

Draft Minutes

Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee Meeting
May 9, 2016

Members Present

Senator Stan Bingham
Senator Valerie Foushee
Senator Fletcher Hartsell, Chair
Senator Ralph Hise
Senator Tom McInnis
Senator Louis Pate
Senator Joyce Waddell

Representative Becky Carney
Representative Ted Davis
Representative Nelson Dollar
Representative Craig Horn, Chair
Representative Pat Hurley
Representative Jason Saine
Representative Rena Turner

Advisory Members

Senator Rick Gunn
Senator Joyce Krawiec

Call to Order

Representative Craig Horn, Chair, called the meeting to order.
Representative Horn called for a vote to approve the April 11, 2016 Minutes. Motion carried.

Presentations and Comments

Chairman Horn recognized State Auditor Beth Wood to make two presentations:

- (1) 2014 Performance Audit Report – **Department of Health and Human Services Division of Medical Assistance-Medicaid Provider Eligibility**. This report disclosed deficiencies in internal control that are considered reportable under Government Auditing Standards. Chairman Horn recognized Dave Richard, Deputy Secretary for Medical Assistance, for DHHS response. Mr. Richard reported that DHHS has already taken action on findings and approves of recommendations. Representative Hurley asked if there were penalties in the contracts for provider enrollment. Mr. Richard said that he would follow up and provide the information requested.
- (2) Status of Audit required by S.L. 2017-7, Section 12€, 11.5(a)-(c) on accuracy in determining Medicaid eligibility.

Chairman Horn recognized Senator Hartsell, who presented information from the National Conference on State Legislatures regarding how legislators are reimbursed for travel expenses. He also presented a bill draft for introduction that would increase legislator subsistence and travel allowances to match 2015 IRS rates as recommended by the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee. Senator Hartsell made a motion to approve the draft legislation for introduction. Motion carried.

Representative Horn recognized Jennifer Hillman, Legislative Analysis, who explained the Medicaid Eligibility Timeliness bill, which implements PED recommendations to improve timeliness

of county eligibility determinations. Senator Hise made a motion to have this draft bill introduced for legislation. He also said that he would sponsor the bill. Motion carried.

Representative Hors introduced Erika Churchill, Legislative Analysis, who explained the Economic Development Tiers draft bill. This bill was a recommendation from the JLPEOC Subcommittee chaired by Representative Ted Davis, which makes changes to Commerce's economic index and creates a temporary commission that includes representation from the most distressed areas within counties to develop a new system to replace the tiers and establish strategies for improving local economic development. Representative Davis made a motion to have the draft bill introduced for legislation. Motion carried.

Adjournment

With no further business, the committee adjourned to meet again June 13, 2016.

Senate Chair, Senator Fletcher Hartsell

House Chair, Representative Craig Horn