
MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 2nd
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

DOH/Health:

1:00 Welcome and Introductions

1:05 Medicaid Enrollment Increase (Nate Checketts)

Medicaid enrollment in Utah has grown by over 20%. Now nearly 200,000 Utahns receive coverage through the program.

As we enter the legislative session there will be important to understand:

1. Are there some programs growing more quickly than others?
2. What additional funding will be necessary to cover this enrollment growth?
3. Are there other ramifications to this tremendous growth (e.g., insufficient providers within the system).

2:00 Update on Emergency Medicaid Dental.

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

2:15 How can the advocate community help the Department during the session? (Nate Checketts)

Lots of challenges facing the Department this year with decreased revenues, unprecedented Medicaid growth, and the legislative audit. How can the advocate community help DOH communicate with the legislature about the Department's needs?

DWS/Work Supports:

2:30 Welcome and Introductions

2:35 Follow-Up Items

- a. General Assistance
 1. Anything on talking to Lloyd Pendleton about offering more training in SOAR?
 2. Follow-up discussion on General Assistance Public Hearing - What are the results? Any changes being planned, based on public comments? How is DWS going to track the impacts of each separate change? Advocates would appreciate a monthly budget update on this, so we can plan for our legislative activities. (Karen Silver)
- b. TANF Dollars Being Used for Temporary Rental Assistance and Case Mangement – was some discussion on this last month, just want an update on how things are going.
- c. Transient Assistance Fund- Yvette said at the last meeting that she will get us the procedures for how they handle this across the state.
- d. Eligibility Services Division – We talked about getting the graphic of the new team, is this available?
- e. DWS Audit - update

2:55 Unemployment Insurance

- a. Status of bill on Alternative Base Period
- b. Part-time worker provision
- c. Social Security Offsets and Unemployment Insurance (Melissa Smith)

3:10 TANF/ARRA Dollars (Mike Richardson)

ARRA Stimulus Grants - Utah's collaborative proposals/concepts

3:20 DWS Budget (Bill Greer)

3:35 Legislative Priorities (Mike Richardson)

Draft Bill that implements changes in eligibility and for the other half restructure – how is this coming along?

3:45 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)

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.