

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

February 10, 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.

The subject of today's meetings is a continuation of GALEN STATE HOSPITAL.

Dr. Martin Skinner of the Department of Health spoke to the committee regarding the TB program in Butte. He said there were presently 60 patients with active TB in the state of Montana. With the addition of another nurse, the Butte facility could program distribution of drugs for treating TB, taking x-rays and all the lab work for all TB patients in the state. This is not a hospital.

One of the major problems is the patient must stay on the program for a minimum of two years and have checkups for a complete recovery. What we provide is after care to make sure they stay on the program and have no side effects of the medicines. There is a small percentage of the patients who are not cooperative.

Dr. Higgins, superintendent of Galen, said there are some patients who must be kept in the hospital for quite some time - not just for the 10-day treatment program. There are some who cannot be treated as an out-patient with any success.

Dr. Skinner said the Butte program has 1 full-time nurse and 1 part-time clerical position. We had 60 new patients in the year of 1976. The average length of stay is 88 days at Galen. Dr. Skinner said they can treat them in an average of 10 days. Dr. Skinner said that 6 of the 60 TB patients were detected by Galen. The rest came from private physicians.

Jim Barkley, Galen, said \$1.3 million Indian federal funds went into a wing in the original construction program with the understanding that we would treat Indian patients. TB was the reason Galen was built.

Donald Holmes, director of the Montana Alcoholism Treatment and Rehabilitation Programs, said they are requesting 9 counselors which would meet their bare minimum. He would like to come back at a later time and discuss with the committee in detail the new youth and family programs they would like to develop.

Michael Murray, Chief of Addictive Diseases Bureau, said they have approved 21 programs for alcoholic services in the past year in the community.

Of these 21, 19 received funding from the Addictive Diseases Bureau. One program operates through funding generated through churches and fees for services. The other program is the Galen State Hospital alcoholic program.

Our bureau has developed a reporting system called the Alcohol Management Information System.

\$731,000 was the total state participation. The total number of clients provided out-patient services through the state without Galen was 5629, for a cost of \$129.86 per client.

They consider the 28-day program at Galen very important. Having an in-patient program is essential. As of 2/1/77 some level of alcohol services was available in each of the 56 counties.

The funding of Galen is considered an essential part of the services that are provided for alcoholics in the state of Montana. Without Galen the community programs will not have access to in-patient care for alcoholics and intensive counseling.

The Rimrock Foundation gets some of their funding through United Way in their county.

Jim Barkley, Galen, said they must request two more physicians. They also need medical record positions. We are requesting a total of 342.8 FTE's which is the minimum we can get by with. We have 294 FTE's right now.

There is a difference of 48 FTE's. 9 of this 48 are counselors for alcoholics. 5 are in administration: 1 personnel officer, an electrician, 2 switchboard operators, medical records clerk, 2 physicians, 3.2 ward clerks, 17.6 direct care for Byram building and 12 more direct care positions, for a total of 48.8.

The Lighthouse Program is not represented in their budget requests.

They need the use of an extension truck and suggest they pay a portion and Warm Springs pays a portion for joint use.

As a recap on the beds, 220 would be for alcoholics in the center and hospital. 50 are for pulmonary and medical care patients, 10 are for aged patients and 41 are for mentally retarded, for a total of 321, with a 72% occupancy.

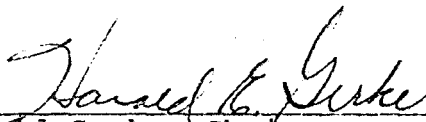
Hearing closed at 9:45 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOUNTAIN VIEW

John Fitzpatrick of the OBPP, said that 5 FTE's were created at Mountain View during the last 5 years by crime control federal funds and are now state supported. They consist of 3 house mothers, 1 social worker and an education vocational counselor.

Session closed at 10:15 a.m.



Harold Gerke, Chairman