

The CFAC meeting was held to discuss three different proposals, one from the Department of Juvenile Corrections, one from the Idaho Food Bank, and one from the Department of Health & Welfare to support long-term care facilities.

Chairman Adams called the meeting to order at 2:01pm with Matt Newton and Chantel Greene absent. Matt Newton had an excused absence.

Monte Prow began the meeting with the Department of Juvenile Corrections request. This proposal totaled \$2.57 million to help replace a 24-bed dormitory style living unit with a 24-bed single room style living unit. This update will allow juveniles properly quarantine and socially distance in the facility in the instance that one of them contracts COVID-19. In responding to questions, Prow noted that the facility will be completed and usable prior to the December 30th deadline to use funds. Prow also noted outbreaks in other juvenile corrections facilities across the US and findings from the Eastern Idaho Public Health District visit and inspection that noted a need to change the facility in order to improve COVID mitigation and response. Prow noted that the department explored more temporary solutions but provided several reasons why this was the most viable approach given the agency's public safety mission. Prow noted that no feedback was received from the germane legislative committee chairs. Tom Kealey moved to support the proposal as presented, seconded by Representative Wintrow. Joshua Whitworth voted Aye and commented that it was essential to help protect these vulnerable populations and noted that the responses provided to questions established alignment with CARES Act criteria. The motion passed unanimously.

The next proposal was presented by Representative Wintrow, along with Karen Vauk, for the Idaho Food Bank for their request for \$2.56 million. This would help fill the gap the Idaho Food Bank had been experiencing that was recently created by COVID-19, as they have seen a large drop off in donations – this money would ensure their ability to buy food for the families they support through the end of the calendar year. Representative Wintrow noted that no feedback was received from the germane legislative committee chairs. Shawn Keough moved to support the proposal, seconded by Representative Youngblood. The motion passed unanimously.

Lastly, Lisa Hettinger, along with Tamera Prisock, presented the proposal from the Department of Health and Welfare to provide additional funding for long-term care facilities in Idaho given the significant challenges they face in caring for patients with COVID-19. This proposal totaled \$10 million and set aside money to create a dedicated wing/unit to help quarantine residents who contract COVID-19. Alongside this the funding will be used to help with increased costs related to caring for residents who have tested positive for COVID-19. Lastly, the money will be used to help with costs of travel from normal to quarantine facilities for residents. Hettinger noted this funding is in addition to the \$13 million previously approved for testing in these facilities, along with other state and federal assistance. In responding to questions, Hettinger and Prisock noted that this is not to cover the state's Medicaid cost share and these are separate expenses. Representative Wintrow moved to support the proposal as presented, seconded by Shawn Keough. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Adams adjourned the meeting with the intention to meet again in two weeks on more upcoming proposals.