
MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 7th
Time: 1:00 – 4:00 PM
Location: Department of Health
Room 125
Cannon Office Building
288 N 1460 W
Salt Lake City

Conference Call-in Number: 1-800-350-0593
No Access Code Required

DWS/Work Supports:

1:00 Welcome and Introductions

1:05 Follow-Up Items

- a. TANF Dollars Being Used for Temporary Rental Assistance and Case Mangement – was some discussion on this at August meeting, just want an update on how things are going.
- b. Transient Assistance Fund- Yvette said at the last meeting that she will get us the procedures for how they handle this across the state, can we still get this? How is this being handled statewide?
- c. Eligibility Services Division – We talked about getting the graphic of the new team, is this available?
- d. DWS Budget – has DWS submitted it to the Governor yet? What does DWS plan to ask for and for what purposes? Where are potential cuts being made?

1:25 General Assistance

- a. Our agencies have been seeing some impact on the GA issue. Can we get some updates on those who have lost benefits, the number applying for benefits, the number qualifying for benefits, how the medical community is responding to the new form I or where it is in re-development, any changes that are under consideration since the hearing, etc. (Sheila Walsh-McDonald)
- b. Further discussion, input and help on outreaching to other service providers and possible the LDS church to see if we can come up with a statewide plan to assist this population. (Melissa Smith)

1:40 Unemployment Insurance

a. Social Security Offset and Unemployment Insurance – last month the Workforce Services, Commerce and Economic Development Interim Committee heard testimony on whether to let the 50% social security retirement offset of unemployment insurance sunset. The committee decided to remove the sunset from the bill, though there is possibly a movement to run a 0% offset bill. The Employment Advisory Council will be meeting on this on October 15th. Update and discussion. (Melissa Smith)

b. Alternative Base Period – the alternative base period modernization provision passed out of the Interim committee. Quick update. (Melissa Smith)

1:50 E-Rep

The statewide conversion of E-Rep began on October 5th. Teams of Eligibility staff will be in rotating training so wait times may increase for a few months during the conversion. Brief Discussion.

2:05 ARRA Dollars (Mike Richardson)

Quick update on status of grant applications. Which were selected for submission? Expected timelines.

2:15 Demand Driven Approach to Talent and Workforce Development

In June, Greg Gardner presented the "demand driven" approach to "talent and workforce development". According to DWS' timeline this is supposed to be finalized in September. What is the outcome? How does DWS plan to monitor for effectiveness and satisfaction of businesses and job seekers? (Karen Silver)

DOH/Health:

2:30 Welcome and Introductions

2:35 Medicaid Enrollment Increase (Michael Hales)

Medicaid providers trying to understand how much their provider reimbursement rates have decreased since the 2008 Special Session. There has been much made regarding the pediatric dentist 25% reimbursement rate decrease. However, what about other the provider reimbursement rates? What percentage reduction have these other groups experienced?

3:00 Update on Emergency Medicaid Dental.

The DOH was doing a cost benefit analysis of providing this service. Has this been completed?

3:15 New Organizational Structure of DOH.

Dr. Sundwall indicated the DOH is in the process of restructuring its management and organization. Has this restructure plan been finalized? If so, is it ready to be shared publicly?

Topics Welcome!

We find these meetings are most productive when topics are generated by the community. Please email ideas for topics to melissa@utahcap.org or lincoln@healthpolicyproject.org. Thanks.