

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

February 14, 1979 - Room 108

Chairman Yardley called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.
Committee members present were:

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

Others present were: Betty Waugh and John LaFaver, Legislative Fiscal Analysts Office; Ted Clack and Doug Booker, Office of Budget and Program Planning; Gene Hunington; Curt Chisholm and Peter Blouke, Department of Institutions.

Gene Hunington, Office of Budget and Program Planning, gave the committee a handout, see exhibit A, which attempts to clarify and explain issues involved in providing treatment and educational services to emotionally disturbed children. He told the committee of some of the problems with keeping the children's program at Warm Springs State Hospital. Those problems are explained in Section II of the handout. He also went over the Executive's recommendations which are in Section II of the handout. He went over his estimate of what a new facility would cost over the next six years. (See exhibit B.) Mr. Hunington told the committee that there was \$100,000 included in the Mental Health proposed budget to be used for funding an intermediate care facility for children. The location of the facility has not been determined but the \$100,000 would be used for the start up of the facility. Other agencies would also contribute to the operating costs.

The committee asked Mr. Hunington what would happen to the existing building in Warm Springs that is being used to house the children. He told them it might be demolished but if not, it would not be used to house any more patients. Chairman Yardley asked if the new program could still work well if the \$100,000 was approved but not the funding for a new facility for intensive care. Mr. Hunington said he thought it would still work.

Pine Hill School

An executive session was called to discuss the Pine Hills School budget. The Executive and LFA talked about their differences in the food and milk budgets. Doug Booker told the committee it would be good if the committee could set some kind of base guideline for setting food budgets for each institution. After much discussion, the committee decided to accept the LFA's figures for FY'80.

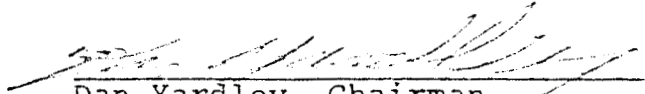
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However, for FY'81 the Executive had recommended \$25,603 for equipment, which included the purchase of a new car. The LFA told the committee that Pine Hills had \$33,331 budgeted for equipment in FY'79 that will not be used for the purchase of farm machinery as originally thought. The LFA feels the agency has enough money left in the equipment category and will not need extra money for the next biennium. This information was discussed by the committee and Doug Booker offered to compile the equipment expenditures, by Pine Hills, for the last two years and give that information to the committee. The committee agreed that information would be needed and they will postpone any decision on the budget until they had a chance to go over the expenditures.

It was also mentioned to the committee, by Doug Booker, that if the courts mandate the agency to comply with the evaluation recommendations made by the American Correctional Association the agency would probably have to come in with a supplemental budget because they did not request enough in the biennial budget request to cover the expenses required for compliance.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



Dan Yardley, Chairman



Vicki Lofthouse, Secretary