APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

February 24, 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. Also John Fitzpatrick and Doug Booker, Office of Budget and Program Planning.

This meeting is partially EXECUTIVE SESSION and THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DIVISION.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tom Briggs distributed four budget amendments for 1977 which need approval from the committee: DRUG SERVICES, LIGHTHOUSE DRUG PROGRAM, ADOLESCENT CARE and ALCOHOL SERVICES.

DRUG SERVICES wants approval to spend an additional \$38,365 of federal funds. \$32,600 would go to Rimrock Foundation in Billings. \$2,666 would be for travel of the central office staff of Drug Services, \$179 for communications and \$2920 for contracted services.

ADAPTIVE SERVICES/ALCOHOL SERVICES has requested a balance transfer for 1977. Title XX money was available in 1976 and it was spent in lieu of general fund moneys. They now request these left-over state funds for ten alcohol programs he has made contracts on, making a total of 21. \$136,173 is the amount in question.

If this balance transfer is not granted, the Addictive Diseases Bureau say they will have to cancel some programs. (There is some question as to which ones.) If the balance transfer is granted, it will only provide funding for these 21 programs until July 1, 1977. This legislature will need to fund them through the next biennium.

Mike Murray, George Swartz and Darryl Bruno of the Addictive Diseases Bureau came to this meeting to provide further details on this balance transfer.

One question the committee had was the large personal services

total of \$84,552 for 4 FTE's. Mr. Murray said I certification training supervisor is carried as an FTE on the Southwestern Drug Program, but his salary is included in this program. Therefore, the Personal Services total pays five salaries, instead of the four shown.

\$2,666 addition for travel was questioned. They explained that these funds were necessary for training programs at Rimrock in Billings and also other community programs. This \$2,666 would include no out-of-state travel.

The chairman said this balance transfer would be considered further and a decision made soon.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DIVISION

Dr. Hamerlynck, administrator of the Developmental Disabilities Division of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, gave out a report on his division. His report stated that they project being able to place 46 children from Boulder in their five regions in either group homes and foster homes by June 30, 1977.

Jean Neyrinck of region III of this division said they are in the process of foster home development. They have run newspaper ads and received 22 responses. After interviews, there are 16 good prospects for use as foster homes for children from Boulder. There are a few children at Boulder who are 17 or 18 who would dp well in a small group home of 4, if foster homes cannot be arranged.

Dr. Hamerlynck said there are 95 children under 18 years of age at Boulder at the present time. One of the problems they are faced with is support services of schools. This is something they are working on. The maximum cost for one child in a foster home is estimated at \$17,000 per year, which includes the support of all services including education.

Mike Morris, Region V of Developmental Disabilities Division, said some of their developmentally disabled children are in natural homes. They have natural home and foster home training programs and have been in operation for over two years. They are also working with the schools.

See visitor's list attached. Hearing closed at 10:00 a.m.

Harold Gerke, Chairman

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