

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS

March 1, 1979 -- Room 108

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Yardley. Committee members present were:

Representative Art Lund
Representative Howard Ellis
Representative Pat Gesek
Senator Mark Etchart
Senator Bill Thomas (excused until 9:00)

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

Curt Chisholm gave the committee members copies of a report on legal services to institutions and a letter to Chairman Yardley concerning the proposed staffing plan for Warm Springs. (See exhibit A.)

Ron Phelps talked about the SCOPE (Staffing Care of Patients Effectively) system. (See exhibit B.) He told the committee that SCOPE is a new system used to determine the levels of direct care nursing staff.

The committee received copies of the proposed staffing for Warm Springs from Betty Waugh, see exhibit C, and from Doug Booker, see exhibit D. Doug Booker worked from a projected census of 325-335 patients and Betty Waugh worked from a projected census of 280 patients. Both the LFA's and Executive's budgets were based on the closing of the Bolton Building and the transfer of the geriatric patients to Galen. There was discussion as to where the patients from the Bolton Building would be placed. Doug Booker said he could get a list of where those patients would go.

The committee discussed the transfer of 50 geriatric patients from Warm Springs to Galen and the transfer of 20 patients from Warm Springs to Eastmont. Doug Booker said he would like to see the committee leave the money where the patients are and let the professionals at the institutions, under the guidance of the legislature, decide what patients should go where. John LaFaver told the committee he felt the legislature should set a plan as to the placement of certain patients and fund the institution accordingly.

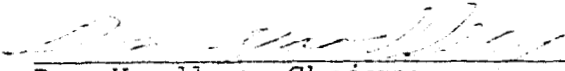
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There was discussion on the different alternatives available for housing at Boulder. John LaFaver told the committee they might want to think about funding the modular house program so that all patients are housed in certifiable buildings. Doug Booker told the committee there are 60 patients under court order to be transferred out of Boulder and into the community. When those patients are transferred out, the other patients could all be moved into the newer housing and completely out of the old cottages. That way, the patients would all be in certified buildings. Doug Booker also referred to a study done by SRS concerning institutions. The committee asked Doug if that information would be of any value to the committee. Doug said he thought it would and will arrange for someone from the SRS to give a presentation to the committee.

Senator Thomas asked the LFA and Executive to get together and try and come up with an agreed figure for FTEs and recommendations as to where the patients should be placed so the committee can make some decisions.

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



Dan Yardley, Chairman



Vicki Lofthouse, Secretary