

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

February 13, 1979 -- Room 108

Chairman Yardley called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
Other committee members present were:

Senator Mark Etchart
Senator Bill Thomas
Representative Pat Gesek
Representative Howard Ellis
Representative Art Lund

Others present were Betty Waugh and John LaFaver, Legislative Fiscal Analysts Office, and Ted Clack and Doug Booker, Office of Budget and Program Planning. See attached Visitors' Register for others present.

Board of Visitors

Kelley Morris, Executive Secretary of the Mental Disabilities Board of Visitors, gave the committee packets of materials concerning the Board of Visitors. She explained Index A of the packet (See exhibit A) and also gave additional information as to what the duties of the Board members are.

Representative Arlyne Reichert gave testimony for the Board of Visitors and told the committee she supports the Board.

Margaret Ulvestad, Executive Director of Developmental Disabilities/Montana Advocacy Program, Inc., gave testimony in support of the Board of Visitors. (See exhibit B.)

Diane Williams, League of Women Voters, gave testimony concerning the Board of Visitors. (See exhibit C.)

Mr. Tim Kaye, citizens advocate for developmentally disabled citizens, gave testimony concerning his relationship with the Board of Visitors. He told the committee he feels the Board's functions should be expanded to community programs. He referred to his letter to the Attorney General, section H of exhibit A, in which he makes allegations concerning the Cascade House, a group home operated by the Cascade County Housing for the Developmentally Disabled, Inc. He feels the Board of Visitors should receive funding and authority to review clients files in community based programs to insure the rights of those people are honored and then report those findings to the legislature and Governor. Some of the allegations he made

concerning the Cascade Home included inappropriate use of medications, misuse of supplemental security income funds, inappropriate use of behavior programs which include making the patients gargle with pepper, dressing the patients in diapers, withholding of insulin shots, application of cold showers, inappropriate use of physical and mechanical restraints.

Dr. Richard Traynham also gave testimony in support of the Board of Visitors. (See exhibit A, section G.)

Mental Health Advisory Board

Beth Richter, Executive Director of the Mental Health and Developmentally Disabled Boards, introduced Jim Johnson, Warm Springs patients' attorney and a member of the Board. She passed out copies of the Mental Health Advisory Council's budgets for FY'78 and FY'79 (see exhibit D) and went over it with the committee. She told the committee the staff is shared between the Mental Health Advisory Council and the Developmentally Disabled Planning and Advisory Council.

Jim Johnson told the committee that the council had recommended the closure of the Bolton Building at Warm Springs, the transfer of the geriatric patients from Warm Springs to Galen, and a psychiatric unit at the prison.

Mr. Johnson and the committee went over some recommendations made in the State Plan for Mental Health Care.

The committee also received copies of the Developmentally Disabled Planning and Advisory Council's proposed budget. (See exhibit E.)

Pine Hills School

An executive session was called to discuss the Pine Hills School's budget.

Ted Clack gave the committee copies of the revised budget for Pine Hills. (See exhibit F.)

The Executive's recommendation for contracted services was lowered from the previous recommendation and more money was recommended for the food supplies. Ted Clack felt he had cut them too low in the food budget and didn't think they would be able to make it on what he had previously budgeted. He told the committee that Pine Hills had to have more food money to replace the farm food which will no longer be raised.

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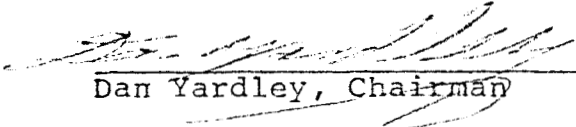
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Representative Ellis moved the committee recommend doing away with the ranch operation. However, the committee decided to wait on that recommendation until they received information on the disposal of the farm.

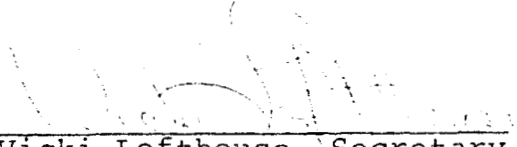
The LFA recommended doing away with the ranch but keeping six acres as a 4-H type project and recommended adding a vocational training instructor to implement the project. The LFA had based their recommended budget on the FY'78 expenditures, reducing some for expected decrease in population. In supplies and materials, the LFA took the same base of the pounds the school though they would need to replace what was used from the ranch operation. The LFA said the school had been using a 50-50% portion of beef and pork. If the school had to buy from the market, the LFA does not feel they would buy the same type of meats they had been using. The LFA's recommendation of \$45,975 would allow for 45,000 pounds of meat which is 12.4 ounces of meat per day per person fed at the school. The LFA recommended \$17,200 for dairy products which would allow one quart of milk a day per boy and some staff. Representative Gesek asked for a figure for the LFA's recommended food budget and a figure from the Executive for their recommended food budget. The LFA's food figure is \$119,940 for FY'80 and \$127,736 for FY'81. The Executive's food figures are \$135,779 for FY'80 and \$149,357 for FY'81. The main difference in the LFA's recommendations and the Executive's recommendations is the ratio of pork and beef used in FY'78 and what will be used when the school has to buy meat on the market.

There was more discussion on the budgets and the committee decided to wait to make any decisions until the next day's meeting, February 14, 1979.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



Dan Yardley, Chairman



Vicki Lofthouse, Secretary