

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

January 10, 1977 - Room 225b

The meeting of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Institutions was called to order at 8 a.m. by Chairman Harold Gerke. Other members present were:

Senator Elmer Flynn, Vice-Chairman
Senator Mark Etchart
Representative Howard Ellis
Representative Harry Hansen
Representative Art Lund

Tom Briggs, Legislative Fiscal Analyst who will be assisting the committee, was also present and introduced by Mr. Gerke.

The chairman advised the members that Room 225b would be the regular meeting room of the committee. The committee is not yet holding hearings, but is becoming acquainted with the institutions.

Curt Chisholm, acting director of the Department of Institutions, advised the members of the committee that Larry Zanto will take over the position of director on approximately January 24, 1977. Mr. Chisholm spoke briefly on the "definition" of the Department of Institutions and the programs they are formulating. The statutes and Constitution show who the department is responsible to serve and their right to treatment in an environment as nearly normal as possible.

Organizational charts were distributed to the committee members, a copy of which is attached and marked Exhibit "A".

Roland E. McCauley, Administrator of the Corrections Division, was introduced by Mr. Chisholm and explained the different bureaus for which he is responsible. In his discussion, he stated that it may be necessary for Montana to develop a program for women since the department has just been advised that Nebraska and other states do not want to accept any female offenders from the state of Montana. This has not been included in the budget. Mr. McCauley gave a general overall presentation of his services and explained he would go into much more detail when the operating budgets are considered. He emphasized the importance of trying to cooperate with the people on a local level.

Dr. Laurence B. Carlson, Administrator of the Adaptive Services Division, said he would like to focus attention on two bureaus, Addictive Diseases and Mental Health Field Services. The purpose of the Addictive Disease Bureau is to: (1) provide a range of services which will prevent addictive diseases; and (2) to help those persons suffering from an addictive disease. Michael Murray is the chief of Addictive Disease Bureau.

The chief of the Mental Health Field Services Bureau is Phil Powers. Its services were explained as being based on an assessment of the

mental health needs in the state of Montana. There are two full-time employees contracted for Warm Springs State Hospital.

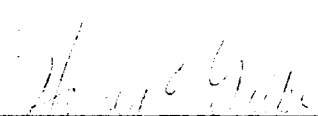
Critical issues facing the Mental Health Services Bureau are:

(1) a need to organize community services to provide access to each individual who needs it; (2) must develop alternatives to institutional care; (3) continue to improve the department's accountability in giving accurate pictures of where monies have been spent; (4) to coordinate efforts of institutions with local groups.

James Haubein, Administrator of the Management Services Division, explained to the committee members that his division was responsible for fiscal needs, personnel needs, and reimbursement needs. There are 11 full-time employees in the Fiscal Bureau, 3 full-time employees (4 authorized employees) in the Personnel Bureau, and 16.6 full-time employees in the Reimbursement Bureau. Mr. Haubein will explain the Division's services and needs in more detail when the hearings begin.

The chairman informed the other members that they will tour the offices of the Department of Institutions at 8 a.m. Tuesday morning and meet briefly in the conference room.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Harold Gerke, Chairman