MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
53rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JOHN COBB**, on February 4, 1993, at 3:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:
Rep. John Cobb, Chair (R)
Sen. Mignon Waterman, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Chris Christiaens (D)
Rep. Betty Lou Kasten (R)
Sen. Tom Keating (R)
Rep. David Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: 0

Members Absent: 0

Staff Present: Lisa Smith, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Connie Huckins, Office of Budget & Program Planning
John Huth, Office of Budget & Program Planning
Billie Jean Hill, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:
Hearing: DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES
Executive Action: NONE

HEARING ON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

Tape No. 1:Side 1

CHAIRMAN COBB AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE invited the group to testify on AFDC/General Assistance, Project Work program, Child Support Enforcement program and all other programs of concern to the group. **CHAIRMAN COBB** instructed the group to state their names and the program they wished to address.

The following individuals addressed the committee on the programs listed.

Ms. Melissa Riddeck, AFDC

Ms. Jamie Rogers, AFDC

Ms. Anita Hansen, AFDC, Project Work program

Ms. Katie Conway, Child Support Enforcement, AFDC

Ms. Leslie Cutfinger, AFDC, LIEAP

Ms. Nicolette Hubber, AFDC

Ms. Bobbie Floerchinger, AFDC, Child Support Enforcement

Ms. Karil Hinkel, AFDC

Ms. Kate Mrgdick, Montana Council of Families

Ms. Rochelle Cancilla, AFDC

Ms. Lee Ann Jordan, AFDC, Child Support Enforcement

Mr. George Shandly, assumed counties **EXHIBITS 1 AND 2**

Ms. Oma Hutchinson, PWP, State Medical program, Vocational Rehabilitation program. **EXHIBIT 3**

Mr. Mike Franklin, PWP

Mr. Billy Stump, PWP

Mr. Craig Young, PWP **EXHIBIT 4**

Ms. Shannon Frishkorn, PWP

Mr. Ron Garbarino, PWP

Ms. Julie Chriske, PWP

Mr. Chester Kinsey, PWP

Ms. Sue Mohr, Executive Secretary, JTPA

Ms. Laura Rose, PWP

Mr. Jack Zink, Director, AFL-CIO

Mr. Dan Shea, Montana State Low-income Coalition

Ms. Judy Smith, WORD

Ms. Joan Davies, County Welfare Director in Bozeman

Ms. Linda Grief, Youth Employment Programs **EXHIBIT 5**

Ms. Bobbie Sue Carothers, PWP **EXHIBIT 6**

Ms. Val Brown and family, AFDC, PWP, LIEAP **EXHIBIT 7**

Mr. Timothy Haley, GA **EXHIBIT 8**

Ms. Cristina Medina, PWP **EXHIBIT 9**

Ms. Paulette Lukenbill, PWP **EXHIBIT 10**

Mr. Sydney Hanson, PWP, GA **EXHIBIT 11**

Ms. Kay Hosmer, PWP, GA **EXHIBIT 12**

Ms. Cindy Owens, GA, Food Stamps **EXHIBIT 13**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P:M

JOHN COBB, Chairman

BILLIE JEAN HILL, Secretary

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HUMAN SERVICES **SUB-COMMITTEE** PM

ROLL CALL **DATE** 1-4-93

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
REP. JOHN COBB, CHAIRMAN	✓		
SEN. MIGNON WATERMAN, VICE CHAIR	✓		
SEN. CHRIS CHRISTIAENS	✓		
SEN. TOM KEATING	✓		
REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN	✓		
REP. DAVID WANZENRIED	✓		

EXHIBIT 1
DATE 2-4-93
SB

DEER LODGE COUNTY OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES

LEGISLATIVE COUNTY ASSUMPTION PROPOSAL

FEBRUARY 1993

OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	COUNTY %	COUNTY SHARE
SALARIES/BENEFITS	$ 240,166	60%	$ 144,100
OPERATING EXPENSE	$ 48,396	50%	$ 24,198
AFDC PROGRAM	$ 837,917	7%	$ 58,654
EMERGENCY AFDC	$ 6,900	50%	$ 3,450
GENERAL RELIEF	$ 78,514	100%	$ 78,514
STATE MEDICAL	$ 147,427	100%	$ 147,427
BURIAL ASSISTANCE	$ 11,173	100%	$ 11,173
INTERSTATE TRANSIENT RELIEF	$ 281	100%	$ 281
TOTAL COUNTY ASSUMPTION EXPENDITURES =			$ 467,850

$467,850 ÷ $8,745 PER MILL LEVY = 53.49 MILLS

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$467,850
GENERAL RELIEF	- 78,514
STATE MEDICAL	-147,427
BURIALS	- 11,173
TRANSIENT ASSISTANCE	- 281
	$230,455 ÷ $8,745 PER MILL LEVY = 26.35 MILLS

Note: These costs do not include the Department of Family Services which is estimated at a cost of $90,000

$90,000 ÷ $8,745 PER MILL LEVY = 10.29 MILLS

TOTAL DEER LODGE COUNTY = 63.78 MILLS

CASCADE COUNTY - POOR FUND
ESTIMATED BUDGET - DE-ASSUMPTION

	Total Exp	Co. Share	Mills Required (Incl. TID)	Mills Required (Without TID)
			6.0519	6.3186
PERSONNEL SERVICES				
Salaries & Benefits	$1,095,350.88	580,535	0.0277	0.0289
Travel	$5,017.00	$2,659.01	0.0000	0.0000
			0.0000	0.0000
BENEFITS			2.9375	3.1166
AFDC	$4,405,236.00	$286,340.00	6.0096	6.2693
General Assistance	$576,000.00	$576,000.00	15.6499	16.3262
State Medical	$1,500,000.00	$1,500,000.00	0.1756	0.1832
County Burial	$16,830.00	$16,830.00	0.1043	0.1088
EmAFDC	$20,000.00	$10,000.00	0.0000	0.0000
			0.0000	0.0000
CONTRACT SERVICES			0.0000	0.0000
			0.1139	0.1189
Food Stamp Issuance	$21,840.00	$10,920.00	0.0876	0.0914
ISD (Computer Services)	$24,000.00	$8,400.00	0.4338	0.4526
Rent	$78,456.00	$41,581.68	0.0000	0.0000
			0.0000	0.0000
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS			1.5999	1.6691
State Allocated Costs		$153,349.12	0.0279	0.0291
Postage (TEAMS)	$5,040.00	$2,671.20	0.0633	0.0661
Communications (Phone)	$11,454.54	$6,070.96	0.1843	0.1922
Postage - Office	$37,478.00	$17,662.30	0.0398	0.0415
Supplies	$7,200.00	$3,816.00	0.0376	0.0233
Repairs & Maintenance	$5,000.00	$2,650.00	0.0000	0.0000
TOTAL	$7,808,920.52	$3,219,487.30	33.5859	35.0413

The above figures do not include the counties share of the Department of Family Services (Estimated to be an additional 20.6 mills

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My plight started when my husband of ten (10) years abandoned me with no money, no car, no job, in bad health, with no insurance. This was in December, 1990. I filed for divorce and in January, 1991, the judge refused me maintenance. I applied for State Medical in January, 1991 and went to the doctor to find out what was happening to my body.

In March, 1991, I applied for Food Stamps. I applied for Social Security Disability and applied for Vocational Rehabilitation for training. Then on May 27, 1991, I had a serious heart attack and in June, I applied for General Assistance.

I was referred to the Project Work Program in July, 1991 and went through the program.

The program (staff at PWP) gave me the following:

1. Reason to live
2. Self esteem
3. Exposure to job sites and potential employers
4. Clothes to enhance my appearance

But more than that, the caring attitude of the PWP staff said, "I was important".

In August, 1991, I applied to the Older Worker Program, at age 55. In the meantime, Vocational Rehabilitation paid for me to take two (2) classes at Vo-Tech.

PWP applied to the Older Worker Program for a part-time OJT position for a Food Stamp/Job Search Coordinator. I applied for the position and was hired in October, 1991.

In February, 1992, I was determined disabled due to Spinal Stenosis and heart problems.

I have a purpose, I have a life and I have a dream, made possible by General Assistance, Food Stamps and State Medical and the very caring people at Project Work which I am proud to be a part of. Therefore, please don't turn your back or tighten your legislative purse strings.

General Assistance is not away of life, it is a helping hand to those that need it for a short time.

Oma Hutchison
Former Welfare Recipient
Lewis & Clark County

EXHIBIT 4
DATE 2-4-93
SB

February 4, 1993

My name is Craig Young. I am attending the Project Work Program here in Helena. My family goes three generations back as being native Montanans. I graduated from Sentinel High School in Missoula and attended the University of Montana.

I am used to being in the middle to upper middle income bracket. This is the first time in my life that I needed government help. Trust me, it's a very humbling experience.

I have not been able to find a permanent full-time job in my field for about a year and one half. The Project Work Program has been very good at keeping my spirits up and showing me new avenues for looking for employment. They have a very knowledgeable staff that really cares about the people on the program. They do a real good job of weeding out the people who are there just to pick up a check.

Stepping forward and talking to you is probably one of the toughest things I have done. It's not easy for me to ask for help, but I am glad that there is an organization out there to help single adults who are willing to work but are having a tough time finding it. I don't know what I would have done if there wasn't the Project Work Program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Craig Young

EXHIBIT 5
DATE 2-4-93
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February 3, 1993

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in opposition to House Bill 359.

I am the Program Manager for two federally funded Youth Employment programs and one Older Worker program. Our programs' objective is to provide each disadvantaged participant with individualized job experience and employment skills, good work habits and exposure to various career options, which leads to self-sufficiency.

It is our experience that the need for these programs is much greater than the services that can be provided with the resources available. In these unstable economic times, it is imperative that existing programs coordinate their services. Project Work Program's employment and training program compliments the training and services provided by my programs. It is an additional resource that the unique General Assistant clients have available to assist them in becoming self-sufficient.

Cooperation with programs such as Project Work Program has been beneficial to our clients. I hope Project Work Program will continue to be available to them in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Linda Grief

Linda Grief, Program Manager
Youth and Older Worker Programs
Rocky Mountain Development Council

EXHIBIT 6
DATE 2-4-93
SB

February 4, 1993

Subcommittee on Human Services
State Capitol
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Committee Members:

I have worked with the Project Work Program for the past 6 1/2 years.

When I first heard of the program, I didn't think much about it. However, when I began to see the good that they program did and does, I was overwhelmed with the goodness of the program.

By the grace of God, I'm not homeless or without a job, but if I were, my hope would be that a program like Project Work would exist.

Please do not eliminate this program. These people need this program.

The staff at the Project Work Program are the best there is and they really care about their participants.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Sue Carothers
Director, Retired Senior Volunteer Program

Feb 3, 1993

EXHIBIT 7
DATE 2-4-93
SB

good afternoon,
Ladies & gentlemen my name is
Val Bowen. my family AND I Have Been Living in
helena Mont Since the YEAR 1974. The Last 19 Mos
My family & I Have Been on AFDC, food Stamps
Project work. I've Been on this program, 4 mos.
It has done A Lot for me I Let's a man work
A little, for the AFDC, foodstamps program. So it
isn't getting Some thing for Nothing. Two yrs.
Ago I was Diagnoised with a Spinal Diesses
witch took me out of my Field of work which
was Avy Equip Mechanic, So Now I'm going to
School to Become an R.N. I've Still got 2 yrs.
To go. AND IF you cut these types of program
People Like my wife & 4 children would go hungry
AND have to Live in the Streets, So please
dont Cut programs that help the poor &
Inflicted Better them Self, To Be more productive
in our ~~Sty~~ Society.

Yours Sincere
Registered
To Vote in this County Citizen
Val Bowen & family

EXHIBIT 8
DATE 2-4-93
SB

I am a Life time resident and working Class person of Montana. I am currenty Enrolled in the G A Program for medical assistance do to Diabetes. I have been seeking Employment for the last three months with no luck. I believe this program is needed because there are alot of People out there that do need the help from time to time.

Sincerally

Timothy A. Haley 2/3/93

Montana
Low-Income
Coalition

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Helena, MT 59624
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Concerned Citizens Coalition
825 Third Avenue South
Great Falls, Montana 59402

Helena Indian Alliance
436 North Jackson
Helena, Montana 59601

Montana Alliance for
Progessive Policy
324 Fuller Avenue
Helena, Montana 59601

Montana Legal Services
Employee Association
801 North Main
Helena, MT 59601

Mt. Senior Citizens Association
PO Box 423
Helena, MT 59624

Tri-County Advocacy Council
827 3RD Street
Havre, MT 59501

EXHIBIT 9
DATE 2-4-93
SB

Chairman Cobb and Committee Members:

Please read these letters. They are from men and women who are on General Assistance and are in the PWP program in Helena. I have been asked by these folks to deliver them to you. Many of the folks are Montanans who do not want to leave their beloved state nor do they want to be a burden to the state. They want a decent wage job. Please remember them when you vote on the final budget.

Sincerely,

Cristina Medina

Cristina Medina
Executive Director

Feb 3, 1993

EXHIBIT 10
DATE 2-4-93
SB

Hi- My name is Roulette Lukenbill. I have lived here almost all my life. I am 29 years old. I applyed for G.A. + food-stamps. I was denied for G.A. because I am single + not pragnet, not disability. And no kids. I need a place to live of my own. I get food-stamps for a few months. I am able to work, but have seriosly looked for 3 months for a job. I even applyed at McDonald's and they won't hire me. I am not giving-up I just need some help to get back on my feet till I can get a Job + housing. I am in PWP Program and it is a good Program.

1) I know have a good Resume.
2) They have a good counsler (Julie) when life get hard I can talk to Julie about anything.
3) PWD has Job leads + I go contact them for a Job but no Luck yet.

There is many other reasons good reasons to keep PWP Program. People in these rooms aren't tramps off the Trains - We Just need some help for a little while. ALL PEOPLE ARE EQUAL.

Thank- You Roulette

EXHIBIT 11
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My name is Sydney Hanson, I went to P.W.P. when they first introduced it here in Helena and I was on G.A. + medical. P.W.P. taught me how to go about getting work, got me clothes, and my medical paid for my dentures.

I've got a job now. I'm a live in Nanny + housekeeper and I have been for 3 yrs. I get food stamps right now cause times are a little tight, but, G.A. + P.W.P helped me get off the street and get a life.

Without these programs, I truly believe I still either be living on the street, under a bridge, or dead.

Thank You,

Sydney Hanson

EXHIBIT 13
DATE 2-4-93
SB

February 4, 1993

Montana Lawmakers
Human Services Committee

This letter is a statement of opposition to HB 359. I am in support of maintaining the link between the Project Work Program (PWP) and General Assistance (GA).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kay Hosmer

Kay Hosmer
PO Box 749
Boulder, MT 59632

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SB

I do not feel that general assistance or any of the programs should not be ended because:

① It is there to help all people when they are down and out and trying find work.

② If half of the people in the capital would step down and stand in our shoes they would feel what it is like to be unable to get jobs or the training that we need. You are only on it for 4 months out of the year.

③. General assistance has helped me out quite well I am able to get ~~training~~ training that I need to get a better job. It has helped me to relate to people better. It has helped me to understand how the program works.

④ Most people that are on General Assistance and Food Stamps or other programs do not live at Gods Love, because they do not have housing single females. There is no housing in Helena for single people. You either have to move back or else you are screwed.

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(5) The problem with most of the higher class people are that they do not want to give us little people a chance. We are just as good as anyone else.

Cindy Owens.

You want everyone get off of H.P. and leave. Well there is no where else to go. So you might as well get prepared to take care of us all. For we does not plan on leaving the state of Montana. You can't get rid of us that easy.

NAME Nicolette D. Hubber

ADDRESS 1026 Yreka Ct. Missoula Mt

HOME PHONE 549-2993 WORK PHONE —

REPRESENTING AFDC

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? 359

DO YOU: SUPPORT _____ OPPOSE X AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

WITNESS STATEMENT

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NAME Erik Garmisch

ADDRESS 1026 Yreka Ct Mslo Mt

HOME PHONE 549-2993 WORK PHONE —

REPRESENTING AFDC

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? 359

DO YOU: SUPPORT _____ OPPOSE X AMEND _____

COMMENTS:

WITNESS STATEMENT

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NAME Patty Guiberson

ADDRESS 307 E Park

HOME PHONE 563-3448 WORK PHONE

REPRESENTING Co. Human Services

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL? HB 2 / HB 427

DO YOU: SUPPORT ____ OPPOSE X AMEND ____

COMMENTS:

Oral testimony

WITNESS STATEMENT

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DATE Human Services Subcommittee

~~SENATE~~ COMMITTEE ON

BILLS BEING HEARD TODAY:

2-4-93

Name	Representing	Bill No.	Check One Support	Oppose
Jack Zink	MT State AFL-CIO			
Ron Garbarino	Project Work Program			
Bobbie Dawson	Project Work Program			
Katie Conway	Assc for Children for Enforcement of Support			
Dane Steffensen	Project Work Program			
Terry Husband	Project Work Program			
Anita Hansen	Options unlimited			
Leslie Cuffinger	Options unlimited			
Tamara Venner	Options Unlimited			
Josephine Hayes	Options Unlimited			
Zandra Jennings	Options Unlimited			
SG Walter Cowan				
Julie Chriske	Project Work Program			
Debbie Bushnell	Project Work Program			
Sydney Hanson	Project Work Program			
Jamie Rogers	Low-Income AFDC			

Oma Hutchison PMAC - PWP -

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DATE 2-4-93

~~SENATE COMMITTEE ON~~ ~~[illegible] Judiciary~~ Human Services

BILLS BEING HEARD TODAY: ~~SB 202~~

Name	Representing	Bill No.	Check One Support	Oppose
Melissa Riddick	AFDC			
LAURA ROSE	PROJECT WORK			
Craig Young	P.W.P.			
Dan Shea	MLIC			
Ken Luraas	MT Hunger Coalition			
Norm Lawsen	PWP			
DAWN HALLIDAY	MENTAL HEALTH			
Gina Torre	H.R.D.C.			
Mike Franklin	PWP	359		X
Billy Stump	PWP	359		X
Nancy Oetzinger	MLIC			
Shannon Frishkorn	PWP			
Karie L.M. Hinkle	Options			
SHARON HOFF	MT CATH CONF			
Rochelle Leancilla	OPTIONS/WEDGO			
JIM BAKER	LITTLE SHELL TRIBE		X	

VISITOR REGISTER

PLEASE LEAVE PREPARED STATEMENT WITH COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VISITOR'S REGISTER

JOINT HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE BILL NO. _____

DATE 2-4-93 SPONSOR(S) HUMAN SERV.

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NAME AND ADDRESS	REPRESENTING	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
DANA BRUCE ST JOHN 124 W MAIN E HELENA	HB 359	✓	
Della F. Quinn 1442 S. 1st W. Msla 59801	HB 359		✓
Greg Mims 214 5th Ave #5	HB 359	✓	
Leonard Owen 514 5th Ave #5	HB 359	✓	
LOREN ROGERS DPH 218 E. FRONT 59802	✓		
Cleveland C. Smith 1800 1st Ave Helena, 59601	HB 359		
JOAN DAVIES 105 Sourdough Ridge Bg	HB 2		✓
Kate Mrgudic PO Box 7533	Mt ~~Fa~~ Council for Families	AFDC X	
Patty Gulberson	Co. Hum. Services		✓
George Shinley	" " "		✓
Wanda Stout	Co. Human Services		✓
Leann Jordan			

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Human Services COMMITTEE BILL NO. _____

DATE 2-4-93 SPONSOR(S) _____

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NAME AND ADDRESS	REPRESENTING	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Jamie Rogers	AFDC		
Melissa Reddick	AFDC		
Tim Murry	City/County/Admin		
Eric Griffin	Lewis & Clark County		
Susan Smith	SRS		
Laura Lutzenhiser	Ravalli Co. OHS		
[illegible] Springer	Ravalli Co. OHS		
Katie Conway	Association for Children for Enforcement of Support		

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