Faulkner, Gooding County Commissioner and Trustee, South Central Public Health District Board (PHD 5)

The local public health districts in Idaho may change significantly when the Affordable Care Act is fully implemented. Local public health districts will surely have an increased role in health prevention strategies in the areas: tobacco use, sexually transmitted disease, reproductive health, Obesity, Diabetes, Cancers of types.

At the 2013 annual meeting of the Idaho Association of Districts Boards of Health, passed two resolutions: 1) a review and analysis of existing district cost in the Food Safety Program for a potential increase to the Food Permit Fees: and ) support for Medicaid expansion (Redesign).

Mr. Faulkner explained the procedures utilized in distributing lump sum appropriations through the Public Health Trust Fund.

**PRESENTER:** Rene LeBlanc, District Health Director, South Central Public Health District (PHD 5)

Reviewed:

Audits, Office of Performance Evaluation, legislation and FY 2015 budget proposal. To view the presentation click on [Public Health Districts](#)

#### **IDAHO DIVISION OF VETERAN SERVICES**

**PRESENTER:** Colonel David Brasuell, Administrator

Colonel Brasuell discussed:

Challenges, veterans benefit assistance, reaching out to Idaho Veterans, helping veterans with education, Idaho State Veterans Home, Idaho State Veterans Cemetery. General fund use, Veterans Recognition Fund, Projects & capital improvement, repairs, replacement items/alteration. Line item requests. To view the presentation click on [Division of Veteran Services](#)

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

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Representative Bell  
Chair

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Kathryn Yost  
Secretary