

MINUTES  
**JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018  
**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 08:02 A.M.  
**AGENCY PRESENTATION:** **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE: CHILD WELFARE**  
**LSO STAFF PRESENTATION:** **MIREN UNSWORTH, DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR:** Reviews the agency and FY 2018. The Division has two budgeted programs and is responsible for child protection, foster care, and adoptions.  
**JARED TATRO:** Reviews the agency and what the agency is requesting for FY 2019 also reviews the FY 2017 expenditures. Moves into reviewing the B-11 Forms with no questions moves into the FY 2018 appropriations.  
UNSWORTH: Reviews the FY 2018 line item appropriations.  
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TATRO: Reminds the committee of the intent language from Senate bill S1164.  
UNSWORTH: We submitted our first annual report in December 2017;  
TATRO: Reviews the history of the agency's operating budget and comparative summary and reviews the FY 2019 budget and line item.  
UNSWORTH: Reviews the details of the line item, it was recommended by the Governor.  
([AUDIO](https://go.usa.gov/xnhXj)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xnhXj>) ([PRESENTATION](https://go.usa.gov/xQcg6)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQcg6>)  
In response to committee questions, MIREN UNSWORTH, DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR, explains the two social workers that were appropriated last year. One of the social workers is in the Lewiston office and helps with case loads and has reduced the case load of 18 per social worker down to 13 cases per social worker. The second social worker is in the Twin Falls office and is working with the foster care licensing area, as there was a back log of licenses.  
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**AGENCY PRESENTATION:** **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE: SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED**

**PRESENTATION: MIREN UNSWORTH, DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR:** Reviews the agency and FY2018;

TATRO: Reviews the agency organization chart and reviews the FY 2017 expenditures; moves into the B-11 Forms.

UNSWORTH: Reviews why they closed the facility in CDA and moved them into other facilities.

([AUDIO](https://go.usa.gov/xQcgd)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQcgd>) ([PRESENTATION](https://go.usa.gov/xQcgw)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQcgw>)

In response to committee questions, **MIREN UNSWORTH, DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR**, states that the staff has a ratio on average of 2:1. Also reviews that the division wants to have all the staff to have training for the secure facility and to not limit staff to that facility. After getting the funding for the secure facility last year, they have gone through a slow process when obtaining licenses for the facility. They are currently in the negotiating rule making stage and it takes roughly 90 days for that process. It is the only facility of its kind in the state. Lastly, addresses the majority of the staff are psychiatric technicians and get paid roughly \$14–15 per hour.

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TATRO: Reviews the operating budget of the agency and moves into the FY 2018 budget and then moves into the SY 2019 Budget and line items.

UNSWORTH: Reviews the two line items for FY 2019.

([PRESENTATION](https://go.usa.gov/xQcgw)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQcgw>)

In response to committee questions, **MIREN UNSWORTH, DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR**, states that at the time of the Kyler House closing, they had 4 residents and they were placed with a local facility and had 18 staff.

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**AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE: HEALTH CARE POLICY PRESENTATION: INITIATIVES**

**PRESENTATION: CYNTHIA YORK, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR:** Reviews the agency and the FY 2018 appropriations. The program was established in 2015 and is responsible for the administration of the State Healthcare Innovation Plan (SHIP and other statewide health-policy initiatives focused on improving Idaho’s healthcare system.

([AUDIO](https://go.usa.gov/xQcgC)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQcgC>) ([PRESENTATION](https://go.usa.gov/xQcgZ)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQcgZ>)

In response to committee questions, **CYNTHIA YORK, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR**, reviews the telehealth initiative and how it needs a good foundation and structure. But all the payers are reimbursing for the telehealth, it is just slow to receive payment.

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TATRO: Reviews the agency’s budget and FY 2017 expenditures and moves into the B-11 Forms. Without any questions moves into the FY 2018 appropriations.

YORK: Reviews the FY 2018 line item appropriation.

([PRESENTATION](https://go.usa.gov/xQcgZ)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQcgZ>)

In response to committee questions, **MATT WIMMER, DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR OF DIVISION OF MEDICAID**, states that all of the funds for the Graduate Medical Education program (GME) go to the residency program.

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TATRO: Reminds the committee of the intent language from Senate bill 1193 and reviews the operating budget of the agency and moves into the FY 2019 budget and line item.

YORK: Reviews the line item.

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**AGENCY**

**PRESENTATION: MEDICAID**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE: DIVISION OF**

**PRESENTATION: MATT WIMMER:** Reviews the agency and reviews the budget request for FY 2019. The Division of Medicaid is responsible for administering plans to finance and deliver health services for people at risk due to low income and other factors, such as youth, old age, pregnancy, or disability.

([AUDIO](https://go.usa.gov/xQcYE)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQcYE>) ([PRESENTATION](#))

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TATRO: Reviews the agency and the organizational chart and moves into the FY 2017 expenditures and without questions moves into the Form B-11s and B-12s.

And without any questions moves into the FY 2018 appropriations and line items.

WIMMER: Reviews the FY 2018 appropriations and line items

([AUDIO](https://go.usa.gov/xQcYE)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQcYE>) ([PRESENTATION](#))

(<https://go.usa.gov/xQcYu>)

TATRO: Reviews the intent language for the division from Senate bill 1174.

WIMMER: Reviews the contract for non-emergency medical transportation.

TATRO: Reviews the operating budget and reviews the expenditures for all the Medicaid plans and moves into the FY 2019 budget.

WIMMER: Reviews the FY2018 expenditures and the \$9 million short fall and will ask for supplementals.

TATRO: Reviews the FY 2019 and the nondiscretionary adjustments.

([AUDIO](https://go.usa.gov/xQcYE)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQcYE>) ([PRESENTATION](#))

(<https://go.usa.gov/xQcYu>)

In response to committee questions, **MATT WIMMER, DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR**, states the CEC will work with Medicaid dollars because those dollars are not capped. Also addresses the supplemental request, if the committee approves it, will cover part of the year and the annualization pays for the remainder of the years. If the supplemental does not get approved by the committee then the annualization zeros out. Lastly addresses the rate increase and explains why they have requested supplementals each year instead of a budget line item.

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TATRO: Moves into the FY 2019 line items.

WIMMER: Reviews the all the line items.

([PRESENTATION](#)) (<https://go.usa.gov/xQcYu>)

In response to committee questions, **SARA STOVER, DFM**, reviews the Governor's recommendations are just that, and will recommend the Division's highest priorities. With the Division of Medicaid line item 38 and 39 were not on the top priority list for the division. Ms. Stover also states that if the Healthcare Plan does pass the funds will be from the Millennium Funds, but if it does not pass then the Millennium Funds will be available for the Committee to use elsewhere.

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**AGENCY**                      **SECRETARY OF STATE**

**PRESENTATION:**

**PRESENTATION: LAWRENCE DENNEY, SECRETARY OF STATE:** Due to time restraints, goes right into the line items for FY 2019 Budget. Reviews the supplemental request.

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**ADJOURNED:**            There being no further business, Senator Keough adjourned the meeting at 10:59 A.M.

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Senator Keough  
Chair

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Secretary