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APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

January 27, 1977 - Room 225

The meeting of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Institutions was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Gerke. Other members present were:

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

Tom Briggs, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, was present. Representatives Bardanoue and Dussault were also present.

Today's meeting is a continuation of the presentation on BOULDER RIVER SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL from January 26, 1977. See visitor's list attached.

Tom Briggs distributed a preliminary summation of the comparison study of nine states which was discussed during the January 26th meeting.

Bill Conyard, Superintendent of Boulder, introduced Kenneth Tretten, city manager of Boulder, who gave a short report on new home sites planned plus other expansions of the city of Boulder in the commercial area because of the needs of the staff at Boulder River School and Hospital.

A discussion was held on the 10% vacancy savings factor. Tom Briggs feels that his recommendation on this is correct to allow for this savings in the budget. A list was requested of all new positions, changes and upgrading on personnel. This should also include personnel appeals. The chairman felt this information would have a bearing on the final budget decision.

Direct care staff positions were defined by Tom Briggs, per his office:

Habilitations Aids I, II, III, IV, V
Cottage Supervisors
Habilitation Aids Coordinators

Don Judge of AFSCME, AFL-CIO, gave some comments on institutions vs. community programs and resultant reductions of staff at the institution level. He feels that Boulder must be fully staffed, even if residents are slowly transferred during the next two years to lower the population. He also stated that because of union contracts, staffing at night is not the 1 to 8 ratio, but rather in some instances 1 to 16. Exact figures could not be given as to increases in staff to alleviate this.

Mr. Bardanouve asked about the duties of the laundry staff, both in the cottages and the central laundry. It was explained that the central laundry handled the bulk laundry. The staff member in each cottage handled the personal laundry needs of the residents.

The estimated population level at Boulder during the next two years was a topic of discussion. Mr. John Fitzpatrick, Research Manager of the Budget and Planning Office, stated that it was felt that the legislative intent last session was that Boulder should have a maximum population of 250.

Mr. Fitzpatrick stated that the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services is developing a plan where the population of Boulder will be reduced to 250 by the end of this biennium by placing patients in community programs. Mr. Briggs said that his office thought this plan was already in operation and the budgets were prepared accordingly.

Mr. Gerke mentioned that when patients were moved from Boulder into community programs, moneys must be transferred, but fixed costs at Boulder must also be covered.

The chairman stated that the major decision that must be made is an estimate of total population at Boulder during the next two years to enable the committee to fund for the required personnel.

Bill Cantella, Supervisor at Boulder, spoke regarding training of residents. He thinks the training program is not utilized as completely as it could be. He stated a lot of the training is done in a group instead of a 1-to-1 basis. He also feels that effectiveness of training is evaluated by nonprofessionals. He suggested that the committee fund an independent committee of experts to check progress of the training programs.

Brian Garrity, direct care worker at Boulder and representative of the local union, stated that he has seen improvements at Boulder in the last two years - the staffing is better, more attention is available for the residents, housing has improved. He feels the training money is being utilized well.

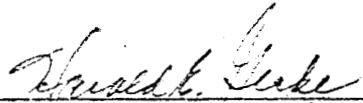
Bob Easter, member of Parents Advisory Committee of Boulder, mentioned that the patients who were not transferred to community programs are the most severely handicapped and need more personal care and attention. He said there has been a great change at Boulder to a layman's eyes.

Mr. Bardanouve asked about Boulder's accreditation of Medicaid. It was reported that a waiver has been requested from HEW regarding the non-ambulatory hospital unit with regard to the number of beds in the room. This waiver will be needed for certification in March.

Mr. Conyard stated that HEW people came last May and informed them that Boulder is the finest institution in the region and that progress has been outstanding.

Mr. Conyard said that all the documents requested will be provided as soon as possible. Mr. Gerke said the committee will need more information on capital outlay for Boulder.

Mr. Lund made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.



Harold Gerke, Chairman

WITNESSES FOR 1/27/77 MEETING OF
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NAME	TITLE
Ray Hoffman	Admin Support Director BRSH
AL Heard	Asst. Dir. BRSH
Don Odell	Personnel Director LPSH
Bill Conyard	Supt. "
Ron Weiss	Budget Analyst OBPD
Gene Huntington	Budget Officer
Larry Carlson	D/I
D. Cook	OBPD
Mr & Mrs Robert O. Schulz	Parents of James R. Schulz, Boulder River School
John T. Kunkles -	B. K. St. Joseph
Maureen Missick	AFSCME LOCAL 971 Boulder
Brian Smith	AFSCME #971, Boulder
Don Judge	AFSCME, AFL-CIO
R. Don Homer	Research Associate, University of Kansas
Richard Swanson	Developmental Disabilities Div.
Kenneth W. Sutter	Chief/manager Boulder, Mt.
James R. Schlegel	Dept. of Education
Carl E. Schlegel	
Robert Schlegel	
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WHOM DO YOU REPRESENT? AFSCME, AFL-CIO

SUPPORT X OPPOSE _____ AMEND _____

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Comments:

We support the Boulder River School & Hospital
submittal for Appropriations for Staffing, training and
continuation of needed support services