

Women's State Legislative Council of Utah
General Session
Spruce Room, Senate Office Building
February 12, 2014

Attendance

47 Members

1 Guest

Call to Order

Kari Malkovich called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and welcomed those in attendance. She also thanked Past President Sylvia Rickard for providing the council with Valentine cookies as a treat.

Inspirational Thought

Luella Ash

Pledge

Pat Sorensen

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved with corrections

Treasurer's Report

Shannon Jacobs reported a checking account balance February 5 of \$3,162.48
Total income included dues and a badge replacement for \$108.00 with expenses of \$308.18 leaving a balance on February 12, 2014 of \$2,962.30
Zion's Gold Money Market Account had a balance of \$13,935.40

Membership Report

Shauna Scott-Bellacomo reported a total membership of 85 members.

Sessions under the direction of Health and Human Services Committee
Kitty Kaplan, Director

Session 1: S.B. 12 Age Limit for Tobacco and Related Products

Kevin E Nelson M.D. PhD.M.S.C.I. providing charts showing children's ages using tobacco starting at 12 and 13, at which time they are addicted to cigarettes. And why lowering the age limit to purchase tobacco was so important. He also discussed E cigarettes and their danger.

Representative Tim Cosgrove, Minority Whip, and also employed as the Child Advocate Director, Primary Children's Hospital spoke about not Lowering the age to 19, and citing responsibilities of 18 year olds who can vote, be drafted, and serve as members of the armed forces.

Session II. Medicaid Expansion

Representative Marie Poulson (D) District 46 spoke on the people without qualifying insurance who needed the help the Medicaid expansion would provide. She also answered questions on the limitations when expecting charity to pay for health care, citing that while charities may be counted on for a first doctor visit, there are no funds for subsequent surgery, radiation, chemo, medications, etc.

Derek Monson, Directory of Policy, Sutherland Institute spoke on negative costs from Medicaid Expansion.

Raylee Curtis, Medicaid Policy Analyst spoke on the Medicaid Expansion with illustrated charts showing the savings over several years which better care now would ensure.

Senator Allen Christensen ® District 19, spoke against the Medicaid Expansion citing government contributions to the program were dubious.

New Business

Bylaw Amendments

Article V

Motion was made to amend the bylaw for Article V, Section 1-b) by inserting the words “Co-chairs of legislative committees be allowed voting privileges after the words public relations chair, and in Article V, Section 1-c) strike the words co-chairs of all committees.

Motion passed.

New Business

None

Adjourn

Jean Davies
Recording Secretary