

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 26, 2015

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Packer, Representatives Hixon, Perry, Romrell, Vander Woude, Beyeler, Redman, Troy, Rusche, Chew

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Troy

GUESTS: Fernando Castro, Miren Unsworth, Falen LeBlanc, Lori Stiles, Russ Barron, and Dave Taylor, DHW; Bev Barr, DHW - Rules; Jason Shaw, Administrative Rules.

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Chairman Wood welcomed **Marnie Packard** and the Leadership Boise first year planning class.

Chairman Wood put the committee at ease and turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Packer** at 9:04 a.m.

Vice Chairman Packer called the committee back to order at 9:05 a.m.

**DOCKET NO.
16-0601-1401:** **Falen LeBlanc**, Program Specialist, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), Division of Family and Community Services, presented **Docket No. 16-0601-1401**. She described Idaho's Chafee Independence Program and Department services for older youth in foster care. When it is part of the child's Independent Living Plan, the Rule changes driver's training, permit, and license payments for a child in the Department's legal custody. It also provides foster parent reimbursement for foster child vehicle insurance. The changes improve recruitment and retention of foster parents, increase placement options for older youth, and encourage life skills and normalization. Costs will be paid from the existing Chafee Independent Living appropriation. Approximately one hundred foster children will be able to access the foster parent reimbursement for an estimated maximum annual cost of \$132,000.

Responding to questions, **Ms. LeBlanc** said Independent Living Planning would address accidents and tickets, with appropriate consequences.

MOTION: **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0601-1401**.

Responding to additional questions, **Ms. LeBlanc** explained the funding is specific to the foster youth population. The changes enhance the existing service. Foster parents, for youth aged fifteen to eighteen, receive a monthly reimbursement around \$450, depending on the youth's needs. Insurance coverage payments will be negotiated with the foster parent.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Packer** called for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0601-1401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0506-1401: **Fernando Castro**, Supervisor, Criminal History Unit, Bureau of Audits and Investigations, presented **Docket No. 16-0506-1401**, a Pending Fee Rule to support changes that have modified background check requirements. Cross references to other Rules have been replaced or eliminated. Other changes insure their authority for the Behavioral Health Community Crisis Centers staff, providers under the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan managed by Optum, and Medicaid High Risk Providers. Outdated services to Semi Independent Group Residential Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled or Mentally Ill and the no show fee are removed.

Answering questions, **Mr. Castro** explained the High Risk Provider designation in the Affordable Care Act is still being defined, but would not include any other category of individuals already listed. Private providers are not served by the DHW and have no requirements for background checks.

Dave Taylor, Department Director, DHW, Support Services, License and Certification, was asked to further answer the question. He said private providers were removed from the required list because their patients are not Medicaid or Medicare recipients.

Responding to further questions, **Mr. Castro** said they are clearing 88% of background checks during the first week, with 12% usually clearing within four to five weeks. Negotiated rule making meetings were not held because the Rules precipitating the changes had gone through the process and they had to get caught up and push the temporary rule, which was approved. Since the Rule changes were published, no comments or opposition have been received.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0506-1401**.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Vice Chairman Packer** called for a vote on the motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0506-1401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 16-0507-1401: **Lori Stiles**, Investigations Supervisor, DHW, Medicaid Program Integrity Unit, Bureau of Audits and Investigations, presented **Docket No. 16-0507-1401**. Last fiscal year the unit completed 262 audits, identified \$3.2 million in overpayments and penalties, and recovered nearly \$2.7 million. This Rule adds a new section to cover reinstatement procedures and timeline for individuals or entities excluded from Idaho's Medicaid program.

Answering questions, **Ms. Stiles** said criminal convictions related to fraud or patient neglect would be cause for exclusion. School districts could fall within the reasons for exclusion. An entity could be excluded if the owner was excluded, not an individual or employee working at the location.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0507-1401**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Representative Packer
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary