

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, March 08, 2018

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Packer, Representatives Perry, Vander Woude, Redman, Blanksma, Hanks, Kingsley, Zollinger, Wagoner, Chew, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Vander Woude

GUESTS: Tracey Sessions and Dave Taylor, DHW; Art Evans, Medicaid; Christine Pisani and Toni Brinegar, Idaho DD Council; Randall Hudspeth, PhDRN, IALN; Sandy Evans and Susan Odom, Board Nursing; Michael McGrane, Idaho Nurses Assoc./Nurse Leaders; Sara Stover, DFM; Jim Baugh, DRI

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2018, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

S 1321: **Sen. Lee Heider**, District 24, presented **S 1321**. This legislation changes the five-year 1,000 hours annual practice requirement to a five-year total practice requirement of 3,500 hours. This allows a dentist to take time away from their practice during any given year within the five-year time frame.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to send **S 1321** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Chairman Wood** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1235: **Sandy Evans**, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, presented **S 1235**. The Board member academic degree requirement is updated to address the multiple educational pathways now available. This change opens the opportunity for all licensed nurses to participate in the Board.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Packer** made a motion to send **S 1235** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Michael McGrane, Nurse, Idaho Nurses Association, Nurse Leaders of Idaho, testified in support of **S 1235**. This will correct Board membership lapses.

For the record, no one else indicated their desire to testify.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Wagoner** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST: **Chairman Wood** made a unanimous consent request to hear **SCR 140** after the Community NOW! Report. There being no objection, the request was granted.

Christine Pisani, Executive Director, Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD), presented the Community Now! Report - Service and Support Recommendations. People with DD and their families lead the work of Community NOW!.

Cynthia Yee-Wallace, Idaho Attorney General's Office, Civil Litigation Division, described the K.W. vs. Armstrong lawsuit, the class action case, and the 91-page court approved settlement agreement. The Department of Health and Welfare (DHW), the DD council, and other partners have formed the Community NOW! program to build a better and collaborative service system.

Arthur Evans, Bureau Chief, DD Services, Division of Medicaid, DHW, said the collaboration has a 60-plus member core group. Three work groups (home, community, and work) have held seventeen meetings. A statewide listening tour covered seven DHW regions with 14 stops. Over 2,000 hours have been spent engaging in the Community NOW! process.

There are three recommendation categories: person-centered planning (PCP); meaningful community access and supports; and quality assurance. Each recommendation comes from experiences shared by adults with intellectual / development disabilities (I/DD) and their families. Other issues include financial limitations, guardianship, housing, transport, other Medicaid benefits, and post-secondary education.

The PCP is being developed along with the service array in a continuing collaborative process. A Quality Assurance Committee will provide feedback on the changes. Legislation is expected for the 2019 session for the service array and PCP model.

In closing, **Ms. Pisani** stated the PCP provides the foundation to achieve community connections and remove whole Medicaid dependence by expanding their relationships.

SCR 140:

Rep. Neil Anderson, District 31, presented **SCR 140** to authorize the DHW and the State Building Authority to finance a new skilled nursing facility at the Idaho State Hospital South (SHS) campus. The current building, built in 1938, houses court-committed patients for long-term care. Because 20% of the residents are veterans, the federal government will participate in the project at a rate 79 cents per dollar. The total cost will be \$35M, including the federal funds.

Answering questions, **Rep. Anderson** said the new building will be one story. 33 rooms are planned with a capacity of 59 patients. The Permanent Building Fund does not have this level of funding available and would preclude federal funds.

MOTION:

Vice Chairman Packer made a motion to send **SCR 140** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Sara Stover, Financial Management Analyst, Health and Human Services, Executive Office of the Governor, testified **in support of SCR 140**. The Governor's Office supports this resolution, although timing issues did not allow its inclusion in the Governor's budget request.

For the record, no one else indicated their desire to testify.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Anderson will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary