

APPROPRIATIONS - FINANCE & CLAIMS

SUBCOMMITTEE: HUMAN SERVICES

AGENCY I

MARCH 5, 1979 - CAPITOL ANNEX

Evening

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.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: Linda Gamble, OBPP; Ron Weiss, OBPP; Curt Nichols, LFA; Pat Wall, Helena 4-Cs; Linda Brander, Montana Day Care Association; Representative Jonas Rosenthal; Keith Colbo, Director of SRS; and Ben Johns, Deputy Director of Administration.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Runaway Youth

It is all federal and local funds for this program. They counsel youth and their goal is to return youth to their homes. There is no difference between budgets.

Representative Hand moved to accept the Executive budget proposal. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Big Brothers and Sisters Program

The chairman introduced this program stating there is about a \$30,000 per year discrepancy in the budgets.

Curt Nichols, LFA, explained that the OBPP used the increased Title XX funding with match from 1979 whereas the LFA used the amount recommended by the last Legislature. He also explained upon questioning that the program is expanding by request of individual communities.

Representative Jonas Rosenthal explained that SRS contracts directors for the program. The directors review the children, review the volunteers, match individuals with volunteers,

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review the agencies making referrals, recruit volunteers and initiate fund raising events. The program has just started local offices in Kalispell and the Ronan area. They also have had requests from Havre and the Miles City area for programs.

Linda Gamble explained there were \$139,130 of federal grant clearance funds in the program. There are no general fund monies. There is a 3-1 local match.

Chairman Waldron read a letter from the Big Brothers Program which stated they could get by on \$165,000 per year. Representative Marks brought out that because of the overspend on Title XX money, it was actually general fund money.

Representative Hand moved to accept \$165,000 per year but then withdrew the motion. Senator Regan moved to accept the recommendation of \$165,000 per year. A vote was taken:

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

The motion failed.

Representative Marks moved to accept the LFA recommendation.  
Vote:

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

The motion passed.

#### Foster Parent Training Program

The chairman introduced the program by reminding the sub-committee that the OBPP recommends deleting the program and the LFA recommends \$15,000 per year. The current level is \$33,227. The funding was totally Title XX Training money.

Senator Gary Aklestad moved to accept the Executive recommendation to delete the program.

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Vote:

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

The motion passed and the Foster Parent Training Program was deleted.

#### Achievement Homes

Representative Marks moved the LFA recommendation for Achievement Homes. Chairman Waldron pointed out to the sub-committee that the Executive recommendation did not fund the Helena Achievement Center. Linda Gamble added that the centers are funded on a population base and Helena's Achievement Center had an average of three out of a possible eight.

Senator Aklestad made a substitute motion to fund the Executive budget for Achievement Homes which deletes the Helena Achievement Center. Vote:

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

The motion passed.

#### Family Teaching Center

The LFA recommended funding at a current level with an inflation factor. However, they did recommend the local government pick up 25% of the funding. The program is felt to be a good one.

Representative Marks moved to accept the Executive budget on the Family Teaching Center. Vote:

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

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Senator Pete Story	No
Chairman Steve Waldron	Yes

The motion passed.

4C's and State Day Care Association

It is the Executive recommendation to defund the State Day Care Association.

Senator Story moved to defund the whole program. Senator Regan asked to separate the two programs in the motion. The motion was divided to defund the 4C's Program. Senator Regan spoke on behalf of the program. Keith Colbo, Director of the department, told the subcommittee that these programs are a priority and supported them strongly.

Senator Regan made a substitute motion to accept the Executive budget for 4C's of \$286,450 for FY 80 and \$291,551 for FY 81. Senator Regan made a substitute motion to fund 4C's at whatever level is current and let the fiscal analysts figure it out.

Vote:

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

The motion failed.

Senator Story moved to not fund the 4C's Program. Vote:

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

The motion failed. They moved on to the Day Care Association.

Representative Marks did not feel the state should be funding a private enterprise and moved to not fund the Day Care Association. Vote:

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

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Senator Pat Regan	Yes
Senator Pete Story	Yes
Chairman Steve Waldron	No

The motion passed. The subcommittee moved back to 4C's.

Representative Marks moved the 1978 funding level with a 6% inflation rate for FY 79, 7-1/4% rate for FY 80 and 6-3/4% rate for FY 81. Vote:

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

The motion passed.

#### West Yellowstone Project

Representative Hand moved the LFA recommendation. Linda Gamble had no detail on the Administrative Grants which they made provisions for. Vote on the motion to accept the LFA recommendation:

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

The motion passed.

Representative Hand moved to accept the LFA budget with the Executive FTEs. Vote:

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

The motion passed.

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ASSISTANT PAYMENTS

Aid for Dependent Children

The LFA has recommended raising the poverty index to 82.5 in FY 80 and 85.0 in FY 81 plus allowing for inflation. The OBPP has recommended staying at the 80% level which saves about \$450,000 per biennium. The department has no policy on the subject. Representative Hand moved the Executive recommendation at the 80% poverty level with an inflation factor. Vote:

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

The motion passed. The fiscal analyst will work out the figures and bring them before the subcommittee.

Foster Care

The LFA has placed a 7-1/4% and 6-3/4% inflation factor in the Foster Care budget. The Executive has recommended:

Foster Homes - FY 80 - 23.6%	FY 81 - 7%
Institutions	17.3%

Senator Regan reminded the subcommittee that the foster care homes have not received an increase in over two years. Senator Regan moved to accept the Executive recommendation. Vote:

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

The motion failed.

Representative Hand moved to accept the LFA recommendation on Foster Care. Vote:

Senator Gary Aklestad	Yes
Representative Bill Hand	Yes
Representative Robert Marks	Yes

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Senator Pat Regan	No
Senator Pete Story	Yes
Chairman Steve Waldron	Yes

The motion passed to accept the LFA recommendation on Foster Care.

Curt Nichols, LFA, recommended special language in the budget to include: For children under twelve years of age the monthly rates will be \$135.00 for FY 80 and \$145.00 for FY 81. For children twelve to eighteen years of age the rate would be \$160.00 for FY 80 and \$170.00 for FY 81.

Senator Regan agreed with the aim but thought it would be better worded that within the appropriation that foster care homes receive the increase first and any funds left over can then go to institutions. Mr. Colbo felt if something had to be included in the budget, Senator Regan's was the best. Line iteming takes away the department's flexibility in handling the children's needs.

Senator Regan moved to amend into the budget the language "the above appropriations provides for a 7-1/4% increase in FY 80 and a 6-3/4% increase in FY 81 for the foster parents and foster group homes first and then any money left can fund the institutional providers." Vote:

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

The motion passed.

#### Non-Resident General Assistance

This program aids people who would qualify for the county welfare program but don't meet the residence requirements. Representative Hand moved to accept the LFA budget. Vote:

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

The motion passed.

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SSI Supplemental

This program pays supplements to the federal payments to social security individuals. The Executive is several hundreds of dollars higher. Representative Hand moved to accept the LFA recommendation. Vote:

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

The motion passed.

Operating Budget

The differences in the budget were mainly in operating expenses. This was due to modifications including MIMS. There are three additional FTEs in the Executive budget also. One is to operate the MIMS system and two are to administer the Food Stamp Program. Representative Hand moved to accept the Executive recommendation. Vote: all were in favor except Senator Aklestad. The motion passed. The LFA will figure out the specific terms.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Steve Waldron, Chairman  
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