

MINUTES  
**JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 31, 2017

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

**PLACE:** Room C310

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Senators Co-chairman Keough, Bair, Mortimer, Martin, Souza, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Ward-Engelking, Nye  
Representatives Co-chairman Bell, Youngblood, Miller, Burtenshaw, Horman, Malek, Anderson, Dixon, King, Wintrow

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** None

**CONVENED:** Senator Keough convened the meeting at 8:00 A.M.

**AGENCY PRESENTATION:** **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL**

**LSO STAFF PRESENTATION:** **LUANNE DETTMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** We develop the standards for Domestic Violence and Sexual assault and offender intervention. We currently fund 32 victim programs. Reviews the agency's overview. [AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9h89) (http://go.usa.gov/x9h89)  
**JARED TATRO:** Reviews FY2016/2017 budget, with no other comments from Ms. Dettman, goes over FY 2018 budget. [PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9h8Q) (http://go.usa.gov/x9h8Q) [AUDIO](http://go.usa.gov/x9h89) (http://go.usa.gov/x9h89)

**AGENCY PRESENTATION:** **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL**

**LSO STAFF PRESENTATION:** **CHRISTINE PISANI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** 20 years with council; The long standing relationships we have established with almost 26,000 children and adults with disabilities in Idaho. We are a small State agency but we are mighty. Reviews the agency overview. [AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9h9V) (http://go.usa.gov/x9h9V)  
**JARED TATRO:** Reviews FY2016/2017 budget, with no comments from Ms. Pisani, goes over and reviews FY 2018 budget and requests. [PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9h9w)(http://go.usa.gov/x9h9w) [AUDIO](http://go.usa.gov/x9h9V) (http://go.usa.gov/x9h9V)  
**PISANI:** Funding for our request is for the research analyst to gather qualitative and quantitative data for our persons with disabilities. The skills we would seek would be to demonstrate qualitative and quantitative data and ability to effectively advocate and help with any of our project work. Funding for travel is included to more effectively communicate with those with disabilities. Rural areas some times get over looked. Money in Idaho is limited and we want to make sure we put those funds to good use.

**QUESTIONS:** REP WINTROW: Tell us about the research you are doing and why the position is so important?  
PISANI: We collaborated with the Department of Health and Welfare's Developmental Disabilities Divison to identify citizen needs. We did a survey in 2016 and will do a follow up in 2019 to make sure that issues identified last time have been addressed. [AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9h9V) (http://go.usa.gov/x9h9V)

**AGENCY  
PRESENTATION:**

**CHILD WELFARE**

**LSO STAFF  
PRESENTATION:**

**GARY MOORE, Division Administrator:** The program is with child protection, adoptions, and foster care. Foster care is the main source of workload for Child Welfare. In 2016, we served 2,559 children in foster care. He mentioned the members of the Foster Care Interim Committee, as Senator Lee, Chair, and Senator Souza and Rep Wintrow in child welfare interim committee. Review for the agency overview. [AUDIO LINK](http://go.usa.gov/x9h9z) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9h9z>)

**JARED TATRO:** Review the FY2016/2017 budget [PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9hXQ) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9hXQ>) [AUDIO](http://go.usa.gov/x9h9z) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9h9z>)

MOORE: This Icare program is a phased project and we thank you for the funding for phase one last year. We need to spend a lot of money to keep our current system operating. To implement the new system, we anticipate having more phases, over the next 3 years. The estimated cost will be \$20–25 million in the next 3 years. We believe this is the cost effective way.

**QUESTIONS:**

SEN SOUZA: What you are saying is the new technology will free up the social workers, with time. Will this improve there time?

MOORE: Yes, as we are moving through this process we are improving the effectiveness of the program. [AUDIO](http://go.usa.gov/x9h9z) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9h9z>)

TATRO: Review FY2018 and intent language. [PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9hXQ) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9hXQ>) [AUDIO](http://go.usa.gov/x9h9z) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9h9z>)

**QUESTIONS:**

REP KING: Did I hear you say, that if a child is home schooled then they get paid a total of \$71.05 per student per day?

TATRO: No, does not pertain to home school. [AUDIO](http://go.usa.gov/x9h9z) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9h9z>)

TATRO: Reviews FY2018 supplemental and line items [PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9hXQ)(<http://go.usa.gov/x9hXQ>) [AUDIO](http://go.usa.gov/x9h9z) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9h9z>)

All line items have been recommended by the Governor.

MOORE: Nothing further.

TATRO: Reviews line item 18 of the Budget. [PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9hXQ) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9hXQ>)

MOORE: Foster Care payments assist foster parents in providing shelter, food, clothing, supervision, educational necessities and other personal incidentals requited to promote the safety, permanency, and well-being of children in foster care. The state must work diligently. When you compare rates of Idaho to some of its bordering states, Montana, Washington, Oregon, and Wyoming. To reach the average rate of those four states we would need to increase our pay 75% for ages birth to 5, 73% for ages 6–12, and 43% ages 13–18.

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**QUESTIONS:**

REP WINTROW: How many foster families do we have in the state and what is the increase and decrease over the years?

MOORE: Currently 2,300 foster children, we are seeing a decline in foster families, but there are various number of reasons. Foster parents are giving it a go but then giving the child back due to the stress of the situation. We did a survey and got close to 400 responses, and asked if they would encourage others to be foster parents, and we got a majority of yes, they were encouraged others to be foster parents.

REP ANDERSON: How do you provide your benefits, the personal cost has gone up 15–20% and the operation cost have gone up as well, but the trustee benefits haven't gone up as much.

MOORE: Defers to Miren Unsworth.

MIREN UNSWORTH, Deputy Division Administrator: Our program provides a wide array of services. We have social workers that just take phone calls provide safety assessments and these are just some of the responsibilities that staff provide in addition to just foster care services.

REP ANDERSON: Would we expect that those rates would go up faster rate than the trustee benefits than what is going out?

UNSWORTH: Our referrals are increases; but the children coming in have stayed steady. So there is a body of work outside of foster care.

SEN LEE: Consistently trying to fill positions, in additional to CEC, how are you able to keep those filled?

MOORE: Nationally we see the Social Workers turnovers are higher; but we are seeing some improvements. Last year our turnover rate was 17% but this year is at 10%.

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TATRO: Reviews the third line item; [PRESENTATION](#) (http://go.usa.gov/x9hXQ)

MOORE: We are needing 6 technicians. When there is a parent/child visit, process can last up to 4–4 1/2 hours. We need the requested positions to assist us with travel arrangements. We are also looking into technology that will enable staff to connect mobile video conferencing with social workers.

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**AGENCY**

**PRESENTATION: DIVISION OF MEDICAID**

**LSO STAFF**

**PRESENTATION:**

**MATT WIMMER, DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR:** Been with Medicaid for 9 years. These services support individuals with disabilities; both children and the elderly and children with poverty family; Reviews the agency overview; [AUDIO LINK](#) (http://go.usa.gov/x9h5e)

**JARED TATRO:** Reviews the FY2016/2017 budget, with no other comments, moves on the FY2017 line items. [PRESENTATION](#)(http://go.usa.gov/x9hN3) [AUDIO LINK](#) (http://go.usa.gov/x9h5e)

**QUESTIONS:**

SEN SOUZA: The line item electronic health record incentives, what is the actual need for that and why was it lower than expected?

WIMMER: Each year there is a pool of providers and each year we have to plan to fund the program as if all of those providers show up. It is a staged program.

REP WINTROW: The life of the Money Follows the Person Grant, you said it was going to sunset how has that benefited and what gaps will there be when that goes away?

WIMMER: Yes, the grant money is going to sunset, but when the money sunsets there is a provision that allows us to continue under the traditional Medicaid program.

[AUDIO](http://go.usa.gov/x9h5e) (http://go.usa.gov/x9h5e)

TATRO: Reviews the intent language, 4 sections of Intent Language.

Also explains what exactly medicaid plans do. Reviews the supplemental

from FY2017. [PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9hN3) (http://go.usa.gov/x9hN3) [AUDIO](http://go.usa.gov/x9h5e)

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SEN NYE: Is the KW lawsuit finally settled?

WIMMER: We did go through the court and have finalized the settlement with the Plaintiffs.

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TATRO: Continues with supplemental requests. With no further questions, moves on with the FY2018 requests.

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SEN SOUZA: Difference between the case load and utilization?

TATRO: Caseload, there is anticipation of some individuals using some services but under the utilization there is more services beyond the basics services you would expect to see.

WIMMER: What we have seen in recent years is the number of healthy children that are coming on to the program, and we see that increase in caseload, by large, but not as many sick children needing those services.

AGENBROAD: 28% increase in medicaid, are we are expecting similar type growth?

WIMMER: We have a number of healthy children that apply, also we have a number of disabled apply as well.

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TATRO: Reviews FY2018 budget and line items [PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9hN3)

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WIMMER: Reviews all line items [AUDIO](http://go.usa.gov/x9h5e) (http://go.usa.gov/x9h5e)

**QUESTIONS:**

SEN SOUZA: On the estate recovery position, is this a federal mandate? When we have all these mandates do we need to comply with the new administration?

WIMMER: The State has to comply with federal mandates, and yes, this program is required.

SEN BAIR: How many staff do we have in the estate recovery program and in 2015 we recovered \$8.8 million and how much do you predict we will save this year?

WIMMER: I believe we have 5 people working in the estate recovery program but I may get Sheila to help.

SHEILA PUGATCH, Bureau Chief: We do have 5 state recover officers and we recovered about \$10 million. Another officer would save approximately \$2 million;

REP ANDERSON: I noticed Mr. Tatro highlighted a piece of legislation under the Jeff D. Settlement, and I was wondering what legislation are we talking about and what is the status?

WIMMER; Yes, it is house bill 43 which is going to be heard in the House Health and Welfare Committee, next , and this would allow us to match state funds with federal funds.

REP ANDERSON: With the provider enrollment improvements that we funded last year and were hoping to save some money, how much are we saving would you make that a permanent program?

WIMMER: No, we would not expect this to be a permanent program. It is highly complex and it is greater than we had anticipated.

REP ANDERSON: Have we seen benefits?

WIMMER: This is reducing an administrative burden.

[AUDIO](http://go.usa.gov/x9h5e) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9h5e>)

TATRO: Reviews the audit finding. [PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9hN3) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9hN3>)  
[AUDIO](http://go.usa.gov/x9h5e) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9h5e>)

WIMMER: We have corrected the audit. Medicare is the primary insurance and then Medicaid pays whatever Medicare does not pick up. It becomes very complicated.

SEN MORTIMER: That issue specifically is corrected?

WIMMER: Yes, there is no additional concerns.

[AUDIO](http://go.usa.gov/x9h5e) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9h5e>)

#### **AGENCY**

**PRESENTATION: HEALTH CARE POLICY INITIATIVES**

#### **LSO STAFF**

**PRESENTATION: LISA HETTINGER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR:** These are reforms to improve healthcare policy. The mission is to improve the quality of service, the outcome of the policy and reduce the cost for the patient. Reviews the overview of the agency. [AUDIO](http://go.usa.gov/x9hND) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9hND>)

**JARED TATRO:** Reviews the FY2016/2017 budget and intent language, with no further comments, goes into the FY2018 budget. [PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9hNZ) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9hNZ>)  
[AUDIO](http://go.usa.gov/x9hND) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9hND>)

#### **QUESTIONS:**

SEN SOUZA: I would like to know perhaps a little more about Telehealth and why the Governor did not recommend funding for the council?

SARA STOVER: It was a relatively low priority for the department.

SEN SOUZA: This just concerns me with this innovation and technology and how rural Idaho is and with weather conditions, and Telehealth has a lot of potential in my eyes

STOVER: We have talked with the agency, with continuing with this program.  
[AUDIO](http://go.usa.gov/x9hND) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9hND>)

TATRO: Goes into line item related to the SHIP Grant. [PRESENTATION](http://go.usa.gov/x9hNZ) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9hNZ>)

#### **QUESTIONS:**

SEN LEE: The amount of dollars remaining, do you feel you can spend those dollars by 2019?

HETTINGER: We are on track to spend those dollars. Now that the project is in full swing, we don't foresee any complications with spending all of the money.

[AUDIO](http://go.usa.gov/x9hND) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9hND>)

TATRO: Reviews two more line items. [PRESENTATION](#)

(<http://go.usa.gov/x9hNZ>)

HETTINGER: The SHIP can only be successful with routine input.

TATRO: The Governor has recommended the final line item to add residency seats.

STOVER: Increasing the residency seats. The federal government allows the federal funds in the medicaid program to offset state funds. [AUDIO](#) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9hND>)

**QUESTIONS:**

REP ANDERSON: What happens in 2019, does this all end?

TATRO: Yes, in theory the program would go away if there is nothing added.

REP KING: You are going from a fee for service to a medical home and you are asking for more physicians?

HETTINGER: The fact that Idaho is healthcare shortage State is well known to everyone who lives here. But I think SHIP has a way to help fix this, because if we move away from fee for service and go with more of a managed care approach then everyone in the physician's office can work to meet these goals. The transformation of the clinic helps the situation, also helps in workforce development. [AUDIO](#) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9hND>)

STOVER: This funding, although housed in the education budget, it is run through our Medicaid program.

SEN BAIR: What is the match rate for the education graduate students?

STOVER: It would be the 71% / 29% .

REP MILLER: How many seats?

HETTINGER: The full plan is 25 seats in the near future. This particular funding is only available when the residents are actually practicing.

REP MILLER: So there is no real clear plan for the first year?

HETTINGER: This is in reference to either a part-time status or a full-time status? We will get you a chart; the positions are not in facilities right now today.

REP MILLER: So how many seats will that fund?

HETTINGER: I believe its 5 .

REP WINTROW: How we transform healthcare, and shortage of nursing and how do we vision that?

HETTINGER: We are actively encouraging all the nursing programs. But we are not currently funding. [AUDIO](#) (<http://go.usa.gov/x9hND>)

**ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, Senator Keough adjourned the meeting at 10:32 A.M.

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Senator Keough  
Chair

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Secretary