

MINUTES  
**JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 21, 2016  
**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.  
**PLACE:** Room C310  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Senators Co-chairman Keough, Bair, Mortimer, Brackett, Nuxoll, Johnson, Thayn, Guthrie, Schmidt, Lacey  
Representatives Co-chairman Bell, Gibbs, Miller, Youngblood, Burtenshaw, Horman, Malek, Monks, King, Gannon  
**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Schmidt  
**CONVENED:** **Chairman Bell** called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM

**Department of Health and Welfare**

**PRESENTER:** **Gary Moore, Division Administrator: Services for the Developmentally Disabled, Child Welfare, and Service Integration**

**The Division of Family and Community Services (FACS) for the Developmentally Disabled and Child Welfare & Service Integration**

**Administrator Gary Moore** began the presentation of the FY 2017 Budget Recommendation for the Division of the Developmentally Disabled and Child Welfare with strong enthusiasm of the Governor's recommendation for a 3% CEC increase and praising the efforts of his diligent staff. The Division of Family and Community Services, or FACS, is dedicated to the safety, well-being, and permanency of the children of Idaho whose quality of life may be obstructed by a developmental disability, or a situation of abuse or neglect.

**Administrator Moore** presented the accomplishments and challenges related to Idaho 211 Care line, and the Idaho KinCare Program. The State of Idaho has seen a success of 29,000 children successfully housed and cared for by family members according to FACS requirements. Moreover, with only staff of 25 employees FACS has been able to serve 8,298 families. Administrator Moore expressed concern for the department's outdated equipment and technology and directed attention to the transfer of FTP in licensing and certification. Administrator Moore then stood for questions regarding the FY 2017 Budget Recommendation. [Services for the Developmentally Disabled Child Welfare and Service Integration](#)

**PRESENTER: Roger Christensen, Board Chairman, Catastrophic Health Care Program**  
**Catastrophic Health Care Program**

**Board Chairman Roger Christensen** began the presentation by introducing and recognizing members of the board and their contributions towards the efforts provided by the Catastrophic Health Care Fund.

**Chairman Christensen** presented an overview of what the Budget Committee could expect to see in the FY 2017 Budget Recommendation including: Cost for Medicaid determinations, Indigent Trends, Patient Reimbursements and the Five-Year Comparison of the CAT Case Load. The CAT fund five-year comparison reveals that the Catastrophic and the Indigent Fund have experienced a decline in expenditures. Providers in the counties and inconsistencies in the training program are two of the challenges driving fund requests. Improvements in the website will increase the information made available to citizen's in need of program assistance. Mr. Christensen illustrated the online process by walking the Budget Committee through the application for citizens in need. The chairman then stood for questions regarding the CAT Fund and the Budget Recommendation. [Catastrophic Health Care Program](#)

**PRESENTER: Maggie Mann, Director, Southeastern Idaho Public Health and Ken Estep, Board of Health Chairman & Trustee**  
**Idaho Public Health Districts**

**Chairman Ken Estep**, began the presentation of the Idaho Public Health Districts by quoting Idaho Code, Title 39, Chapter 4: "It is the legislative intent that health districts operate and be recognized not as state agencies or departments, but as governmental entities whose creation has been authorized by the state, much in the manner as other single purpose districts." He further explained the definition associated with Public Health Districts and the responsibilities shared between them. Idaho's Public Health Districts promote health education in individuals and in communities, protect Idaho families from health threats through community preparedness, assure access to high-quality care services, and protect the environments of our communities inside buildings and public facilities.

**Director Maggie Mann** furthered the presentation on Idaho Public Health Districts by providing the FY 2017 Budget recommendation. She made note to the Budget Committee that Public Health Districts will not be seeking any legislation this year, but must maintain their own funds for legal representation and building maintenance. Public Health Districts stress the importance of Public Health Education insisting that homes are the most powerful lines of defense to students and disease.

Contracts and Fees: funding for contracts will come from federal levels to the Department of Health and Welfare and then be distributed accordingly. Unfortunately, these contracts simply do not cover the cost of services provided. Once the community comes to expect a service it becomes increasingly difficult to stop offering these services. Many factors contribute to funding shortfalls including: the length of time an employee has been working, geographic distance from individual to the program, IT requirements, CEC, and the list goes on. Fees may not exceed the cost of providing a service. Some fees are set in statue and

therefore are different to each local Public Health Structure. Director Mann then stood for questions regarding the Governor's Budget Recommendation. [Idaho Public Health Districts](#)

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, **Chairman Bell** adjourned the meeting at 10:23 AM.

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Representative Bell  
Chair

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Christi Cox  
Secretary