

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

March 4, 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 Dave Lewis and Doug Booker, Office of Budget and Program Planning. Representative Bardanouve was also present.

The subject of this executive session was BOULDER RIVER SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL.

Tom Briggs distributed the Subcommittee Action Form for the 1979 Biennium on Boulder River School and Hospital. It shows the total FTE's for FY-78 to be 614.4 and 589.4 for FY-79. It also shows total general funds of \$8,099,680 for FY-78 with \$256,000 from other appropriated funds. For FY-79 it shows \$8,082,289 for general funds and \$256,000 for other appropriated funds.

He discussed the additional language added to this form per the committee's request. Under "Concern of Subcommittee" is the following:

"The committee increased the general fund appropriation by \$943,047 in fiscal year 1978 and \$970,931 in fiscal year 1979 to accomodate an additional 41 developmentally disabled to be transferred from Warm Springs State Hospital and 16 from Galen. The budget is to accomodate an average 1979 biennium population of 291. For budgeting purposes the population on July 1, 1977 is 306; on June 30, 1979, the population is 276."

Under "Language in Bill" is the following:

"Pursuant to Sections 79-901 and 82-109.4, if the average daily population is greater than 298.5 for fiscal 1978, a budget transfer from the fiscal 1979 budget will be allowed at the rate of \$14,508 for residents in excess of 298.5.

If the average daily population for the 1979 biennium is to exceed 291 residents, as determined on December 31, 1978, the institution may request a supplemental request of the 46th legislature.

To the extent that the average daily population is less than 298.5 for fiscal 1978, a general fund reversion will occur on June 30, 1978, at the rate of \$14,508 per resident below the average daily population up to 24 residents; for any amount greater than 24 residents, the amount of general fund reversion will be taken into consideration greater cost per resident savings.

General fund reversions on June 30, 1979 for an average daily population less than 283.5 for fiscal 1979 will occur at the rate of \$15,669 per resident for every resident below 283.5 up to 24 residents; greater per resident savings will be realized if more than 24 residents.

To the extent that other funds are made available, like amounts of general funds will be reverted."

Doug Booker questioned the wording of the last sentence as to other funds. Federal funds are sometimes earmarked for a certain purpose and cannot be used for operating expenses and therefore general funds could not be reverted. It was decided that the wording "other funds are made available" means the funds were not earmarked. If they were earmarked, then they would not be available. Mr. Booker agreed to that intent.

It was agreed that remodeling or opening of old buildings at Boulder is not the intention of this committee. Incoming population should be regulated to match outgoing population in order to keep a certain level.

Representative Lund mentioned the intent of the legislature during the last two sessions with regard to appropriations for improving of the laundry facilities at Boulder, which has not been accomplished.

Tom Briggs said that the reason for this delay is because of a moratorium made by a letter dated May 18, 1976 from Dr. Mattson to Phil Hauck of the Architecture and Engineering Bureau which put a stop to any work at Boulder, pending the results of a court case. This case was eventually dismissed late in the year, but the moratorium still stands because of the uncertainty of the future of Boulder. It was decided by them to wait until this legislature to see what the intent is for Boulder.

Chairman Gerke said the problem of laundry will have to be covered by this committee soon at Warm Springs, Boulder and the prison.

Tom Briggs reported that Boulder is going to overspend approximately \$330,000 this fiscal year because of upgrading of staff positions. This decision of upgrading was made jointly between the Department of Institutions and Boulder administration. They raised the positions to attract more professional and dedicated employees.

The committee's guidelines are requested as to how they should proceed to cover this over-expenditure. They will have some vacancy savings for last year which will help. This would come in as a budget transfer.

A breakdown was requested by position as to what happened with the upgrading. They also requested a report on the staff training program, who attended and their positions afterward.

Rep. Bardanouve spoke to the committee about a possible solution for duplication between institutions. It was thought that possible consolidation between Warm Springs and Galen might provide savings in areas not related to direct care.

In years past, there was a consolidation of services and warehousing, but it eventually stopped. Galen is requesting \$150,000 for a warehouse. Perhaps there would be sufficient warehouse room at Warm Springs for Galen's use. By consolidating of maintenance work, perhaps FTE's could be reduced.

There are only four miles between these two institutions. Supplies could be consolidated.

Tom Briggs said he would visit Warm Springs and Galen and look into this possibility and report back to the committee.

The executive session ended at 9:45 a.m.



Harold Gerke, Chairman