

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

February 21, 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, along with John Fitzpatrick and Doug Booker of the Office of Budget and Program Planning. Representative Bardanouve was present for part of the meeting.

An EXECUTIVE SESSION was held on CENTER FOR THE AGED IN LEWISTOWN, MONTANA.

Personal Services: It was agreed that 4 FTE's would be added to their current level: 1 physical therapist and 1 recreational therapist because it was felt that recreational activities needed to be planned and scheduled for the residents of the center. Also 2 LPN's because of increase in population.

Contracted Services: It was agreed at \$40,673 for each year. This would include enough for contracting a doctor for medical treatment of the residents at the center.

Supplies and Materials: LFA recommendation okay.

Communications: It was agreed to add \$1500 each year for the watts line on the telephone system.

Travel: Okay.

Rent: Okay.

Utilities: It was agreed to increase this to \$33,200 for 1978 and \$37,000 for 1979. This was because of the new wing and air handling system.

Repairs: It was agreed to add a one-time amount of \$3,750 for 1978 for sidewalks.

Other: Okay.

Equipment: The following items were approved: \$1463 for equipment and furniture for physical therapy room; \$2169 for privacy curtains; \$1131 for examining room equipment; tables and chairs for dining room; washer and dryer for \$730; and dish washer.

The walk-in cooler and freezer and grill will be put in Long Range Building Committee as part of the kitchen remodeling proposal.

Tom Briggs will get final total on all of the items for the budget.

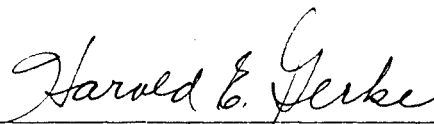
There was a discussion on the Warm Springs patients moving into the center. Seventeen should be transferred to Lewistown by the end of this week and there are 31 others who could be transferred who are ambulatory and intermediate care. Some of those already transferred were from regions at WSSH instead of the geriatrics wards.

The Office of Budget and Program Planning recommends that the ambulatory from the geriatrics wards be moved to the center, which would enable WSSH to move the non-ambulatory and skilled care patients into the Medical Surgical Annex 16. The wards would then be available for consolidating regions. This would mean that skilled staff would be in only one building and intermediate staff in all others.

It was agreed that a letter should be sent to WSSH from the committee as to the committee's recommendations on transfers and consolidation.

The chairman requested a figure on the cost of keeping a patient at WSSH in order to figure how much should be transferred with a patient from one institution to another or a community facility, not counting fixed costs.

Executive Session ended at 10:00 a.m.



Harold Gerke, Chairman