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APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

March 8, 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
Senator Mark Etchart
Representative Harry Hansen
Representative Art Lund
Representative Howard Ellis

Tom Briggs, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, was present. Rep. Bardanoue was present. Also Doug Booker, Office of Budget and Program Planning.

The subjects of this session are REMODELING OF OLD GENERAL HOSPITAL AT WARM SPRINGS, BOULDER RIVER SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL, MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL, LIGHTHOUSE DRUG PROGRAM, and GALEN STATE HOSPITAL.

REMODELING AT WARM SPRINGS

Philip Hauck, Administrator of Architecture and Engineering Division of the Department of Administration, was present. Also Jack Crosser, Director of the Department of Administration along with Tom O'Connell and Ralph DeCunzo, architects with the Architecture and Engineering Division.

Philip Hauck said that the remodeling of the old general hospital at Warm Springs will provide 64 certified beds when finished. The roof of this building has been mentioned as needing replacement. This roof was repaired three years ago and they feel it could last up to seven more years. They do not feel it needs to be replaced. The type of windows in this building are a problem. They are all steel windows with no weather stripping and do not close tightly. They are single glaze only. With proper maintenance, they could serve the purpose for a while. An estimated \$110,000 would be needed to replace all the windows.

These type of windows are in a large number of state buildings. They feel a study should be done on 200 state buildings for energy savings and a request sent to the next legislature for all such type work necessary to save energy. If such a study was conducted, the old general hospital would be included in it.

There are seven buildings at WSSH that need to be torn down and funds have been requested for five of them: Units 74, 71, 69, 70, 77, 78, 79 and the Mitchell Building. (Some of these units are combined into one building.)

The Mussigbrod Building will have to be demolished at a later date. It will be very expensive to tear down. WSSH has requested to keep the pink building for training rooms and uses other than medical. The Bolton Building will be kept for emergency use.

The remodeling of the old general hospital is estimated to cost \$531,000 (without new roof or windows) for 64 certified beds. A new unit is estimated to cost \$1.3 million for 64 certified beds.

The old general hospital is a sound concrete building of three floors and after renovation will have new heating, new lights, new plumbing with bathrooms built between each two-bed unit. The beds will all be against inside walls.

The drawings on the remodeling of the old general hospital were shown to the committee members. If this work is stopped, it will cost \$25,000 approximately for architectural fees.

Construction problems at Lewistown were mentioned. Philip Hauck said the roof problem came about from a hail storm and also defective shingles. The contractor will replace the roof at no cost.

The fire alarm system by Honeywell is an early warning smoke detection system and is highly complex. The model used is now off the market. Honeywell supplied the units and the installation was subcontracted. Honeywell has sent their engineers many times to work out problems with the system. It is still having problems.

The use of an early warning system is required by Medicaid/Medicare and also the Board of Health and Fire Marshal. The theory is good, but the product and industry is new and very complex. Sprinkler systems protect the building, but not the people. They feel that maintenance agreements should be on such equipment, because maintenance staff are not trained for such electronic equipment. This would also include the prison with all their security equipment.

Upon being asked a question, Philip Hauck said that Architecture and Engineering Division accepts new construction on substantial completion. This means that the building is ready for the purpose it was intended and we take over the utilities and insurance and move in. The contractor still has a punch list

of small items still to be done.

The central laundry at WSSH is scheduled to be completed by December of 1977, but perhaps this date could be advanced to October of 1977.

Philip Hauck said that the moratorium has been lifted on Boulder for building projects.

BOULDER RIVER SCHOOL AND
HOSPITAL

Tom Briggs distributed a revised copy of the Subcommittee Action Form on the Boulder budget for the next biennium. The budget figures are the same as the original form, but wording on the second page was changed. The new wording is as follows:

"Pursuant to 79-1019, in the event the average daily population is greater than 298.5 during fiscal 1978, a budget transfer from the fiscal 1979 budget may be approved in the amount of \$14,508 for each resident in excess of 298.5.

In the event the average daily population is less than 298.5 during fiscal 1978, a general fund reversion shall be made in an amount calculated as follows: subtract the actual average daily population from 298.5 and multiply by \$14,508. In the event the average daily population is lower than 274.5, the budget director shall increase the per resident reversion.

In the event the average daily population is less than 283.5 during fiscal 1979, a general fund reversion shall be made in an amount calculated as follows: subtract the actual average daily population from 283.5 and multiply by \$15,669. In the event the average daily population is lower than 259.5, the budget director shall increase the per resident reversion.

In the event the average daily population for the 1979 biennium is estimated to exceed 291, the forty-sixth legislature shall consider a supplemental appropriation."

The committee approved the new wording.

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Tom Briggs said this council was extended for two years by the last session. Tom suggested that this council and the Board of Visitors should be taken to the whole appropriation committee for a decision of where to put these budgets. The wording on the last extension is that this council will expire unless extended by the Governor. The Board of Visitors was created by the law and shall be attached to the Governor's Office for administration.

The chairman said that the Governor's office will have to be questioned to see if he wishes to continue this council.

LIGHTHOUSE DRUG PROGRAM

This program will cost \$138,000 and \$132,000 for 1978 and 1979. It is all general funds. It is suggested to keep this program under Galen because of supportive services provided by Galen. 55% of the people in this program are court referrals.

Representative Lund made a motion to continue Lighthouse Drug Program for two years with no expansion. Rep. Hansen seconded this motion. It was unanimously approved.

GALEN STATE HOSPITAL

It has been agreed that 16 mentally retarded patients from Byram will be transferred to Boulder. Based on Galen's figures, there will be a savings of \$92,000 in 1978 and \$94,500 in 1979. If Byram Building is finally vacated, substantial savings will be accomplished.

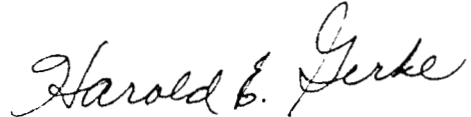
The final figures for Galen are \$3,679,610 in 1978 and \$3,721,617 for 1979. 260 FTE's for each year.

The mechanics of transferring budget money between the institutions as patients are transferred is something the committee felt should be left up to the department and institutions to handle.

The empty house at Galen was discussed. It is felt that it should be used, even if it means lowering the rental amount. The subject will be referred to Larry Zanto for handling.

It was decided to have Galen and WSSH management and Larry Zanto come to the next meeting of this committee for further discussion of consolidation of non-medical services and transferring of patients.

Meeting ended at 10:00 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold E. Gerke". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Harold Gerke, Chairman