

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018
- TIME:** 9:00 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW20
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Packer, Representatives Perry, Vander Woude, Redman, Blanksma, Hanks, Kingsley, Zollinger, Wagoner, Chew, Rubel
- ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None
- GUESTS:** Michael Sandvig, NAMI Idaho; Dean Cameron, DOI; Hillarie Hagen, IVC; Lee Flinn, Id. Primary Care Assoc.; Joyce Broadsword, Trinetta Middlebrook, Frank Powell, Julie Hammon, and Terry Pappin, DHW; Russell Westerbeg, PHRMA; Heidi Haut, Terry Reilly Health Svcs; Fred Birdnbaum, IFF; Jim Baugh, DRI; Pam Eaton, ID Retailers Assn.; Suzanne Budge, IPM & CSA; James Turner, LINC Idaho
- Chairman Wood** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2018, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 25947C1:** **Lori Wolff**, Deputy Director, Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), presented **RS 25947C1**. This proposed legislation replaces and updates **H 338**, the Idaho Healthcare Plan or Dual Waiver Strategy.
- Changes add, clarify, and update fiscal numbers, a Medicaid work requirement 1115 Waiver application, implementation authority, waiver specifications, waiver conditional authority, U.S. citizen insurance and tax credit access, Internal Revenue Service authority, a sunset clause, and participant premium payments.
- Answering questions, **Ms. Wolff** said the work requirements would exempt individuals who are medically fragile and not able to work, comparable to other public assistance programs. Premium costs take into consideration one eligible member with a family still buying private insurance without a rate reduction.
- MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to introduce **RS 25947C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hanks** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.
- RS 25845:** **Rep. Ilana Rubel**, District 18, presented **RS 25845**, proposed legislation to restore the Medicaid preventive dental coverage in existence prior to 2011. The General Fund cost is \$1.2M, with an expected \$3M in resulting hospitalization and medical savings.
- MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to introduce **RS 25845**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Hanks** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.
- H 337:** **Ross Edmunds**, DHW, Administrator, Behavioral Health (BH) Division, presented **H 337**. This legislation introduces definitions for different service types and supportive services. It also adds a prevention specialist member to the state BH Planning Council. The Regional BH Board set up appointment instructions have been deleted.
- For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Redman** made a motion to send **H 337** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kingsley** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 341:** **Ross Edmunds**, DHW, Administrator, BH Division, presented **H 341**, to increase annual tobacco permit fees from no charge to \$100 and direct collected funds go to the Prevention of Minors' Access to Tobacco Fund. Idaho Code requires yearly inspections at all tobacco product sales or distribution locations.

**Mr. Edmunds** explained how the permit program began and the funding route from the Idaho State Police (ISP) total budget, to the DHW, and then to the BH Division. He also described the discontinued Idaho Tobacco Project funding recommendation by the Millennium Fund, the Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funding, and funds from collected fines. The program requirement exists in the Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Act of 1992.

**Rep. Vander Woude** invoked Rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest but that he would be voting on the legislation.

Answering questions, **Mr. Edmunds** said the inspection program non-compliance rate decrease from 56% to 6% has impacted the collected fines amount.

**Chairman Wood** explained the Millennium Fund became a way to save General Fund expenditures during the recession through recommendations to the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC). A direct funding route is needed for the Tobacco Project.

**Terry Pappin**, Tobacco Project Manager, DHW, was invited to clarify the fines, which range from \$100 to \$400. If the violation rate is not kept below 20% there could be a 40% reduction in the block grant.

Answering further, **Mr. Edmunds** stated the reduction would impact the entire \$8M block grant, not just the Tobacco Project. Reservations and Indian land is not included due to their nation's sovereignty.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to **HOLD H 341** in committee.

**Ms. Pappin**, responding to a question, said the Benchmark contract cost is \$400,000. There are inspection teams in each of the seven health care regions. Teams consist of an adult inspector, an adult chaperone, a male minor, and a female minor.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Chew** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 341** to time certain at the discretion of the Chairman.

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

**VOTE ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Substitute motion failed by voice vote.**

**VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:** **Original motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Chew and Chairman Wood** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

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Representative Wood  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary