

MINUTES  
**JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, January 27, 2020

**TIME:** 8:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room C310

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Senators Co-chairman Bair, Johnson, Lee, Agenbroad, Crabtree, Grow, Burtenshaw, Woodward, Ward-Engelking, and Nye.

Representatives Co-chairman Youngblood, Horman, Anderson, Amador, Kauffman, Raybould, Syme, Troy, Wintrow, and Toone.

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**CONVENED:** **Chairman Bair** called the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (Committee) to order at 8:00 a.m.

**AGENCY PRESENTATION:** **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, (Department) Dave**

**Jeppesen, Director  
Jared Tatro, LSO Analyst**

The mission of the Department of Health and Welfare, guided by its strategic plan, encompasses three major goals: (1) Transform Idaho's healthcare delivery system to promote healthier Idahoans while increasing healthcare quality and reducing costs; (2) Protect children, youth, and vulnerable adults; (3) Promote stable and healthy individuals, families and populations through medical coverage, program access, support services, and policy. A fourth goal, newly added, is to strengthen the public's confidence in the Department of Health and Welfare.

To reach these goals, the Department focus on six measures:

- (1) Control Medicaid costs by financially rewarding providers and organizations that deliver measurably better care to participants;
- (2) Improve the children's mental health system in Idaho for children with serious emotional and behavioral disorders;
- (3) Ensure children who have experience abuse or neglect have safe, permanent homes;
- (4) Reduce suicide attempts and deaths in Idaho by collaborating with multi-sector stakeholders;
- (5) Provide job training and education to low-income adults receiving state assistance to help them gain stable, full-time employment and eventually move to self-sufficiency; and
- (6) Update "Live Better Idaho" website.

**Director Jeppesen** answered questions from the Committee.

Organization: The Department operates with 2,917.1 FTPs with 4.6 percent in vacancies which is just below normal for the Department. They request an additional 55.33 FTPs, with the largest growth coming from the addition of the State Hospital West in Nampa for a children's units. The department is comprised of 13 divisions and 27 programs, which include the Independent Councils on Domestic Violence, and Developmental Disabilities. Each division will present their budgets separately.

Comparative Summary: Summary illustrates a side-by-side analysis of the agency's request and the governor's recommendation. The Department requested an FY 2021 total appropriation of \$3,718,374,500, an 8.7 percent increase. The governor recommended \$3,692,983,200, an 8 percent increase. See [Audio](#), [Handout](#), and [Presentation](#).

**AGENCY** **INDIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES (ISS), Lisa Hettinger, Deputy Director**

**PRESENTATION: Jared Tatro, LSO Analyst**

ISS provides central service functions of the Department of Health and Welfare (Department). Six teams and 300.6 FTPs provide management services, information technology, human resources, communication rules coordination, and support to the Director's office.

FY 2019 Expenditures: **Mr. Tatro** detailed the accounting process and resultant transfers and reversions.

FY 2020: The legislature appropriated \$48,584,400 which included one line item for workplace safety improvements such as personal G.P.S. emergency call devices for community workers, and building improvements for office workers. **Deputy Director Hettinger** reported that ISS is on track to spend all of this onetime appropriation. Employees report feeling safer.

FY 2021: ISS requested funds, split between the General Fund and federal funds, to replace IT network switches throughout the department. The governor recommended this request. ISS also requested \$702,000 for a regional office relocation in Coeur d'Alene. Their current lease will expire April 30, 2021. The request would fund 12 months, plus transitional costs for moving. The governor recommended \$147,600, or three months of funding.

FY 2021 Total Appropriation: ISS requested a total appropriation of \$48,983,300, an 0.8 percent increase. The governor recommended \$47,578,000, a 2.1 percent decrease.

**Deputy Director Hettinger** answered questions from the Committee. Mr. Tatro discussed legislative intent language included with each Health and Welfare Division. See [Audio](#) and [Presentation](#).

**AGENCY** **DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES (DPHS), Elke Shaw-Tulloch,**

**PRESENTATION: Division Administrator**

**Jared Tatro, LSO Analyst**

DPHS includes four budgeted programs: physical health services, emergency medical services, laboratory services, and suicide prevention and awareness. DPHS serves all populations in Idaho regardless of age, resources, or location. Its programs and services promote healthy lifestyles and prevention activities while also monitoring for disease and health risks.

Organization: DPHS received 57 percent of its budget from federal funding, 36 percent from dedicated funds and receipts, and 7 percent from the General Fund.

FY 2019 Actual Expenditures: **Mr. Tatro** detailed the division's transfers and reversions.

FY 2020: Four line items were funded in FY 2020 including suicide prevention infrastructure, cancer data registry, tuberculosis program; and a fund shift from the General Fund to dedicated funds to offset costs related to Medicaid expansion.

FY 2021 Line Items: DPHS requested two line items: (1) the dissolution of the Health Care Policy Initiates Program and a transfer of appropriated FTP and moneys to the Physical Health Services Program; and (2) ongoing General Funds for the home visitation program. The governor recommended these line items, with modification. The governor also recommended additional General Funds for development of an advanced care planning registry program.

**Administrator Shaw-Tulloch**, and **Sara Stover**, Department of Financial Management, Office of the Governor, answered numerous questions from the Committee. **Mr. Tatro** discussed legislative intent language related to DPHS.

FY 2021 Total Appropriation: DPHS requested a total appropriation of \$128,141,800, a 3.1 per increase. The Governor recommended \$126,975,800, a 2.1 percent increase. See [Audio](#) and [Presentation](#).

**AGENCY PRESENTATION: DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE POLICY INITIATIVES, Elke Shaw-Tulloch, Division Administrator Jared Tatro, LSO Analyst.**

This division was established in 2015, primarily for the State Health Care Innovation Plan and other statewide health policy initiatives which were focused on improving Idaho's health care system.

FY 2020: The appropriation for FY 2020 was \$1.1 million, which was a 90 percent reduction from prior years because of the removal of the SHIP grant.

FY 2021: The Department of Health and Welfare requests this division be dissolved, and all FTP and funding be transferred to the Public Health Services Division. This division has 2.0 FTP. These FTP currently report to a manager in the Physical Health Services Program. The governor recommends this dissolution and transfer. See [Audio](#) and [Presentation](#).

**AGENCY PRESENTATION: DIVISION OF LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION, Tamara Prisock, Division Administrator Jarad Tatro, LSO Analyst**

The division ensures that Idaho health care entities comply with federal and state statutes and rules. It licenses and certifies 18 different types of facilities and provides oversight to health care and residential facilities across the state. Its work involves inspection of health care facilities that require a state license or certificate to operate. In addition, it serves as a contractor for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to conduct surveys for federal certification for those facilities that receive Medicare or Medicaid funding.

FY 2019 Actual Expenditures: **Mr. Tatro** detailed the difference from a total appropriation and the variance table, which is consistently a positive number for this division. Monies transferred from personal costs to operating expenditures resulted when FTPs were unfilled and the division contracted out to complete the work.

FY 2020: The legislature funded one new FTP for an additional long-term care staff member.

**Administrator Prisock** answered questions from the committee. **Mr. Tatro** discussed legislative language and reporting.

FY 2021: The division requested a total appropriation of \$7,769,900, a 2.7 percent increase. The governor recommended \$7,611,000, a 0.6 percent increase. See [Audio](#) and [Presentation](#).

**ADJOURNED:** Having no further business before the Committee, **Chairman Bair** adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

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Senator Bair  
Chair

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Elaine Leedy  
Secretary