2016 Legislative Session Review

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Utah Department of Health
• Office of the Medical Examiner: $1.1 million (ongoing)
• Abstinence Education and PREP: $215,000 (ongoing, federal)
• Hemp Extract Research: $20,000 (ongoing)
• Donated Dental Services: $55,000 (ongoing)
Budget Items

- **Primary Care Grants:**
  $1.5 million (half ongoing, half one-time)

- **Baby Watch Early Intervention:**
  $1.5 million (one-time)

- **Radon Education:**
  $150,000 (one-time)

- **Opioid Bills:**
  $500,000 (one-time)
Budget Items

- Parkinson’s Registry
  $200,000 (one-time)
- Home Visiting Program
  $3 million (one-time, federal)
Budget Items - Medicaid

- Medicaid Adult Dental Services: $1.7 million (one-time, state & federal)
- Partial Medicaid Expansion: $43.6 million (ongoing + one-time, state & fed)
- Medically Complex Children’s Waiver: $3.3 million (one-time, state & federal)
- Medicaid Outreach: $50,000 (one-time, state & federal)
Opioid Abuse and Misuse

Opiate Overdose Response Act

HB 192 – Pilot Program (McKell)
Access to naloxone for individuals at risk of experiencing an opiate related overdose

HB 238 – Overdose Outreach Providers & Amendments (Moss)
Removes liability for providers who furnish opiate antagonists

HB 240 – Standing Orders & Other Amendments (Eliason)
Authorizes use of standing Rx drug orders to dispense naloxone
HB 239 – Access to Opioid Rx Information (McKell)
Directs DOPL to create an interface that accesses the Controlled Substance Database through an Electronic Health Record

HB 308 – Disease Prevention & Subs. Abuse Reduction (Eliason)
Authorizes operation of a needle exchange and establishes criteria for the exchange to meet

Controlled Substance Database:
HB 114 – Controlled Substance Reporting (Ward)
Hospitalizations and DUls involving a controlled substance must be reported to the CSD.

HB 149 – Reporting Deaths Involving Controlled Substance (Daw)
CSD report to practitioners when a controlled substance they prescribed may have contributed to a death.
HB 58 – Hemp Extract Amendments (Froerer)
Extends the current hemp extract program through 2021, provides funding for research

SB 73 – Medical Cannabis Act (Madsen), Did Not Pass
Would have provided individuals with certain conditions “whole plant” access

SB 89 – Cannabidiol Amendments (Vickers), Did Not Pass
Would have expanded existing hemp extract program to cover additional conditions, would have allowed for in-state production and sales, was amended to include whole-plant access for patients with terminal illnesses
Several bills, ranging from a full Medicaid expansion to a waiver request to cover limited populations, were considered but rejected.

**HB 437 – Health Care Revisions (Dunnigan)**

- Partial expansion to approximately 16,000 people. Prioritizes the chronically homeless and those being released from incarceration with behavioral health needs.
- Requires a waiver.
- Funded through PDL savings, a hospital assessment, and some general fund.
HB 247 – Medicaid Vision Amendments
Directs the Department to issue an RFP for vision services for current Medicaid population.

SB 32 – Reauthorization of Hospital Provider Assessment
Critical for funding current Medicaid program and services.

SB 39 – Medicaid Adult Dental Services
Requires the Department to seek a waiver to provide dental services to eligible adults with disabilities. Bill was amended to delay services until 2017 to determine whether sufficient funding will be available.
HB 221 – Immunization of Students (Moss), Did Not Pass

- Originally required parents seeking an immunization exemption to receive on-line education on “how to protect your child during a disease outbreak.”

- Bill was substituted several times, ultimately to allow exemptions to be completed on-line, to prevent LHDs from charging fees, and to remove the tie to the Weighted Pupil Unit funding mechanism for schools.

- Bill did not pass, but issue will likely return
HB 440 – Suicide Prevention and Gun Data Study (King)
Bill requires the State Suicide Prevention Coordinator at DHS to conduct a study on violent incidents that involve a gun.

SB 43 – Firearm Safety and Violence Prevention in Public Schools (Weiller)
Creates a pilot program to provide instruction to 8th graders in public schools on firearm safety and violence prevention. Directs the Attorney General and State Board of Education to establish the curriculum.
Other Bills

Tobacco and E-cigarettes:
Bills to increase the age limit for purchasing tobacco, and an e-cigarette tax failed to pass.

Midwives:
- Unlicensed direct entry midwives must obtain written informed consent from patients prior to providing treatment.
- UDOH now restricted from requiring hospital transfer agreements.

Disease Outbreaks:
- Food Freedom Act failed to pass.
- Raw milk producers may also sell pasteurized milk.
Compensation and Benefits

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Thanks, and see you again in 291 days!