

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

February 7, 1979 - Room 108

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Chairman Yardley. Committee members present were:

Representative Howard Ellis
Representative Art Lund (excused until 8:30)
Representative Pat Gesek
Senator Mark Etchart
Senator Bill Thomas (excused from 10:00 - 11:00)

Present from the Department of Institutions were Mike Murray, Bob Anderson, Darryl Bruno, Peter Blouke, Ed Bates, Phil Powers, Curt Chisholm, Larry Zanto, Ray Hoffman and Jim Haubein.

Also present were Representative Bardanouve; Doug Booker, Office of Budget and Program Planning; Betty Waugh and John LaFaver, Legislative Fiscal Analysts Office; Kyle Hopstad and Gary Knowlton.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division

Mike Murray, Administrator of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division, gave the committee members a handout concerning the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division and went over the material contained in it. (See exhibit A.)

Darryl Bruno, Chief of the Community and Program Development Bureau, gave the committee a handout and went over it with the committee.

Dick Brice, Head of treatment for the Southwestern Drug Program, explained the program and the services it provides.

Bob Anderson, Bureau Chief of Reporting and Evaluation in the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division, went over the function of his office.

Mike Murray discussed the discrepancies in the Legislative Fiscal Analyst's recommendations. (See pages 8-11 of exhibit A.)

Mr. Murray then passed out copies of their biennial budget request (see exhibit C) and went through it with the committee. He told the committee there were two areas not included in the Executive's recommended budget that he felt the committee should consider. The agency was asked by the Executive to try to seek LEAA funding for two of the three counselors at the Pine Hills School and Swan River Youth Forest Camp. As of January 31, 1979 Mr. Murray found out there would not be adequate funding through an LEAA grant to maintain the substance of use program at those correctional institutions. Mr. Murray also recommends one additional FTE which is not in the Executive budget. That FTE would be an Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program evaluator. It had been previously suggested

by a firm that did a study on the program's staffing level and administration of funds and by the Executive that there was a need for an additional evaluator. But due to the limited funding the evaluator position was cut out of the Executive budget request. He said the position does not have to be funded out of the general fund; it could be funded out the earmarked revenue if that money were available.

Kyle Hopstad, Administrator of the Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital, gave the committee copies of the budget for his program. (See exhibit E.) He told the committee the hospital will need \$314,000 of state money in FY'80 and \$280,000 of state money in FY'81.

Representative Lund asked Mr. Hopstad if the hospital had a waiting list and Mr. Hopstad told him they did and that presently the hospital was running at a 105% occupancy load. There was discussion on the hospital. Mr. Zanto told the committee they might want to consider a line item appropriation to Glasgow because it is such a large program.

Mental Health and Residential Services Division

Peter Blouke went over the staffing and responsibilities of the division. He said the consolidation of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program and the Mental Health and Residential Services Division was not appropriate. One of the reasons was that a person who is an expert in one field is not necessarily an expert in another field. He handed out exhibit F to the committee and went over the material contained in that report.

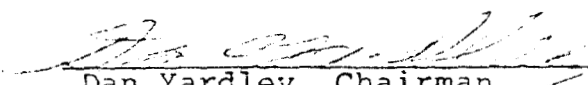
Mr. Phil Powers, Director of the Manpower Development Project, went over pages 9 and 10 of exhibit F which covered the Manpower Program.

Mr. Blouke gave the committee members copies of the biennial budget request (see exhibit G) and went over it with them. He said the difference between the FY'80 request for contracted services and the FY'81 request is to develop an alternative program for seriously emotionally disturbed children. The division is requesting \$100,000 to develop an alternative program.


Representative Ellis asked Mr. Blouke for more information on the alternative program. Mr. Blouke told him they are anticipating starting two intensive group homes. The \$100,000 will be spent to get the program off the ground and once it has been established, the program should be able to support itself and that is why the division is not requesting money for the program in FY'81. The homes would be 8-10 bed facilities. Any more than that would be like an institution which is what they are trying to get away from.

Chairman Yardley said he was aware of a request for a long range building project, for \$850,000 to construct a treatment unit for emotionally disturbed children at Warm Springs. He asked Mr. Blouke if that proposal was in conjunction with the \$100,000 request. Mr. Blouke told the committee the \$850,000 is to move the children's program from Warm Springs to another locale. The \$100,000 is for a different population of children who are not as emotionally disturbed. Those children would go to an intensive group home. Chairman Yardley asked for an analysis of how many children are in Warm Springs, how many of the other type of children and the projected future cost of the projects. Curt Chisholm told the committee of a study that had been done at the request of the legislature that would answer all those questions. Doug Booker said his office has that study and will give a presentation on it. That presentation will be scheduled next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.



Dan Yardley, Chairman



Vicki Lofthouse, Secretary