

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES; AND WORK SESSION

SUB-COMMITTEE: HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY I

- CAPITOL ANNEX

February 5, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 A.M. by Chairman Steve Waldron, with the following members present:

Chairman Steve Waldron
Senator Gary Aklestad
Representative Bill Hand
Representative Robert Marks
Senator Pat Regan
Senator Pete Story

Others present were: Susan Nybo, SDHES, Health & Environmental Sciences, Helena; Ron Weiss, IBPP, Helena; and Linda Gamble, OBPP, Helena.

Chairman Waldron stated that the last item to be discussed on the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences are Sub-divisions. They are budgeted for two FTE's and they intend to keep both of them.

The Executive stated that these two FTE's were not on the earmarked fund. The additional personnel indicated they are going to have much more volume in the Sub-division as they are all striving to get in under the allotted 20 acre plan.

The LFA stated that in 1978 there were twelve sub-divisions with over 160 lots and this was the reason they could operate on fees.

The Executive stated that the Sub-divisions had 8.5 FTE's.

Senator Story stated that the sub-divisions were getting out of planning and into other problems. For example: The septic tank. A septic tank could not be installed until it had been approved by the local sanitation department. The sub-divisions had to provide assistance.

Chairman Waldron asked whether the two additional FTE's that had been granted by the Budget Office should be approved if the workload remains the same.

Representative Marks stated that they had also been given a grant of \$70,000.

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Chairman Waldron stated that the motion is to allow 8.5 FTE's; remove the 2 FTE's that came into the subsequent budget and to utilize fees to pay for everything rather than use the General fund and also to authorize the \$70,000 grant. The motion was carried.

Senator Regan asked that next time the budget be broken down so it could be better understood.

Chairman Waldron stated the motion as: The Committee requires the Health Department's budget by bureau for the next legislature. The motion was carried.

Senator Regan stated that she would like to look at out-of-state travel.

Senator Akelstad said he would like to look at advertising and also asked the question as to how an FTE is cut from a 16 to a 14.

The LFA stated that you can go in and cut; you make the statement you want to cut from grade 15.

Chairman Waldron made the motion that this be brought to the appropriation committee as a whole, and that they need to be cut down on glossy reports, publications, travel both in state and out-of-state, newsletters and records. The motion carried.

Chairman Waldron stated that getting into Health Services was getting into priority budgeting. Also, that Family Planning dealt with counseling in all aspects of family life, educational services, physical examinations, cervical cancer screening, self-breast exams, blood tests for anemia, rubella and syphilis, for sugar and protein, inter-agency referral for other problems, dispensation of contraceptives, screening and treatment for gonorrhea and pregnancy tests. That the problem was that Title XX funding had been reduced; SRS had been switching around so much that it was difficult to figure out who pays. One recommendation was that county expenditures be paid for services provided. \$255,000 is required to maintain the services at the current level.

Representative Marks asked whether all the grants went to Family Planning. Ms. Nybo's reply was yes and she went on to explain how the different departments operate.

Representative Marks wanted to know if there had been anything done toward abortion.

Ms. Nybo replied no.

Representative Marks stated that if Title XX is reduced, that the Committee should reduce the general fund proportionately. 166

He also said that maybe the committee should wait on this statement until they finished SRS.

Chairman Waldron stated that the motion is: To accept the LFA recommendation on the general fund; if other funds are reduced then other funds should be reduced proportionately. In summary, if the federal money isn't there, then the general funding may be reduced. The motion carried.

Ms. Nybo stated that some local programs receive money from the United Way.

The Executive stated that there was a fee schedule that could be matched.

Ms. Nybo stated that the schedule was a sliding schedule.

A substitute motion was made by Chairman Waldron to allow the use of local fees and contributions for federal funds be matched. The motion carried.

Chairman Waldron stated that as to the Federal money they had to make a decision on how much money the Committee wanted to fund.

Senator Regan made a motion that they fund the federal dollars as they are. She indicated that SRS had overspent their budget and that was part of the reason they didn't use Title XX.

The LFA stated they had used all of their Title XX money and general fund reversion would be on a dollar to dollar basis.

Nursing Package

Chairman Waldron stated some concerns that the nurses do not do that much. He further stated that they went fifteen months with one nurse. Also, that they didn't even do their own publications. The Chairman went on to say he had asked if there were duplications and he kept receiving the answer that there weren't. They did, however, provide education for their public nurses.

Senator Regan stated that the current level of FTE's was 4.5 and wanted to allow them that figure in the Nursing Bureau.

Representative Marks wanted to know if they could reduce that FTE figure back to 4.

Senator Aklestad stated he had a few calls from the County Health Nurses and that they obtained their information by telephone rather than by travel.

The LFA stated that they had spent \$2100 in 1978 on travel and only had 1.5 nurse consultants.

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The Executive stated that everybody was spread throughout the State and also if Senate Bill 109 was passed, the word "supervisor" would be changed to "consultant".

Representative Marks stated he would like to have the Committee allow the vacancy to be reduced to three; one FTE Chief; two FTE Nursing Consultants and one FTE Secretary.

Chairman Waldron stated the motion then as: To have four FTE's; one FTE Chief; two FTE Nursing Consultants and one FTE Secretary. The motion carried.

Chairman Waldron stated that Nutrition would be discussed. The program runs by Federal funds and \$7,000 General funds. The Executive stated that they expected 5 additional counties to be served in Fiscal Year 80. The LFA recommended lower spending authority than they want. Chairman Waldron stated that in Montana, there is a high level of anemia and stunted growth and statistics show that Montana is very high in comparison with the entire nation. He further suggested that they be funded at the requested level and as more funds become available, they could use them, but not to give them too much spending authority.

Senator Regan made a motion to accept the recommendation of the LFA and if more money becomes available, then they can use it, but to use it only by justified budget recommendations and to allow 13.34 FTE's. The motion carried.

Chairman Waldron stated that in the Dental Health Program he would make the motion that the Information Officer become full-time, and the Secretary be part-time. He also stated that in this department there is more money spent on salaries because there are more professional positions.

Senator Aklestad asked what the Public Health Education people did. Chairman Waldron answered that they go around to the schools and check and by this means they keep track of what is going on.

The Executive stated that this is one of the better health programs. Further they stated that Dr. Terrill has been able to reduce the dental care needed because of his significant interest in the program. Dr. Terrill, he further stated, was busy coordinating the program and they felt that the dental program has become very successful.

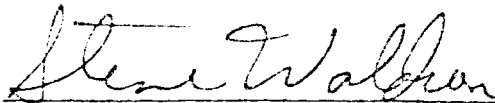
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Chairman Waldron stated that the motion is: To make the Information Officer Full Time; reduce the dental program by .5 FTE and allow funding for the Information Officer of a FTE and the Secretary to the Information Officer to be a .5 FTE. The motion carried.

Chairman Waldron adjourned the meeting until Tuesday, February 6, 1979 at the hour of 8:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Steve Waldron, Chairman
Approved

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