

Working Group to Study Payments by Insurance Companies

into the Insurance Fund

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

10:00AM in Room 1D and via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 10:05AM by Sen. Osten C. 19. The following working group members were present:

Members: Sen. Osten C. 19, Susan Halpin, Wyatt Bosworth, Eric George, Rep. Walker T. 093, Jane Callahan, Jim Carson, Nuccio T. 053., Hwang T. 28

Absent were: Sen. Cabrera J.17  
Rep. Wood K. 029

Sen. Osten C. 19 shared how she has worked with Rep. Walker T. 093 to update the Insurance Fund to improve it. They were seeing an increase in appropriations and wanted to make sure it was financially feasible, and to see if any of the allocations should be placed in the General Fund. Hopes to be cognizant of what is included in the Insurance Fund. Sen. Osten C. 19 opens the floor to a questions and comments on the Payments on the Insurance Fund and the OLR Report on the History of the Insurance Fund.

Nuccio T. 053 shared that she thinks we need to reevaluate what belongs in the in the Insurance Fund.

Susan Halpin shared that echoes Nuccio T. 053 comments and pulls out the line item of immunization services and said it's a large burden on the health insurers.

Eric George shared concerns as to where the Insurance Fund has gone over the last 30 years and thinks that line items for public good should be supported by the General Fund.

Wyatt Bosworth would like to explore the agencies that are using the Insurance Fund Assessment Revenue and if there are statutory connections to these assessments being spent by those agencies.

Jane Callahan followed up on Wyatt's comments and said that they couldn't find statutory connections to DOH and DMHAS.

Osten C. 19 wanted to see if this was related to when HR was consolidated. She also circled back to the immunization component of the Insurance Fund. A discussion on the immunization component was held between Susan, C. Osten 19 and Jane Callahan.

Walker T. 093 shared comments on why it's important for costs to be evaluated, particularly DMHAS being supported by the assessments. She also shared that she wants to OHS assessment support to be evaluated. A conversation between Osten C. 19 and Walker T. 093 followed.

Nuccio T. 053 echoed comments from Walker T. 093 and shared comments of her own. Walker T. 093 said she would like the inventory on immunization for the last five years.

Eric George made comments about the legislature having full control on where these funds go.

Osten C. 19 asked a few questions to CID. A discussion followed between Working Group members.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 AM.

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