

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE FOR INSTITUTIONS  
January 9, 1981 SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR GALEN STATE HOSPITAL

CHAIRMAN JACK MOORE called the hearing for the supplemental funding for Galen Hospital to order at 8:50. Committee members present were:

Rep. Conroy  
Rep. Ernst  
Sen. Etchart  
Sen. Thomas  
Sen. Johnson

Testimony was given by: Joe Balkovatz, Superintendent at Galen Hospital, James B. Barkley, Business Manager at Galen Hospital, Keith Wolcott, Fiscal Analyst, Peter Blouke, Director of Mental Health and Residential Services, and Doug Booker, Office of Budget and Program Planning.

THE CHAIRMAN asked Mr. Blouke if he had the information requested earlier regarding the transfer of patients from Warm Springs State Hospital to the Galen State Hospital.

MR. BLOUKE stated there were 39 patients transferred from Warm Springs to Galen on October, 1979. The transfer program was terminated at that time, because the 12 patients in the balance never did transfer. The maintenance cost for the people transferred amounted to \$28.00 a day, and he assured the committee that the proper funds were transferred.

MR. SOUTH explained Personal Services Exhibit 8, Page 1 regarding the surplus deficit amount of \$48,687. He further mentioned that 18.5 vacant positions were held open through the biennium. He went on to explain the utility deficit of \$102,986.

REP. CONROY asked about the insulation in the buildings at Galen Hospital.

MR. BALKOVATZ stated that the buildings were built in 1954, and no insulation has been added since that time.

THE CHAIRMAN asked what the average population was at Galen Hospital.

MR. BARKLEY stated the average for this year is 188. There are 192 currently residing there.

SEN. JOHNSON asked how many beds are in the hospital.

MR. BALKOVATZ stated there were 185 intermediate beds and 35 acute beds. He stated there was 90% occupancy rate in the alcohol division. The average length of stay is one month. He noted there were 16 people on the direct care staff in the alcohol division.

MR. HOFFMAN explained the classification of beds at Galen Hospital regarding intermediate and acute.

MR. SOUTH mentioned remodeling has been done at Galen, and this has been reflected on the FTE.

SEN. JOHNSON asked what the physician staff was at Galen.

MR. BALKOVATZ stated there is currently four General Practitioners employed full time and no interns. He noted they do contract services from a pathologist and a radiologist, who is a .1 of a FTE on the payroll. The radiologist also functions at Warm Springs.

SEN. JOHNSON asked the rate of occupancy between the acute care and the intermediate care.

MR. BALKOVATZ stated there is 90% occupancy in the acute, as compared to 45% in the intermediate care.

SEN. JOHNSON asked about the maximum security in the prison.

MR. BLOUKE stated there will be six beds set up at Galen in case of a severe medical problem at the Montana State Prison rather than have the inmate sent to a community hospital.

SEN. JOHNSON asked what they do in case of specialized care surgery.

MR. BALKOVATZ stated they take surgery to outside areas, either Anaconda, Butte, or Missoula. He said in most cases the patient is covered by Medicare. He noted that around \$10,000 was spent this year on three patients. This varies from year to year.

MR. BARKLEY stated the Galen Hospital cost for acute care was \$110 per day. Medicare reimbursement for this care was approximate \$100 per day.

REP. ERNST asked about the reduced utility cost in 1981 and reason for the surplus (See Exhibit 8).

MR. SOUTH felt this could be due to the new meters put in about a year ago and also the peak hour usage. He said in order to determine peak hour usage a special meter was installed.

THE CHAIRMAN asked if the employees living in the facility were being charged according to the utilities being used.

MR. BALKOVATZ stated the maximum is being paid, which is 75% of the fair market value at Galen Hospital and also Warm Springs. He noted that since individual meters are not installed on the individual residents, it is difficult to know how accurate the utilities are being billed.

SEN. JOHNSON asked what the salaries of the four residing physicians were.

MR. BALKOVATZ stated the top salaries range from \$45,000 to \$41,000. They are

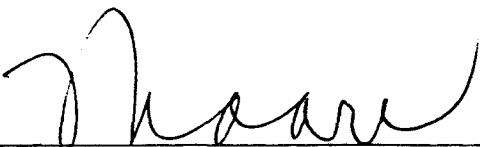
on call positions through out the week. He did not feel they contracted their services outside of the Galen Hospital area, due to the fact their malpractice insurance has been dropped.

There being no further discussion on the Galen Hospital supplement request, the hearing was closed and the Committee went into Executive Session at 9:20 a.m.

REP. CONROY moved the amount of \$13,350 for the Galen State Hospital supplemental funding be approved.

The motion passed.

There being no further discussion or comments, the session was adjourned at 9:26.



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JACK MOORE, Chairman

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GALEN STATE HOSPITAL

	Actual FY80	Budget FY81	Actual Projected FY81	Surplus (Deficit)
Personnel Services	\$4,127,504	4,596,949	4,548,262	48,687
Contracted Services	32,753	55,371	46,371	9,000
Supplies & Materials	319,519	373,174	353,124	20,050
Communications	24,036	28,699	27,521	1,178
Travel	8,891	13,045	10,324	2,721
Rent	7,885	10,268	7,268	3,000
Utilities	247,273	200,074	303,060	(102,986)
Repair & Maintenance	43,681	46,037	46,037	-0-
Other	1,435	435	1,435	(1,000)
Equipment	<u>9,167</u>	<u>11,324</u>	<u>5,324</u>	<u>6,000</u>
TOTALS	\$4,822,144	5,335,376	5,348,726	(13,350)

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Exhibit 8

GALEN STATE HOSPITAL  
NATURAL GAS

	FY79 ACTUAL	FY80 ACTUAL	FY81 PROJECTED
USAGE	78,571	70,517	74,720
\$	144,566	217,568	274,792
\$/MCF	1.84/MCF	3.08/MCF	3.68/MCF

ELECTRICITY

	FY79 ACTUAL	FY80 ACTUAL	FY81 PROJECTED
USAGE	1,358,903	1,217,400	1,255,504
\$	24,005	23,957	22,520
\$/KWH	1.77¢/KWH	1.97¢/KWH	1.79¢/KWH

OTHER UTILITIES

TYPE	FY79 ACTUAL	FY80 ACTUAL	FY81 PROJECTED
Garbage	\$4,087	\$5,748	\$5,748