

APPROPRIATIONS - FINANCE & CLAIMS

SUBCOMMITTEE: HUMAN SERVICES

AGENCY I

MARCH 8, 1979 - CAPITOL ANNEX

Evening

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 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: Ron Weiss, OBPP; Curt Nichols, LFA; Keith Colbo, Director of SRS; Ben Johns, Deputy Director of Administration; John Wilson, Montana Council of Trout Unlimited; Steve Pilcher, Department of Health, Water Quality Department; Don Willems, Department of Health; Dr. John McMahon, Montana Foundation for Medical Care; Joyce Steffech, RN, Montana Foundation for Medical Care; Charles Hundley, Montana Foundation for Medical Care; Harold Frysli, DCA; and Carolyn Doering, OBPP.

COAL BOARD

The Executive Budget Office has recommended two additional FTEs, one compliance officer and one legal secretary, to insure the best administration for the grant program. There is no general fund money in this program. It is funded from the Coal Severance Tax of which the board gets a portion. The other major difference besides FTE level is in the amount of grant funds. The LFA recommended \$500,000 per year while the Executive budget recommended \$5,360,000 for FY 80 and \$4,375,000 for FY 81.

Senator Story moved to accept the LFA recommendation. He gave several reasons for the motion. 1. Although the theory is a good one, they have over done it. It has done its job for the major impacted areas and is no longer needed. 2. The majority of the public agrees with him and support this view. 3. Although the law suit on the severance tax has been used as a reason not to cut the budget, he does not feel this decision will affect the outcome. He went on to say that we are dealing with a minority of the population and that the rural areas are not receiving any benefits. Senator Story felt that the money should be used for tax relief. If the funds are not spent they revert to the Educational trust

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fund. The interest to this fund goes directly to the school foundation program.

Representative Marks added that most of the impacted areas have the lowest levies in the state.

Representative Hand felt that the towns should be helped now not in the future.

Harold Frysliel, Director of DCA, explained to the subcommittee that there are several new coal areas opening up where the grant money will be needed. The Decker area has two new proposals for cities right now. They need the "up-front" money before the tax base begins. The philosophy of the program is to prevent the natives from experiencing tax increases because of the development and impact. They are developing guidelines. He also felt that the litigation would be affected by the funding the grant program received.

Senator Story's motion to accept the LFA recommendation was voted on:

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

The motion failed.

Representative Marks moved to postpone the recommendation for the full committee's decision. All were in favor of the motion; the motion passed.

The decision in the Social Services Division to eliminate the twelve social workers for nursing home screening was brought back before the subcommittee for reconsideration. Dr. John McMahon, Foundation for Medical Care, came before the subcommittee with another proposal. He explained that the social workers assessment program was established and approved by the Governor to make assessments for nursing home placement and to screen and review patients already placed in nursing homes for possible alternative placements. Dr. McMahon told the subcommittee that their philosophy was that alternative placements make the patient happier, offering them a better life style. Once patients are placed in a nursing

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home, he explained, is harder to move them out again. The Foundation is proposing to take over the program and work with the hospitals and social workers. They would request approximately \$170,000 per year. He felt they could work out the flaws within the program, one being that there was not one person directly in charge.

Mr. Colbo told the subcommittee that he hasn't seen the proposal and could not give a solid reaction. At first glance and calculation, the proposal would be about \$11,000 less per year of general fund money. He did explain that he supports the program and would like to see either the department or the Foundation running it. Mr. Colbo did say that the SRS program also worked in the community to develop alternative placements.

The subcommittee will consider the program and let Mr. Colbo make a recommendation tomorrow.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - "208" Non-point Pollution

Steve Pilcher, Water Quality Program, spoke on behalf of the Non-point Pollution budget modification. The subcommittee did not fund the program at the level requested. There was discussion with Mr. Pilcher and Mr. John Wilson, Montana Trout Unlimited, about the program. The subcommittee took no action; the previous decision was kept.

Representative Hand moved to reconsider the five field planners the subcommittee deleted from the Planning Division. Carolyn Doering added they would like a reconsideration. The motion to reconsider was voted on:

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

The motion to reconsider passed.

Representative Hand explained that several individuals have contacted him saying the planners are needed. Two of the planners are already on board.

Representative Hand moved to reinstate the two individual

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planners employed. Vote:

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

The motion failed on a tie vote. The action stands as before.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Curt Nichols gave the subcommittee their final figures on the program.

	FY80	FY 81
FTE	16.75	16.75
Personal Services	\$275,057	\$275,733
Operating Expenses	63,219	66,769
Equipment	730	750
Total Operating	339,006	343,252
Non-Operating	727,216	772,375
Total	1,066,222	1,115,627
General Funds	181,598	186,822
Other Funds	254,254	257,439

ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT SERVICES

There are several discrepancies in this budget for the subcommittee to make a decision on. First, the LFA budget with voted cuts is at a 107.88 FTE level with personal services at \$1,656,873 in FY 80 and \$1,661,630 in FY 81. The Executive budget is at 101.38 FTEs with the personal services at \$1,548,529 for FY 80 and \$1,549,491 in FY 81.

In operating expenses the LFA recommendation comes to \$805,389 in FY 80 and \$848,334 for FY 81. The Executive recommendation comes to \$926,928 for FY 80 and \$998,246 for FY 81.

There is a small difference in equipment. The LFA recommended \$9,540 while the Executive recommended \$11,600 for the first year.

There is a difference in the general fund figures; however, the OBPP does not have the exact figures. The LFA recommendation comes to \$399,332 and \$406,447.

Representative Hand moved to accept the LFA budget. All were

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in favor except for Senator Aklestad. The motion passed.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

There is a problem with the budget on this program. The problem comes in calculating non-operating expenditures; the analysts did not know which base to use. The subcommittee had voted to go with the LFA level on training, allow the Medicaid money and the \$100,000 per year start-up funds. The Executive base comes out about \$140,000 lower for FY 80 and \$200,000 for FY 81. It is all general fund money. Representative Hand moved to accept the Executive base. All were in favor; the motion passed.

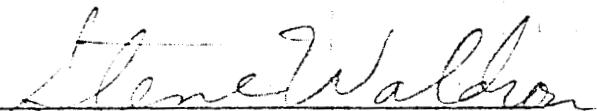
SOCIAL SERVICES

The fiscal analyst again explained they needed to know which base to operate off of and the number of FTEs. The LFA FTE level is 370.81 and the Executive level is 360.56.

Representative Marks moved to accept the Executive FTE level of 360.56 and the Executive base for determining the final figures for Social Services Division. All were in favor; the motion passed.

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

Respectfully submitted:



Steve Waldron, Chairman
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