

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
SUBCOMMITTEE AGENCY 1

February 21, 1977
8:00 A.M.
Room 225
State Capitol Bldg.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 by Chairman Bradley. Roll was taken with Representative Bradley, Representative Marks, Senator Roberts and Senator Thomas present.

HEALTH SERVICES

The LFA explained a proposal for Senator Thomas. He said since the appropriations are for the whole program, Senator Thomas wanted to add \$150,000 for crippled children, only for services. I have written the language that goes with the \$150,000. "It says of the above appropriation, no less than \$750,000 in fiscal 78 and \$760,000 in fiscal 79 shall pay for services of crippled children. Of that amount, no more than \$70,000 per year shall be for administrative cost." Administrative costs at current level budget are approximately \$70,000 a year. This would be line item. The amount above that for actual service.

Senator Thomas added that not all of the \$700,000 is general fund money, it is a match of federal money. About 3 to 1 match.

The LFA said we are adding \$150,000.

Senator Thomas offered this as a motion that we adopt this language.

Representative Bradley asked for further discussion. With no further discussion she called for a vote.

ALL AYES

MOTION PASSED

Mr. Redpath asked Senator Thomas to explain the \$70,000 intent.

Senator Thomas said the administrative cost could not exceed \$70,000. The rest must be used for the benefit of crippled children. He said this should also help the Department.

There was a little more discussion about this bill.

Representative Bradley then suggested we go through these items and have a quick discussion on the difference between the LFA and Executive budget.

HANDICAP CHILDREN

The LFA said his recommendation for these programs will be comparable to the B level in the executive budget. I didn't develop the cost by the 11 programs like they did. I have increased the federal funds I thought they had available. The federal funds may not be as high.

Mr. Weiss said it was very difficult to compare our budgets because we have used 2 different methods. We allowed them the maximum amount of federal funds. He said they had put the packages together in A B C levels all funds showing here are general funds. He talked about the priority table and explained how this works. He said they recommend A level on all but 2, adding the LFA would be what priority B level would be.

Representative Marks asked if he means, if you draw a line under 18, that would be where the LFA recommends?

Mr. Weiss said yes. We might have allowed a little more in federal funds.

The LFA said the executive found more federal money than I did.

Representative Marks asked Mr. Redpath if concerning Senator Thomas's amendment, will you have any trouble with the administrative money?

Mr. Redpath said I show current level the administrative package to be more than \$70,000. If they are giving the additional money they are talking about, how are we to keep track of the \$70,000?

Senator Thomas said that \$70,000 pertains to administrative duties in crippled children section only, not for the rest of the program. It comes under a different heading and percentage.

Representative Marks asked why you have to break administrative out?

Senator Thomas said because we got ripped off last time. Consequently kids were denied services by mid-year because of a lack of funds.

Representative Marks said the only point I would have on the bill, is if we did this in all budgets, it would be a nightmare.

There was more discussion on this.

In answer to Mr. Redpath, the LFA said he wrote the language so it would go under the whole department.

Mr. Redpath asked if it would be a separate appropriation?

The LFA said the current bill doesn't even address the Health Services. It just addresses the Department of Health.

Senator Thomas said his second area is the Heart Diagnostic Center.

The LFA said the language you have there is what is needed to fund the Heart Diagnostic Center. He said the governor's office left it out completely. He said his recommendation did not include additional rent and more equipment that they wanted to purchase. Both would leave the Heart Diagnostic Center funded at \$90,000.

In answer to a question from Representative Bradley about the figures, he said if you were to add it to the executive budget it would be \$93,207 in fiscal 78 and \$90,944 in 79. That would be the full cost.

In the fiscal analyst recommendation, you would add \$23,954 in fiscal 78 and \$20,904 in fiscal 79, based on current level.

Senator Thomas mentioned that \$12,000 a year seems like a large amount for rent. Something should be done.

The LFA said he had not analyzed this new proposal.

Senator Thomas said maybe if we funded this at a certain level over last years funding, maybe this would be fine.

Mr. Weiss said he would agree with the approach considering the sub program priority was less than some of the other programs.

The LFA said I think they may have a problem. My recommendation is a percentage increase from fiscal 76. The department said there is a special problem pertaining to rent. If you are going to give a percentage increase, that is what I have already done.

There was more discussion on the rent, size of space per sq. foot, etc. It seems that \$14,000 for rent seems a lot of money.

Mr. Redpath mentioned they had had a letter from Mr. Hollberg explaining why they were not charged for rent in the past. He said he did not understand it. He felt they are asking for the maximum and that probably there is room for negotiation.

Senator Thomas mentioned they were also getting money from the hospital for the children staying in the hospital. He asked the LFA to get more information.

FAMILY PLANNING

The LFA said the major difference is I am \$100,000 lower than the executive. This is Title 20 money.

DENTAL HEALTH

The LFA said there was no differences here.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS

The LFA said he couldn't tell exactly. It would be whatever we spent in fiscal 76 with allowances.

The LFA said there was a big difference in federal funds in the WIC program. The executive has over 7 million dollars in that program. The federal fund money in the LFA is 2 1/2 to 3 million. They believe there will be an increase made available to the state.

The Executive has recommended unlimited federal funds at the B level and \$18,800. This would allow them to go into their incentive program.

Representative Marks asked how this \$7 million works?

Mr. Redpath said this comes from the Department of Agriculture - import taxes on food commodities.

Representative Bradley asked if the \$4,000,000 difference is mainly federal funds. The LFA said yes.

Senator Roberts said the department requests \$202,000 each year in general fund money to create that much federal funds.

Mr. Wiess said yes, they are requesting the C package. The C package required \$191,582 in additional funds, however, it does not gather any more in federal funds. That is a straight general fund increase you are looking at.

Mr. Weiss said the agency is recommending C level on almost everything except administration, which is B level. I would say B level should be the maximum allowed.

Senator Thomas asked how Representative Bradley wanted to handle this, go with LFA or what. She said that would be the easiest at this point.

Representative Bradley asked the LFA to explain the differences between the Health Education and Nursing.

The LFA recommends the Health Education and Nursing continue at current level with allowances for inflation.

Mr. Weiss felt there was some duplication in film usage and this should be investigated before expanding.

The LFA said he would have to stay with his recommendation. I don't have enough information on this.

Mr. Weiss said they had cut 2 FTE's in this program and funded at A level. He said the Nursing program is almost an additional program. By increasing their funding, they didn't add anything except more supervisors. He feels a nurse is a professional and doesn't need someone to help them with education and counseling. I would go A level on this and reduce 1.5 FTE on this program.

The Family Planning budget - this is tied in with SRS budget - contracted money - Title 20 money.

After a little more conversation, the meeting was adjourned.

Dorothy Bradley
Dorothy Bradley, Chairman

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