

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, February 17, 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 (Reifers), Rubel

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Kingsley, Gibbs

**GUESTS:** George Gutierrez, H&W-Medicaid; Jaclyn St. John, Colleen Dibble, Jennifer Benrev, and Calla Chapin, IAND; Henry R. Thompson, St. Luke's; Matt Wimmer and Ericka Rupp, IDHW; Anne Lawler, Board of Medicine; Ryan Fitzgerald, IACP; Julie Walker and Barbara Grant, Idaho Academy of Nutr.

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

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

**RS 25307:** **Chairman Wood**, District 27, presented **RS 25307**, a Concurrent Resolution reauthorizing the employee healthcare benefits interim committee. Authorized in 2016, the committee recommendations included hiring a consultant for benefit structure review and suggested modifications in line with healthcare changes. Upon approval of this proposed resolution, nothing happens until the Legislative Council meets and gives its approval.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to introduce **RS 25307** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Chairman Wood** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Vice Chairman Packer** returned the gavel to **Chairman Wood**.

**RS 25256C1:** **Rep. Eric Redman**, District 2, presented **RS 25256C1**. This Proposed Legislation allows a guardian or parent, by a properly executed power of attorney, to approve counseling of a religious nature for their child regarding behavior and substance abuse issues, including continuous care of the child for a period not to exceed six months. The current program lasts four months at a cost to the parents or guardians of \$4,000.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to introduce **RS 25256C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25310:** **Ryan Fitzgerald**, on behalf of the Idaho Association of Chiropractic Physicians, presented **RS 25310**, to establish a set of standards and educational requirements for a chiropractic certification in clinical nutrition for those licensed chiropractic physicians wishing to utilize vitamins and minerals via intravenous or injectable routes of administration in the treatment of their patients. This is in response to labeling changes by the U.S. Federal Drug Administration (FDA). The dedicated fund fiscal impact is estimated at \$15,000 from certification fees.

**MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to introduce **RS 25310**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 128:** **Matt Wimmer**, Administrator, Division of Medicaid, Department of Health and Welfare, presented **H 128**, the next step in Idaho's Medicaid payment method reform, in keeping with past efforts related to patient centered medical homes (PCMH) and the Statewide Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP). Existing statute is expanded to direct the DHW to pursue Idaho based approaches to care management. This will allow development of regional care networks to reward primary care, hospital, specialist, and other provider groups who work together effectively to improve patient care. Value based purchasing models pay healthcare providers based on their demonstrated ability to provide efficient care, positively impacting patient health, rather than a fee-for-service basis.

Answering questions, **Mr. Wimmer**, said 1915(b) federal waiver agreements, similar to the dental health plans, would be pursued after legislative approval of Rules. Waiver agreements, although conditional, allow more freedom in keeping with the needs of our state.

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

**MOTION:** **Rep. Perry** made a motion to send **H 128** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Chairman Wood**, **Reps. Perry**, and **Zollinger** commented **in support** of **H 128** to transition from the fee-for-service environment and clarify the DHW's authority.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 128** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Hixon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 129:** **Anne Lawler**, Executive Director, Idaho State Board of Medicine (BOM), on behalf of the BOM and the Dietetic Licensure Board, presented **H 129**, to update, streamline, and amend the Dietetic Practice Act (DPA) to align with the Medical Practice Act and current practices. This is the first substantive update since 1994 and helps the six hundred Idaho registered dietitians be utilized to their full ability and training.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to send **H 129** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**Henry Thompson**, St. Luke's, Physician, Medical Director for 12 pediatric dietitians, testified **in support** of **H 129**, which allows dietitians to practice to their full certification level, improving efficiency.

**Julie Walker**, Consumer Protection Coordinator, Idaho Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, testified **in support** of **H 129**. Because the DPA was not up to date, dietitians have been restricted and unable to work at the top of their training. The revisions reflect current expertise and competency found in their profession.

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

Answering questions, **Ms. Lawler**, explained the inclusion of disciplinary action upon conviction of a driving under the influence (DUI) charge is in line with MPA. While a DUI may seem like a personal thing, it does influence work performance. The inclusion allows investigation and recommendations for assistance. After a hearing or disciplinary action, a licensee agreement to make specific changes is called a board order. These are monitored for compliance and reference to them in the disciplinary section allows the authority to pursue further discipline if the licensee does not comply.

**VOTE ON MOTION:** **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 129** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Zollinger** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Perry** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

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Representative Wood  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary