

APPROPRIATIONS - FINANCE & CLAIMS

SUB-COMMITTEE: HUMAN SERVICES

FEBRUARY 10, 1979 - CAPITOL ANNEX

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 a.m. by Vice Chairman Pete Story with the following members present:

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

Representative Steve Waldron - Excused

Others present were: Curt Nichols, LFA; Ron Weiss, OBPP; and Linda Gamble, OBPP.

HEALTH PLANNING & RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

This division is responsible for writing the State Health Plan and for the Certificate of Need Reviews in which they work with the Health Department to determine if facilities are needed. Any purchase over \$20,000 must be authorized. This program requires a "minimum maintenance of effort" by the state. The federal government has threatened to cut off all their funds if the state does not comply with that effort. The LFA has figured out that to maintain the effort \$134,019 would be required by the state.

Representative Hand expressed concern that the Certificate of Need Program was not doing the job; hospitals are still being built without need. The other subcommittee members felt that most of the reasons were political.

Senator Regan moved that the subcommittee accept the LFA Budget which eliminates the Patient Origin Study and allows for legal assistance.

Senator Story inquired if this Certificate of Need Program couldn't be done away with. It was mandated so that the state could receive Hill-Burton funds; however, the state is no longer receiving these funds. (There is \$1,000,000 left which was previously allocated.) Curt Nichols did not feel the program could be deleted. Senator Regan agreed.

Senator Regan moved again to accept the LFA recommendation of \$134,019 with the legal assistance included and the patient origin study deleted.

Representative Marks supported the program. He felt without

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it there would be vast indiscriminatory expansion. It was then pointed out that the program also requested an FTE for the Intensive Certificate of Need Review for nursing homes and one for the Health Data System which they are required to manage. They are not new FTEs; they were added by budget modifications previously. One of the FTEs was not included in the budgets.

Senator Aklestad made a substitute motion to accept the LFA recommendation of \$134,019 and change the FTEs to 13.5. A vote was taken:

Senator Gary Aklestad	Yes
Representative Bill Hand	No
Representative Robert Marks	No
Senator Pat Regan	No
Vice Chairman Pete Story	No

The motion failed.

Senator Regan moved to accept the LFA recommendation of \$134,019 with 16.5 FTEs. A vote was taken:

Senator Gary Aklestad	No
Representative Bill Hand	Yes
Representative Robert Marks	Yes
Senator Pat Regan	Yes
Vice Chairman Pete Story	Yes

The motion passed.

#### LAB SERVICES

This program supplies laboratory services for the other agencies. There was discussion previously about doing away with the Director of this service. Previously they were paying him from supplies money and if he is continued would need funding. To delete the director position, the sub-committee would have to delete one FTE from the program.

Representative Hand moved to accept the LFA recommended budget.

Curt Nichols explained that the difference between the budgets was due to the fact that the Executive took into account funds that will come in from the other programs. The LFA Budget did not take them into account. Mr. Nichols pointed out that there was no real way to document the funds; it was just an estimate.

Senator Regan asked if the director's position was already filled. It is not. She suggested that his salary be taken

from personal services and be placed in operating expenses.

The motion was made to accept the LFA recommendation with the stipulation that if funds come in from other agencies, the general fund money will be reduced by that amount; and that one FTE be reduced from the program moving his salary from personal services to operating expenses. All were in favor of the motion. The motion passed.

Representative Marks asked the fiscal analyst and the OBPP to let the subcommittee know if this causes problems.

Ron Weiss advised the subcommittee that they still needed authorization for one FTE which was transferred into the program. Senator Regan said this would not be a problem as they did away with the director's position.

#### HEALTH FACILITIES & MANPOWER

The Emergency Medical Service was discussed first. It had been questioned whether or not this program could be consolidated with the Civil Defense Program. This cannot be done.

The EMS is responsible for training ambulance drivers and to supply emergency equipment to small communities. The program started out at three FTEs and this year they have requested 12 FTEs.

Senator Story expressed concern that they are getting into the field of communications which is the Civil Defense area. He did not feel they should be getting involved.

Senator Regan moved that the EMS not be allowed to expand into communications. The motion was passed unanimously.

Currently the EMS Division has nine FTEs authorized, but only eight positions are filled at this time. Senator Story moved to authorize eight FTEs for this program. There was no opposition to the motion and the motion passed.

There is some question about this program in the Governor's Office and Representative Marks stated they may need to look at this at a later time.

Manpower is responsible for medical facility licensing and certification. SRS does not license any medical facilities. The Executive Budget Office reduced the FTEs by three positions during the hiring freeze. Senator Aklestad questioned if the FTEs could be reduced further. Ron Weiss, OBPP, felt that the impact was not yet felt from the freeze removals and perhaps

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the Legislature could look at it again in two years.

Senator Regan moved to accept the Executive Budget regarding FTEs and personal services. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Operating expenses were discussed next. The difference in budgets was reflected in contracted services. The Executive Branch allowed an increase in the level of contracted training.

Senator Aklestad moved to accept the LFA recommended budget for operating expenses. Representative Marks felt this was still to much. A vote was taken. All were in favor of the motion with the exception of Representative Marks. The motion passed.

The equipment budget was discussed. The primary expense in equipment is for training dummies. Senator Aklestad moved to accept the LFA Budget for equipment. All present were in favor; the motion passed.

#### COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

This program includes such activities a venereal disease control, tuberculosis control, immunization of children, information, education and follow-up of diseases. Hypertension is also a part of this program. At present, there are 2.5 FTEs in this program for a special Immunization Program which is to end in December of 1979. Senator Regan moved to sunset the 2.5 FTEs when the program is complete in December of 1979. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The main difference in budgets is due to the Executive Budget taking an FTE during the hiring freeze. There will have to be adjustments made to the personal services due to a reclassification of field health officers from Grade 12 to Grade 14. The Executive Budget Officer, Ron Weiss, felt this budget was barebones and further reduction in FTEs would cause problems.

Senator Aklestad moved to accept the Executive Budget with regards to FTEs. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The fiscal analysts will get together and recompute the budget for personal services and bring it to the subcommittee.

The difference in operating expenses is due to a travel reduction by the Executive Office. The Executive took the 85% level of 1978 travel. Senator Aklestad moved to accept the Executive Budget on operating expenses. All were in favor, the motion passed.

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The reduction in the equipment budget is due to the transferral of the lab out of this department. The lab equipment was transferred over. The request for the next biennium is for three lateral file cabinets. Senator Story thought perhaps they could purchase used files. Representative Hand moved to accept the equipment budgets. Representative Hand and Representative Marks voted yes; Senator Story and Senator Aklestad voted no. The motion failed. There was more discussion on whether or not they could purchase used cabinets. Senator Story changed his vote. The motion passed to accept the budgets on equipment.

The general fund budget will have to readjusted. The fiscal analysts will present the adjusted budget to the subcommittee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Steve Waldron  
Steve Waldron, Chairman  
Approved.