

APPROPRIATIONS - FINANCE & CLAIMS

SUBCOMMITTEE: HUMAN SERVICES

AGENCY I

MARCH 6, 1979 - CAPITOL ANNEX

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 a.m. by Vice Chairman Pete Story 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: Keith Colbo, Director of SRS; Ben Johns, Deputy Director of Administration; Ron Weiss, OBPP; Curt Nichols, LFA; Aage Hansen, Association for Developmentally Disabled.

DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

Curt Nichols, LFA, told the subcommittee that the difference in budgets is not as great as it appears. The OBPP budget allows \$500,000 per year for Medicaid funds for day services. Also the Executive recommends transferring funds as clients are moved out of state institutions. The LFA recommends a budget on a set level of operation. This would mean funding for a certain level in SRS and funding at an adjusted level in the institutions.

Mr. Colbo told the subcommittee that the most important thing to them was the start up figures for the group homes. The Executive allowed \$150,000 in FY 80 while the LFA allowed \$100,000 for both years. The LFA recommendation would be \$200,000 for the biennium. They don't care which method is used to fund the transferred clients although the follow-through method has not been successful up to now. Mr. Colbo told the members they would take care of inappropriate nursing home placements through vacancies in the program. Mr. Colbo also explained that there is no guarantee at any funding level that there will not be law suits.

Representative Hand moved to accept the LFA method to fund the additional group homes by funds not following the clients. It would include \$306,370 for FY 80 and \$614,090 for FY 81.

Vote:

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| Senator Gary Aklestad | No |
| Representative Bill Hand | Yes |

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| Representative Robert Marks | Yes |
| Senator Pat Regan | No |
| Senator Pete Story | Yes |
| Chairman Steve Waldron | No |

The motion failed.

There was further discussion on the budget. The LFA explained that there was a difference on the Title XX estimates and different allocations of Title XX money.

Representative Hand moved the LFA recommendation with the 1.4 million dollars assumption above the Executive recommendation on Title XX money. Vote: All were in favor except Senator Aklestad who passed. The motion passed. With the higher Title XX assumption, the general fund money will be less.

Representative Marks moved to accept the OBPP budget but then withdrew the motion. He did not feel they would probably get all sixty of the target group out of Boulder. Marks felt they should adopt the flow-through system because of problems they may have setting up the group homes. Again members of the subcommittee did not feel that system worked.

Representative Marks moved to reconsider the motion to accept the LFA method for funding. All were in favor, the motion passed.

Representative Marks moved to accept the LFA recommendation in the DD Program for client movement and funding for \$306,370 for FY 80 and \$614,080 for FY 81. Vote: All were in favor; the motion passed.

Mr. Colbo questioned the subcommittee on the Medicaid funds for the day services. This funding would service about 40 clients. Curt Nichols, LFA, did not recommend this as there was no past base. The chairman explained that if the Medicaid money was used it would free money for other uses.

Representative Marks moved to accept the Executive recommendation for the Medicaid funds which would be \$505,221 for FY 80 and \$510,720 for FY 81. Vote: All were in favor except Senator Aklestad; the motion passed.

The next topic discussed was the amount of money budgeted for training. The OBPP recommended \$327,000 per year while the LFA recommended \$300,000 for FY 80 and \$200,000 for FY 81. The chairman pointed out the burn-out factor in providers and reminded that the department felt the training was needed.

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Mr. Colbo also added that they will be opening several new homes whose providers will need training. He felt it was a small investment in quality care.

A motion was made to accept the Executive budget on the Sub-part H Training money. Vote:

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| 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 on a tie vote.

Senator Story moved to accept the LFA recommendation for Sub-part H Training money. Vote: All were in favor; the motion passed.

Senator Aklestad moved to accept the Executive level for FTEs with no vacancy savings. All were in favor of the motion; the motion passed.

Representative Hand moved to accept the LFA budget remaining. All were in favor of the motion; the motion passed.

DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED ADVISORY COUNCIL

Curt Nichols, LFA, explained to the subcommittee that there is a chance there will be \$100,000 per year extra of federal funds coming in. The additional money is not included in either budget. Mr. Colbo told the subcommittee the Executive Budget Office would rather have the funds in the Developmentally Disabled Program rather than the Council. Mr. Nichols explained they had the option of adding the funds to the appropriation or adding it into the appropriations already made.

Representative Hand moved that the additional \$100,000 per year be included in the DD budget and not in the Advisory Council budget. All were in favor; the motion passed. Senator Aklestad was absent for the vote.

The Council itself was discussed. It was determined that the Council was required by state law. If they did not fund the Council they would risk losing federal money. They are responsible for the DD Facilities and Planning Act. Representative Hand moved to accept the LFA recommendation

for the Advisory Council. Vote:

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

The motion passed; the LFA recommendation was accepted for the Advisory Council.

Representative Marks questioned Mr. Colbo on the DDMAP program. They are a private organization under the federal government and they have no control except in the grants they may authorize in the Advisory Council.

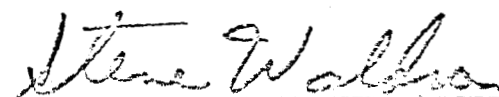
Representative Marks moved that the DD Advisory Council not be authorized to fund any DDMAP grants in any way. He does not feel MAP uses the funds legally.

All were in favor of the motion; the motion passed.

The meeting tonight will be at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Steve Waldron, Chairman
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