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Legislative Audit Committee

March 8, 2022

Minutes

The Legislative Audit Committee (LAC) convened a hearing on March 8, 2022, at 7:30 a.m. in the Colorado State Capitol, Old Supreme Court Chambers. Senator Jim Smallwood called the meeting to order. Roll was called with the following members present:

Committee Members

Representative Rod Bockenfeld, Senator Julie Gonzales, Representative Cathy Kipp, Representative Colin Larson (arrived 7:37 a.m.), Representative Dylan Roberts, Senator Rob Woodward, Senator Robert Rodriguez (Vice Chair), Senator Jim Smallwood (Chair)

The following Office of the State Auditor (OSA) staff and others attended:

OSA

Kerri L. Hunter, State Auditor; Michelle Colin, Deputy State Auditor; Matt Devlin, Deputy State Auditor; Jenny Atchley

Other Attendees

Department of Education

Alyssa Pearson, Deputy Commissioner

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Minna Castillo Cohen, Director, Office of Children, Youth and Families

Governor's Office of Information Technology

Julia Richman, Deputy Executive Director

William Chumley, Chief Customer Officer and Interim Chief Information Security Officer

RubinBrown LLP

Rob Rudloff, Partner

Micah Wenz, Manager

7:30 a.m.

Office of Information Technology, Information Technology Service Management, Performance Evaluation, February 2022

Senator Rodriguez made a motion to release the *Office of Information Technology, Information Technology Service Management, Performance Evaluation, February 2022*. Representative Bockenfeld seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Devlin introduced self, staff, and contractor.

Eide Bailley LLP staff presented an overview of the report.

Recommendation 1 was reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by the Governor's Office of Information Technology (OIT).

Ms. Richman (*Governor's Office of Information Technology*) introduced self and staff.

Discussion ensued regarding strategies and challenges in addressing issues outlined in the heat map, employee recruiting, and prior audit recommendations.

Recommendations 2 – 4 were reviewed, discussed, and agreed to by OIT.

8:09 a.m.

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Senator Rodriguez made a motion to approve the February 22, 2022, LAC hearing minutes. Representative Kipp seconded the motion, and the motion passed 7 – 0, with one abstention.

8:10 a.m.

Audit Request

Behavioral Health Care Services

Ms. Colin presented an overview of the OSA research regarding two possible options for an audit request of the *Behavioral Health Care Services*.

Discussion ensued regarding the time frame and potential costs regarding option 2 – an audit of the Department of Human Services and Department of Health Care Policy & Financing, as well as the community mental health centers (CMHC) and regional accountable entities (RAE) – which would require legislation to provide the State Auditor with authority to audit the CMHCs and RAEs.

Senator Rodriguez made a motion to move forward with option 2 for the audit request. Representative Larson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously. The results were as follows:

Representative Bockenfeld – Yes

Senator Gonzales – Yes

Representative Kipp – Yes

Representative Larson – Yes

Representative Roberts - Yes

Senator Woodward – Yes

Senator Rodriguez - Yes

Senator Smallwood – Yes

8:19 a.m.

Legislation Discussion

Behavioral Health Care Services

Ms. Colin presented an overview of a request for proposed legislation related to an audit of the community mental health centers and the regional accountable entities that provide or coordinate Behavioral Health Care Services.

Senator Gonzales made a motion to request a bill draft. Senator Rodriguez seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously. The results were as follows:

Representative Bockenfeld – Yes

Senator Gonzales – Yes

Representative Kipp – Yes

Representative Larson – Yes

Representative Roberts - Yes

Senator Woodward – Yes

Senator Rodriguez - Yes

Senator Smallwood – Yes

Foster Care Student Education

Ms. Colin introduced staff.

Ms. Atchley presented a summary of the audit finding and recommendations related to the proposed legislation.

Ms. Pearson (*Department of Education*) and Ms. Castillo Cohen (*Department of Human Services*) were introduced.

Discussion ensued regarding data collection and analysis, and costs related to the potential legislation.

Senator Rodriguez made a motion requesting staff work with Legislative Legal Services to prepare a bill draft. Representative Kipp seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously. The results were as follows:

Representative Bockenfeld – Yes

Senator Gonzales – Yes

Representative Kipp – Yes

Representative Larson – Yes

Representative Roberts - Yes

Senator Woodward – Yes

Senator Rodriguez - Yes

Senator Smallwood – Yes

8:42 a.m.

Proposed 2022 LAC Interim Calendar

The Committee was asked to review the Proposed 2022 LAC Interim Calendar and submit any changes prior to the March 22, 2022, LAC hearing.

Hearing adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Minutes submitted by:

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