MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE FOR INSTITUTIONS MANAGEMENT SERVICES
February 9, 1981
JACK K. MOORE, Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m., Room 108, Capitol Building. All Committee members were present.

Testimony was given by Jim Haubein, Director of Management Services; Curt Chisholm, Deputy Director of Institutions; Doug Booker, Office of Budget and Planning; Ray Hoffman, Fiscal Analyst.

MR. HAUBEIN explained Exhibit 90, Page 6, regarding Contracted Services. He noted there is no cost in FY 80 for the ABARS Billing System, and they would like to finalize the proposal on the billing system. This operating cost would run $\$ 800$ a month. He noted the legislative auditor cost for $\$ 25,000$ is for the whole department, and they will be funding this with a federal cost of $\$ 6,804$ and earmarked costs of $\$ 2,051$, see Page 2. In Supplies and Materials, Page 8, he stated that everything is projected off the 1980 base using the executive inflation factors, 55\% of the Office Supplies are used in the reimbursement function. Communications Expenses, Page 9, have been built off a 1980 base, except for the Local Services cost of $\$ 2,301$ in FY 82 and FY 83 with $\$ 396$ built in for an additional line. He explained on Page l0, the Travel for the four regions. He stated they allow one trip per year for two people to attend the National Association of Reimbursement Officers. One of the members is the President, so in FY 83, an additional cost of $\$ 626$ will be needed to host the meeting in Helena, so the other members in the state may travel from other areas to attend the meetings. On Page ll, he noted this involves the travel for 7 people. Rent, Page 12 , includes their portion of the building rent, the annual cost is around $\$ 89,000$ which includes janitorial. This runs around $\$ 4.15$ per square foot. It is also necessary to pay $75 \%$ of the taxes above the 1974 base. He stated one of the xerox machines is on a lease purchase agreement that runs out in 1984. The Utilities, Page 13, are based on the standard inflation rates. He noted they do pay $75 \%$ of the utilities in their building. In the Other Expenditures, Page 15, the tax assessment refers to the $75 \%$ of their portion of the 1974 base taxes on their building. He noted the Equipment request on Page 16 was based on the oldest machines that cannot be repaired again. On Personal Services, Page 4, he explained the personnel within the department. He stated there are two positions that will be eliminated in 1983, and in the Informational and Systems Bureau, there is a programmer coming on in 1982 and 1983. This is a result of the third phase of the billing functions. The programmer would be needed to maintain these programs. He stated the problems within the ABARS program is, they have 1974 fee schedules and would like to be able to pick up more current costs and build them into the program so that the reimbursements can be increased. He explained Page 3, regarding the 39.50 FTE which the .5 includes a CETA position which can no longer be maintained.

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MR. HOFFMAN asked about the total dollar amount for reimbursements that were gained in 1981, 1982 and 1983.

MR. HAUBEIN answered the actual reimbursement in 1980 was $\$ 8,624,697$; 1981 - \$9,856,552; 1982 - \$10,348,277; and 1983-\$10,849,268. These projections were done before the Galen - Warm Springs consolidation.

MR. HOFFMAN asked Mr. Haubein to explain to the committee the centralized billing and accounts receivable system.

SEN. JOHNSON asked why is this done in Helena, rather than at the individual institutions.

MR. HAUBEIN stated that 4 years ago, part of this was done manually. They found by centralizing this and using the ABAR. system, they can maintain the expertise to insure maximum reimbursement. The people at the institution now are responsible for the individual accounting system at that particular institution. He noted the business assists in collecting information, most of the coordinating is done in the central office.

MR. CHISHOLM explained by centralizing the reimbursement function, this has made it more efficient than in the past. He noted part of the problem is a psychological one. All reimbursable costs collected by the Department of Institutions are deposited directly to the general fund and are not deposited back to each individual institution as revenue to operate on, so the incentive factor is not as great to maximize the reimbursable amount. He stated they are still working from a 1974 fee schedule. It has been suggested by the Budget Office and SRS, that they should invest $\$ 20,000$ of Contracted Services into the Management Services Budget and contract with a private CPA firm to design a cost accounting system, which would better maximize the reimbursement potential. This has not been put into the budget, because they do not know what they would be getting for this amount, and what would be involved with extra coding demands. They prefer to utilize existing FTE to more correctly do a cost allocation back to the functional service areas.

He stated he feels the ABAR system has increased the potential to reimburse against Medicaid and Medicare.

MR. HOFFMAN gave a brief overview of the problems of doing the cost reports manually while he was at Boulder. He felt the ABAR system really maximized the potential of reimbursement.

REP. CONROY asked about the travel necessary to bring the people into Helena for meetings.

MR. HAUBEIN stated this pertains to the field officers coming into this area.

MR. CHISHOLM stated these FTE's are in offices outside of the area,

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and are not budgeted for travel to the Helena area. There is no duplication.

MR. HAUBEIN explained Page 2 , regarding the Funding. He noted the indirect cost is negotiated with HEW in Denver, and this is applied to federal grants. This indirect cost money has been put back into the Management Service Division as alternative funding source to the general fund. Currently, they are on a 18.8\%, and this rate is developed through the indirect cost area, covering cost of the Director's Program, Administration of the other Divisions, and costs to other agencies paid by the general fund. He stated this was being carried straight across in 1982 and 1983, however, there is some concern over the Alcohol and Drug money in the next few years. He stated there are two federal programs within the Mental Health Division which should generate this much money.

MR. HOFFMAN stated that if the indirect costs are over the $\$ 64,328$; this will reduce the general fund dollar to dollar.

There being no further discussion or comments on the Management Services budget, the Committee went into Executive Session.

SEN. ETCHART moved to accept the Equipment amount for $\$ 3,367$ for FY 82 and $\$ 2,567$ for FY 83.

THE MOTION PASSED.
REP. CONROY moved the Executive Budget on Other Expenses for $\$ 1,740$ for FY 82 and $\$ 1,740$ for FY 83 be approved.

THE MOTION PASSED.
SEN. THOMAS moved the LFA amount on Repair and Maintenance for \$1,214 for FY 82 and $\$ 1,318$ for FY 83 be approved.

THE MOTION PASSED.
SEN. THOMAS moved the LFA amount on Utilities for $\$ 2,249$ for $F Y 82$ and $\$ 2,519$ for FY 83 be approved.

THE MOTION PASSED.
MR. HOFFMAN explained the variance in the Rent. He noted Mr. Haubein stated, they are anticipating an additional CRT that would cost $\$ 468$ in FY 82 and $\$ 936$ in FY 83.

SEN. JOHNSON moved the LFA amount for Rent for $\$ 42,884$ for FY 82 and $\$ 43,797$ for FY 83 be approved.

THE MOTION PASSED.

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REP. CONROY moved the LFA amount for Travel of $\$ 16,508$ for $F Y 82$ and $\$ 17,828$ for $F Y 83$ be approved.

THE MOTION PASSED.
MR. HOFFMAN explained the difference in Communications due to the additional line placed into the Department of Institutions and is not included in the LFA figures.

REP. ERNST asked for justification on the additional line.
MR. HAUBEIN explained there were 3 lines for the accounting section, the budget personnel and the administration. These lines are constantly tied up, and the fourth line was necessary to carry on their business.in MR. HOFFMAN asked if this was due to the upcoming session, or was this an ongoing need.
MR. HAUBEIN stated this has been a problem even before budget studies were necessary.

SEN. THOMAS moved that the Management Services be given the additional line.

THE MOTION PASSED.
THE CHAIRMAN noted the change to the LFA figures of $\$ 27,505$ for $F Y 82$ with a $\$ 960$ variance and $\$ 29,814$ for $F Y 83$ with a $\$ 981$ variance.

SEN. JOHNSON moved the LFA amount for Communications for $\$ 27,505$ for FY 82 and $\$ 29,814$ for $F Y 83$ be approved.

THE MOTION PASSED.
REP. CONROY moved the Executive Budget in Supplies and Materials for $\$ 8,920$ for $F Y 82$ and $\$ 9,746$ for $F Y 83$ be approved.

THE MOTION PASSED.
REP. ERNST moved the Contracted Services amount for $\$ 92,922$ for FY 82 and \$126,996 for FY 83 be approved.

THE MOTION PASSED.
SEN. ETCHART moved the Personal Services amount for $\$ 697,809$ for FY 82 and $\$ 686,221$ for FY 83 be approved.

THE MOTION PASSED with 4 in favor and 2 opposed. Those opposed were Sen. Johnson and Rep. Conroy.

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MR. CHISHOLM stated the retro-active pay for the Management Services Division was $\$ 4,899$.

SEN. THOMAS moved that we do not accept the retro-active pay for \$4,899 for Management Services.

THE MOTION PASSED.
MR. CHISHOLM stated the reason for the increase in the Rent area was for 2 CRT's needed to implement the billing process. He stated if the 2 CRT's are not allowed, then this will affect the FTE's in 1983.

REP. ERNST moved to re-consider the Rent amount.
THE MOTION PASSED.
MR. HOFFMAN stated the difference in the LFA figures for the addition of 2 CRT's would be $\$ 43,820$ for FY 82 and $\$ 45,669$ for $F Y 83$.

SEN. JOHNSON moved the LFA amount for Rent to include the 2 CRT's in the amount of $\$ 43,820$ for $F Y 82$ and $\$ 45,669$ for FY 83 .

THE MOTION PASSED.
SEN. JOHNSON moved any federal funds exceeding the indirect costs of $\$ 64,328$ in FY 82 and FY 83 respectively would be a direct reduction of the general fund authority.

THE MOTION PASSED.
MR. HAUBEIN asked if it was the intent that the general fund be reduced by the additional, or can it be put into the general funds revenue.

MR. HOFFMAN stated for trackability purposes it would be a direct reduction of general fund, but it would still be trackable as a deposit to the general fund.

MR. CHISHOLM stated the indirect cost funding is going to cause a problem over the next biennium, because they anticipate losing a lot of the federal grant dollars. The Department hopes to come up with a solution for the next biennium.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.


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HOUSE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUB COMMITTEE FOR INSTITUTIONS



PERSONAL SERVICES SUMMARY


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| II. | Personnel | (1) | Personnel Officer II |
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| III. | Administrative Services Bureau | $\begin{aligned} & (1) \\ & (2) \end{aligned}$ | Chief, Administrative Services Bureau Receptionist III |
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