

LCPD Meeting 02/03/14

Attendees: Sign in sheet available upon request

Kris Fawson called the meeting to order and for introductions from those in attendance.

Announcements

- LCPD reception with Legislators this Thursday, February 6, 2014, Capitol Rotunda 4:00-5:45 pm. Please RSVP here today or take a flyer and email your RSVP.
- People First of Utah “Valentine Pancake Breakfast” for siblings. Saturday, February 8th from 8:00-10:30am. Located at 569 S 1300 E, contact Kelly (435) 650-0321 or Mandy (801) 556-7210 for more information.

Legislative Updates

Social Service Appropriations (SSA) : Russ Thelin, Director Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR) – The first week the committee has held true to reviewing the base budget in great detail and asking good questions, seeking insight into agencies and how they work and education on how programs work as well. He explained the situation USOR is in, with a structural imbalance and how the order of selection “waiting list” would be structured if additional funding is not appropriated this year. And also, highlighted the building block requests for this year all on-going requests, \$1.66M Vocational Rehabilitation - \$250K for Independent Living - \$500K Assistive Technology through Independent Living and \$81K Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, primarily for Southern Utah consumers.

SSA has met for six hours each day, for the last 5 days. So far they have been strictly looking at base budgets with no talk of building block requests. Public comment has been scheduled for each meeting both in the morning and in the afternoon, with additional testimony scheduled this afternoon from 2:00pm-5:00pm.

Public Education Appropriations: Jan Ferre has been attending all Public Education Appropriation meetings thus far, though they have not held as many meetings as SSA, have also only reviewing the base budget, and have not allowed for public comment.

Kris Fawson reported, overall the direction from the Executive Appropriations Committee (EAC) to other appropriation subcommittees is to find “soft dollars” funds that may be re-allocated, resulting in all agencies sitting with a little less in their base budgets.

Higher Education Appropriations: Louis Fazio, when he is available is attending the Higher Ed Appropriation committees in person, and listening online when he is unable to make it up to the Capitol. Thus far there has been a lot of talk about UCAT, feeling from the committee chairs to look at prioritizing UCAT more. This week the committee will hear from University Presidents.

Bills

(Please find the LCPD tracking sheet separate from the minutes, if you have further questions please contact Brooke for more details)

Original tracking sheet 02-03-2014:

HB0094 - Worker's Compensation and Home and Community Based Services - Motion to Follow - made by Nita Smith 2nd by Jodi Hansen

HB0264 - Disabled Parking Fine Amendments - Motion to Support - made by Louis Fazio 2nd by Donna McCormick

SB110 - Guardianship Costs for Parents of Disabled Adult Child - Motion to Follow - made by Jodi Hansen 2nd by Donna McCormick

In addition:

Base budget bills SB01 - SB08 and HB01 - Motion to Follow - made by Louis Fazio 2nd by Colin Coker

HB88 - Bill by Rep. Menlove changing language in autism waiver - Motion to follow - made by Cheryl Smith 2nd by Colin Coker

SB104 - by Sen. Osmond - Expand U of U Reading Clinic - Motion to Support - made by Jan Ferre 2nd by Louis Fazio

Future meetings during the 2014 General Session of the Legislature: All meetings will be held from ***12:30-1:45 pm in the Beehive Room.***

- Monday, February 10th
- **NO MEETING, Monday February 17th**
- Monday, February 24th
- Monday, March 3rd
- Monday, March 10th