

APPROPRIATIONS - FINANCE & CLAIMS

SUBCOMMITTEE: HUMAN SERVICES

AGENCY I

FEBRUARY 21, 1979 - CAPITOL ANNEX

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 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: Curt Nichols, LFA; Linda Gamble, OBPP; Ron Weiss, OBPP; Ben Wake, Administrator for Environmental Sciences Division; Michael D. Roach, Chief of the Air Quality Bureau; Brian Garrity, Boulder, MT; and Linda Lockley, Boulder, MT.

SUPPLEMENTAL FOR HEALTH SERVICES

Representative Marks moved to not accept the supplemental.

Ron Weiss, OBPP, explained to the subcommittee that a portion of the supplement was to revise the Ambient Air Quality Standards. The present standards have been ruled guidelines and are not enforceable. The Governor initially started this program with an emergency supplement.

Senator Regan had doubts that the Butte/Silver Bow Radiation Study should be funded by the subcommittee. Again that was a program started with an emergency supplement by the Governor.

Curt Nichols, LFA, explained that \$59,000 was money not used in 1978 for the Air Quality Study. They need those funds moved up to FY 79 so they may be used. It is not an ongoing project and the problem was the result of a legal technicality.

Senator Regan made a substitute motion to accept the supplement. A vote was taken:

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

The motion to accept the supplement failed.

Representative Mark's initial motion to not accept the supplement was brought up. The motion was held pending someone from the department coming over.

(Continued) Ben Wake, Administrator of Environmental Sciences, was questioned why the EPA standards were not adopted rather than have another Montana study. Mr. Wake told the subcommittee that the EPA standards were based on the weakest link in the chain. In many cases the state would allow industry to rise-up to that level of pollution. EPA standards he felt are not that good, besides not touching on some areas of pollution. Mr. Wake felt that if a study was not done, they would be challenged in court on the legality of the standards.

Mike Roach, Chief of the Air Quality Bureau, explained that an attorney, Steve Brown, studied the problem. It was felt that the standards should be reviewed or they would not hold up in court. Mr. Roach told the subcommittee that they are required by law to protect the health of Montana citizens. They felt the citizens would be best served by Montana Standards. He felt the industries were behind the development of the new standards.

Senator Aklestad moved to accept \$22,000 for the supplement.

Chairman Waldron pointed out that only a portion of the supplement was for the Air Quality Study. Also, \$59,000 of the money was a carry over from FY 78. The supplement is to pay for work done in this biennium. The subcommittee has funded the Radiation Program for FY 80-81; this would leave them without funds for FY 79. Senator Aklestad withdrew his motion.

Representative Marks made a substitute motion to withdraw \$50,000 from the Air Quality Study reducing the total supplement to \$50,000 but include the reversion funds. This reduces the total monies for the Air Quality Standards by 1/3. Representative Marks felt that since 1/3 of the study was to study those standards not included by the EPA, those were the only standards that should be funded. The \$50,000 reduction was being lenient he felt.

A vote was taken on the motion to withdraw \$50,000 from the Air Quality Study leaving the supplement at \$50,000 but including the reversion funds:

Senator Gary Aklestad	Yes
Representative Bill Hand	Yes
Representative Robert Marks	Yes
Senator Pat Regan	No

1/21

Senator Pete Story	Yes
Chairman Steve Waldron	No

The motion passed.

Curt Nichols gave the subcommittee a handout from the Water Quality Bureau explaining why they needed the money the subcommittee cut. There was discussion on the matter; however, it was decided to leave the budget as voted previously.

Curt Nichols gave an overview of the Health Services Division budgets as revised after the subcommittee voted.

HEALTH PLANNING AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

This is a minimum maintenance of effort program. For FY 80 the budget is:

FTEs	16.5
Personal Services	\$270,860
Operating Expenses	120,368
Equipment	800
Total Operating	392,028
Non-Operating	1,000,000
General Funds	134,019
Other Funds	258,009
Non-Appropriated	1,000,000

For FY 81:

FTEs	16.5
Personal Services	\$271,667
Operating Expenses	122,292
Equipment	---
Total Operating	393,959
Non-Operating	1,000,000
General Funds	134,019
Other Funds	259,940
Non-Appropriated	1,000,000

The million dollars is Hill-Burton funds. One of the FTEs was added for the data management.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

All federal funds are plugged in this service; there are no more federal funds available. The computer terminals were included, the system redesign was not included.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES (continued)

FY 80		FY 81	
FTEs	34.4	FTEs	33.4
Personal Services	\$561,061	Personal Services	\$546,206
Operating Expenses	189,049	Operating Expenses	200,575
Equipment	6,780	Equipment	8,250
Total Operating	756,890	Total Operating	755,031
Non-Operating	161,700	Non-Operating	161,700
General Funds	393,990	General Funds	387,131
Other Funds	524,600	Other Funds	529,600

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

FY 80		FY 81	
FTEs	17.4	FTEs	14.9
Personal Services	\$282,107	Personal Services	\$258,874
Operating Expenses	130,369	Operating Expenses	112,572
Equipment	725	Equipment	372
Total Operating	413,201	Total Operating	371,818
Non-Operating	43,000	Non-Operating	43,500
General Funds	141,201	General Funds	155,318
Other Funds	315,000	Other Funds	260,000

All available federal funds are in this program.

LABORATORY SERVICES

FY 80		FY 81	
FTEs	28.5	FTEs	28.5
Personal Services	\$416,779	Personal Services	\$418,387
Operating Expenses	77,467	Operating Expenses	80,381
Equipment	17,500	Equipment	21,400
Total Operating	511,746	Total Operating	520,168
Non-Operating	---	Non-Operating	---
General Funds	155,246	General Funds	163,668
Other Funds	356,500	Other Funds	356,500

The subcommittee eliminated the Lab Administrator and moved the funds to Operating Expenses. The general funds will have to absorb increases through the year.

The subcommittee has voted that for family planning if federal funds become available, general fund monies would revert. However, the LFA felt this was a problem as the subcommittee did not

appropriate the spending authority nor the general funds. Representative Hand moved to put \$30,000 per year of general fund money in the budget for family planning with the stipulation that if federal money comes in it will revert.

Curt Nichols told the subcommittee that the division is certain they will get the federal money so all they would really need is the authorization to spend the federal funds.

A substitute motion to add \$30,000 per year additional federal spending authority to the budget was voted on. The motion passed. This would adjust the Operating Expenses:

FY 80 - \$107,467

FY 81 - \$110,381

Other Funds to:

FY 80 - \$386,500

FY 81 - \$386,500

The extra federal money coming in for family planning is Title X.

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES & MANPOWER

FY 80		FY 81	
FTEs	28.6	FTEs	28.6
Personal Services	\$504,259	Personal Services	\$504,808
Operating Expenses	250,434	Operating Expenses	256,299
Equipment	17,170	Equipment	9,630
Non-Operating	502,314	Non-Operating	510,533
General Funds	188,243	General Funds	190,047
Other Funds	1,085,934	Other Funds	1,091,223

There are federal funds still available for pay increases for this program.

The fiscal analyst, Curt Nichols, requested that Environmental Services be held at a later time. The chairman agreed.

HEALTH SERVICES

FY 80		FY 81	
FTEs	61.75	FTEs	61.75
Personal Services	\$1,048,400	Personal Services	\$1,054,278
Operating Expenses	6,062,148	Operating Expenses	6,069,943
Equipment	4,615	Equipment	4,615

HEALTH SERVICES (continued)

Non-Operating	1,949,263	Non-Operating	1,979,788
Total Operating	9,064,426	Total Operating	9,108,624
General Funds	505,311	General Funds	515,266
Other Funds	8,559,115	Other Funds	8,593,358

The fiscal analyst questioned one part of this budget. In the Administrative Program is the In-Born Error Screening which the analyst believed the subcommittee had wanted. However, the subcommittee funded the bureau at level A, 80% of the current level which did not include funding for the screening program. The full amount of federal funds have already been plugged in, so to fund the screening they will have to use general fund money. They need \$42,000 per year for the program.

Senator Regan felt that the division should be able to absorb the cost within their budget. Senator Aklestad also thought that it could be absorbed. It was pointed out that the testing was mandated by state law. Senator Regan asked if perhaps the cost could be passed on to the patient. Chairman Waldron suggested that perhaps the subcommittee should look at funding at the B level.

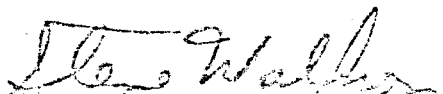
Curt Nichols pointed out to the subcommittee that if the \$42,000 is taken within the present budget something else will probably be cut. A great deal of the money is for nutrition by mandate, therefore leaving Family Planning or Crippled Children to be cut.

Representative Hand moved to put \$42,000 per year from the general funds for the In-Born Error Screening. All but Senator Aklestad were in favor. The motion passed.

Chairman Waldron discussed with the subcommittee the letter from Mike Morris of CDC regarding transferring the DD evaluation contract in with the HCS evaluation. Representative Marks moved to transfer the function of evaluation and diagnosis from DD to the Department of Health. Senator Regan objected to the vote as she felt the subcommittee was not competent enough or knew enough about the proposal to vote. Neither the fiscal analyst or the OBPP officers were familiar enough to make a recommendation. Ron Weiss and Curt Nichols were asked to contact the departments and make a recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:


Steve Waldron, Chairman