

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 09, 2017

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Packer, Representatives Hixon, Perry, Vander Woude, Redman, Gibbs, Blanksma, Hanks, Kingsley, Zollinger, Chew, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: The sign in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office until the end of the session. Following the end of the session, the sign in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 26 and 30, 2017, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

HCR 3: **Rep. Christy Perry**, District 11, presented **HCR 3**, a Concurrent Resolution highlighting the services provided by family and friends, without state monetary compensation, to care for over 100,000 Idahoans, ranging from children to the aged, at a total of 201M hours of annual care. The cost savings to the state and their challenges as caregivers are also recognized.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to send **HCR 3** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Mike Berlin, Idaho Alzheimer's Planning Group, testified **in support** of **HCR 3**. The two initiatives in process relating to this piece of legislation deal with Alzheimer's disease and long-term care facility access.

Kelle Sweeney, Legacy Core Caregiver Support Program, Jannus, testified **in support** of **HCR 3**. Their family caregivers evidence-based workshops provide the emotional support and knowledge that they are not alone. The recognition in **HCR 3** is another step to encourage their caregiving efforts.

Shirl Boyce, Representative, Volunteer, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), spoke **in support** of **HCR 3**. Supporting the needs of caregivers is important.

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

**VOTE ON
MOTION:** **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to send **HCR 3** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Perry** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

Sharon Harrigfeld, Director, Department of Juvenile Corrections, Chair, Idaho Criminal Justice Commission (ICJC), presented the annual report. In existence since 2005, the Commission collaborates for a safer Idaho and develops cost effective and best practice solutions. All three branches of government are represented on the commission, along with county, city, and other stakeholders.

The ICJC address a variety of issues, including education, health, welfare, and community reintegration. Sharing data and cooperation with stakeholders is vital. Topic meetings help the ICJC members fully understand specific issues and develop strategies.

Eric Fredricksen, State Public Defender, further explained the ICJC sub committees consist of practitioners and other community members with expertise related to an assigned specific topic. For instance, the mental health sub committee reviews the effects of mental health issues within the justice system and ways to deal with them, which may not include strict incarceration. Data sharing between agencies can better track such things as medications administered in jail so the same medication can be administered when the person is transferred to the prison.

The leaders and decision makers from every significant entity in the criminal justice system join in the committee's goal to work together to make changes and improve the system. This ability to contact each other to address issues before they become significant makes an immediate impact.

Chairman Wood turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Packer**.

**DOCKET NO.
16-0202-1601:**

Dr. Curtis Sandy, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Commission, presented **Docket No. 16-0202-1601**. The eleven appointed Commission members, from a variety of EMS stakeholder groups and geographic areas, establish standards and guidelines for licensed EMS personnel.

This Rule changes the version number of the EMS Standards Manual to 2017-1. The standards manual describes the current best practice skills, treatments and procedures performed by licensed EMS personnel. Updates include housekeeping changes, alignment with the EMS Bureau Rules, and the addition of specific practices.

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

MOTION:

Rep. Redman made a motion to approve **Docket No. 16-0202-1601**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary