

# LCPD minutes

## February 10, 2020

Start time 12:30 pm

Beehive Room State Capitol

Present: Sign in sheet to follow.

Welcome and Introductions conducted by Joey Hanna. Joey call for a vote to approve the minutes:

Michael Lefevor moved to approve the minutes from 2.3.2020

Andy Curry seconded

No Abstentions

No Nays, the motion carried

Announcements:

Jennifer Miller- Smith announced that March 1 is the traditional Day of Mourning for the disability community remembering those killed by Family members. This year the Day of Mourning will be held Feb 29<sup>th</sup> 4 pm in the Rotunda. The Democratic Caucus and the Autism Self-Advocacy Network are sponsoring the event which is open to the public

### **Bill Discussion:**

Please go to [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Qs3QsBCziPEWVGpa-d7rvxU3V6leStCRAu\\_zL-mQW34/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Qs3QsBCziPEWVGpa-d7rvxU3V6leStCRAu_zL-mQW34/edit#gid=0) to access the Google doc and access the bills

**The tables below document the bill or funding request, the discussion, and the position of the LCPD. Only those positions voted on by the LCPD membership can be discussed with legislators as being supported by LCPD.**

Kelsey Lewis asked a procedural question on the action LCPD will take once a bill is voted on as a bill that LCPD supports.

Joey Hanna responded that the leadership agreed distribute the bills to support amongst the leadership who will write to the bill sponsor and ask if they need support. Leadership will write letters or meet with committee members where the bill resides to support the bill.

Jan Ferre: Sometimes a sponsor wants our name added and we don't have to do anything. Sometimes the coalition has essentially run the bill and we have to contact members of the committee and testify and advocate with various house members.

Kelsey: How do we decide this?

Joey Hanna: That was Joey's intention when writing to the bill sponsors. Joey suggested adding a column to the bill sheet to show who is testifying on bills

Kelsey: Thank you for sending emails.

Janet: Would it be helpful to send out copies of the letter to the members to use as a guide?

Kelsey: For those members with areas of expertise on the specific bill or funding request would it be helpful for those members to draft a letter and send it to LCPD leadership?

Andy: In the past usually someone from the coalition has been available to testify in support. The letters are good but also try to work the committee.

Joey: Encourage anyone who can to testify. The letter that she wrote was on limited support waiver.

Linda Hanson: Just wanted to second what was said. If you really support something go to the legislators. Great to hear from constituents.

<b>Bill Title Sponsor</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Member vote</b>	<b>Position</b>
<b>HB 210 Rep. Ward</b>	Insurance coverage for children amendments. This bill would require the Department of Health to seek a federal waiver to provide continuous coverage among other provisions. Jessie Mandle asked if it was OK to list LCPD as a supporter of the bill. This was voted on at the last meeting as a bill to support. Approval was given. Kelsey Lewis also gave Jessie permission to name the Early Intervention Provider Consortium as also supporting the bill.		<b>Support</b>
<b>Rep. Ward</b>	Nursing and Global Support Bill. Lori Packard asked about the bill. It is still not numbered.		
<b>HB 13 Barlow</b>	Children's Hearing Aid Program AMD. Jan: This is a substitute that failed and don't know where the dollars are Jan: It is an interim committee bill. It was 12-4 against. An extension is in existence. Move support HB 13 extends the date 5 more years	<b>Jennifer Miller-Smith moved to support the bill Kelsey Lewis Seconded No abstentions, no Nays Motion carried</b>	<b>Support</b>
<b>HB 93 HB 104</b>	For information only. Jennifer Miller-Smith will monitor.		
<b>HB 207 Rep. Thurston</b>	Insulin Bill: Make insurance companies put a cap on insulin. Of the 3 this is the one that Utah health policy project is behind it. Rep Thurston will want to know that we support it.	<b>Jennifer Miller-Smith moved to support the bill Jan Ferre Seconded No Abstentions, no Nays Motion Carried</b>	<b>Support</b>

<p><b>SB 68 Weiler</b></p>	<p>Mental Health Counselor Licensing Amendment. Matt Whappett asked that we discuss SB 68. Mental Health Providers are worried about this bill. The DLC not taken a position.  Teresa Larson: What I understand is that the bill would add rehabilitation counselors to mental health counseling. At Utah State they take all the courses for counseling.  The concerns were from MH counselors.  Andrew Riggle: you are adding someone who hasn't been able to play on this field and now you are going to let them do something?  Joey Hanna: Access to MH services is so difficult. Broadening the # of people who could give the service then good. The Bill would allow, as long as they pass the exam, that rehab counselors could be licensed in State of Utah. There is an in house rehab counselor who sent a long letter on the accreditation licensing program. 40 states across the nation allow this.  Janet: Concern about losing rehab counselors.  Not necessary VR counselors. But any rehab counselors explained  Joey Hanna</p>	<p>Andy Curry moved that we support it  Jennifer seconded.  <b>No Abstentions, No Nays  Motion Carried</b></p>	<p><b>Support</b></p>
<p><b>Rep. Brian King</b></p>	<p>Jennifer: Brian King has 2 bills to equalize the coverage between physical and mental health. For long term disability benefits are in place until 65. If it is a disability due to mental health benefits only go for 2 years.   Nate Crippes: King is trying to give guidelines in statute for mental health parity in coverage. Drafting attorney still working on this.</p>	<p>No decision</p>	

<p><b>HB 161Rep. Owens</b></p>	<p>Audiology and Speech Language Pathologists state compact. There is a shortage of SLPS in the state. This would allow them to move between states.</p>	<p>Janet moved to support the bill Anita seconded No Abstentions, No Nays Motion carried</p>	<p><b>Support</b></p>
<p><b>HB 171 Andrew Stoddard</b></p>	<p>School threat amendments. Jan sent email for more information but received no reply. Crimes of threats against schools. Concerned that if a student has a disability would they be treated the same? Andrew Riggle: Voices for Utah Children has been working on this. Andrew will check with Anna. They either had or were working with him on language to require a MH assessment. The assumption that was built in to the language was that it is the result of a mental health issue. If it moves forward into the legal process the court can order a MH assessment if necessary Jan Ferre wants to make sure that these kids are protected. It could impact negatively kids with disabilities. Follow:</p>		<p><b>Follow</b></p>

<p><b>HCR3</b> Suzanne Harrison</p>	<p>Concurrent resolution for later start time for high schools. Suzanne Harrison. Teenagers need more sleep.</p> <p>Joey Hanna: There is a group of families in the SLC school district. The concerns are related to bussing. People that are working whose voices are being heard. SLC has proposals for this. Families with Children with disabilities are the least supportive. Schedules disruptive. Joey will find out more</p> <p>Amy Utah Parent Center: The main concern is tied to transportation. Every-one agrees that late start is good. SLC school district is tying it to transportation. May prevent students from going to their own school. Have to make sure equal access to make sure kids with disabilities have equal access. The Resolution is for school districts to consider it and do the research.</p>	<p>Jan Ferre made motion to support the bill Jennifer Miller-Smith seconded No Abstentions, No Nays Motion carried</p>	<p><b>Support</b></p>
<p><b>HB 205</b> Judkins</p>	<p>Students with Disability Amendments. In appropriations last week.</p> <p>NATE C: Child Count done on Sept 1. Want to raise the cap in some counties up to 14% or 20%. Wanted her to remove the cap but this may cause the loss of federal funding. Working with the board to work out where cap would be. 14% and 20% in some counties</p> <p>Linda Hanson: There is a concern in taking off the cap. Districts might diagnose kids so that they could get more funding. Jan moves to follow:</p>		<p><b>Follow</b></p>

	<p>Marianne Neff: Independent Support Coordination: Rate restoration. No bill #. It is an appropriations Support Coordination was privatized in 2009. Support Coordinators take funding and turn funding into services for clients. There was a \$30.50 cents rate reduction. With limited support waiver coming this will fall on Support Coordinators shoulders if the support waiver funding is appropriated. Part of proposal is a rate increase.</p> <p>There is a \$36, - 40,000 investment to train and administrative costs which are not build into rate.</p> <p>Rural areas to accommodate need. Many case workers aging out. Make sure new companies can train.</p> <p>The \$207 .95c original rate. Proposed \$238.11 cents this will take the rate back to 2009 rate.</p> <p>Andrew Riggle: What is the \$28.11 breakdown? CMS used to have them do targeted case manager on ¼ hr rate. Some cases far exceed 40 hours a week. Others putting in ¼ hr just monitoring. 40 hrs per week per case worker. Paying them per case. 20 cases. 70/30 split. Anticipated per client.</p> <p>Joey Hanna: Does UACS support it?</p> <p>UACS rep: Yes. Amount asking for base total funding ongoing \$723,600 It's a federal match. For what we are asking this year for \$650,000 for 3 year plan that is now 6 year plan for direct support staff, \$500,000 in transportation for settings rule. Not asking for a lot this year so helping to support other requests. He recognizes weight that will be put on support coordinators.</p> <p>ISCA – independent support coordinators. Janet asked for clarification.</p> <p>Jen moved</p> <p>Anita Second.</p>	<p>Jennifer Miller-Smith  Moved to support the request  Anita Bennett seconded  No Abstentions, no Nays  Motion Carried</p>	<p><b>Support</b></p>
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<b>HB 35 Rep. Eliason</b>	Andrew Riggle reported that the treatment access amendment voted on near top of house calendar tomorrow. Study language in it that DLC asked for. Capacity and needs on community side as well as hospital side.	Janet Wade moved to support Kelsey Lewis Seconded No Abstentions, No Nays Motion Carried	<b>Support</b>
<b>HB 214 Rep. Ward following</b>	Rep Eliason said he is going to introduce a substitute for that bill. Among other things the substitute will remove the language seeking a waiver to remove limitations on Medicaid paying for HB 219. Dunnigan. DLC shift position to support if language is removed. Rep Ward told Andrew that the language dealing with genetic testing and invitro he has eliminated that language from HB 214. Haven't seen the substitute yet so holding off on that. That's on agenda for this afternoon.		<b>Following</b>
<b>HB219 following</b>	Rep Eliason said he is going to introduce a substitute for that bill. Among other things the substitute will remove the language seeking a waiver to remove limitations on Medicaid paying for HB 219. Dunnigan. DLC shift position to support if language is removed.		<b>Following</b>
	Representative Eliason is presenting an appropriations request for Medically Complex Waiver and would appreciate any information on what the community would like that request to be. This is for additional funding. Jennifer Miller-Smith said that Rep. Ed Redd has a group of parents that are concerned about the waiver. Any help or support that we could give would be appreciated. He wants to know what the community would like the request to look like. It wasn't on anyone's list. Joey Hanna suggested that Andrew Riggle email Gina Pola-Money to rally parents.		

<p><b>DOH</b> <b>More Baby Watch Clients</b> <b>Supporting</b></p>	<p>Kelsey Lewis reported that there was a lot of public support from parents. Also medical providers. A question was raised about billing private insurance. May have some intent language. Other states are having problems covering Kelsey referenced the yellow sheet from Chairs. It is a Chair agency priority list. Andrew didn't think it was a priority list. Usually when they've done the co-chair list they get numbers. This has no numbers. Feel that see a prioritized version of this</p>		<p><b>Supporting</b></p>
<p><b>HB10</b> <b>Supporting</b></p>	<p>Insurance continuous coverage for Children. The members were reminded that this bill had a support vote as it was voted on with the Baby Watch request.</p>		<p><b>Supporting</b></p>
<p><b>DSPD</b> <b>Supporting</b></p>	<p>DSPD community based employment – Assign someone to do something to support this. Janet write a letter in support.</p>		<p><b>Supporting</b></p>
	<p>Andy Curry reported on the Independent Living Centers. Typically we haven't done appropriations list. One-time \$ for youth and maintaining current services. 6 years since we had an increase. One time funding for 4 years which turned into ongoing. New initiative # keep increasing. Haven't had capacity – funding for dedicated staff starting in June this year. On pace to serve 3500 youth if stay on same path. Just talked to chairs to see if they can work for next year's budget.  Details \$750,000 ongoing. \$125,000 per center. If we can get the funding without it hurting the waiting list. Have funding for next year but it is ongoing years concerned about.</p>		

There will be no meeting Monday 17<sup>th</sup> due to the Holiday.  
Kelsey moved to adjourn the meeting  
Janet Wade Seconded, No Abstentions, No Nays Motion Passed.

