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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
ON HUMAN SERVICES  
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The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. in Room 436 by Chairman John Shontz. The committee members were all present.

Also present were: Dr. John Drynan and Ron Hoffman from the Department of Health, Ron Weiss from the Budget office and Norman Rostocki from the Fiscal Analyst's office.

The meeting began where it left off at the end of yesterday's meeting to make decisions on a number of programs in the health services programs.

Sen. Regan proposed the committee begin with the Child Nutrition and WIC programs. She MOVED that the committee accept the executive budget on Child Nutrition. Norman Rostocki explained that in the past this program usually has budget amendments as more federal funds become available. The Motion carried.

Sen. Regan MOVED that the committee accept the executive budget on WIC program. Motion carried. Sen. Story asked if there were any general funds generated from this program and Ray Hoffman said there is no impact on the department at this time.

Sen. Regan MOVED that the committee take the Dental Program where the base of it was appropriated last time and take out moneys that have been put in to inflate it either by carry over funds or budget amendments. She felt it was a reasonable program to maintain at the level in which it was when the session ended two years ago. Norman will obtain the figures for the committee. Sen. Regan felt the approach they should use on these programs is to take them back to where they were first appropriated and build in the 6% inflationary increase and pull out any of the inflated moneys such as block grants. After the committee does this then if they so chose they could go back and beef up a program if they desired. This motion does not accept either the executive or the LFA but goes back to where the legislature put the general fund level last session. Motion carried. Sen. Aklestad expressed concern about the inflationary figure they were using.

On Newborn Transport Sen. Story MOVED that this program be eliminated. Since it was started by budget amendment and since the federal funds have dropped off he felt it should be eliminated. Norman Rostocki explained there is in FY '84 \$50,000 which remains in the categorical grant which must be used by September 30, 1983 or it has to be returned to the federal government. The committee desired this to be used to phase out the program. Chairman Shontz explained that the department will be authorized spending authority on the remaining federal dollars through the end of September until they run out or are returned and the program will then be phased out. Motion carried with Menahan voting no.

On the Handicapped and Cleft Palate Program Sen. Regan felt we should also take this program back to where it was originally appropriated out

plus the 6% inflationary increase. Sen. Story asked if there was 7% which could be transferred from Preventative Health to MCH block grant if we needed it to balance. Norman explained it could go from Preventative Health to MCH but not the other way around. Ray Hoffman told the committee that in FY '83 the general fund level to MCH program is \$89,517. It was Sen. Regan's understanding that in the cleft palate program there was \$64,660 in FY '84 and \$68,539 for '85 proposed and the committee is taking these funds out temporarily in order to get back where it used to be first and then look at what funds we have to try and squeeze out as much general fund as possible to use the block grants to go in and replace some of this. Ray Hoffman explained that at current level of \$89,517 and adding an inflation figure of 6% they would reduce general fund \$140,897 in FY 84 and \$178,559 in FY 85.

Chairman Shontz told the committee what they are doing is choosing priorities by refunding the ones they wish to keep. So, essentially they may end up with fewer programs but potentially perhaps an expanded effort in the ones they do decide to keep. Sen. Regan MOVED that we go with the base and the 6% per year inflation or a reduction of \$143,897 in 1984 and \$178,559 in 1985. Motion carried with Rep. Menahan voting no.

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On Family Planning Program Sen. Regan MOVED that the committee remove any general funds from family planning. Motion carried.

Chairman Shontz explained that basically what the committee has done now with the exception of administration, is to go back to general fund levels and basically removed them from all the programs under MCH. It is the intent of the committee to fund family planning with block grant moneys.

Sen. Regan made a MOTION they go back to general fund level of the MCH Program also. Motion carried.

The MCH administration was next on the agenda. Norman explained the department has this totally generally funded so they can charge a portion of those people back and use expenses back into direct cost. Sen. Aklestad inquired as to how this was funded before and Ray Hoffman explained it has always been generally funded. Sen. Story MOVED that the committee go with the executive budget for the MCH administration and 2 FTE. Motion carried. This concluded the old MCH block of the spread sheet the LFA had prepared as far as the general fund portion is concerned.

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Norman then told the committee that the next programs under discussion include the hypertension which is a mandated program under the preventative health block grant; diabetes is an optional program and they used Preventative Health Block grant funds for this; the V.D. and vaccination

programs which are both funded from categorical grants but require a general fund match and the health education and risk reduction program.

Dr. Drynan responded to a question from Rep. Winslow regarding the contract services with the Montana Diabetic Association. Dr. Drynan explained they have an office in Great Falls and this association does the educational part of the program with the funds provided from the Department of Health. This is a relatively new program for the state.

Norman Rostocki explained that the hypertension program which is a mandated program on the budget the committee will see \$74,500 in 1984 and \$18,600 in 1985. This is because the mandate will run out at the end of the first quarter of FY '85 so the requirement is only for up until October 1, 1984 leaving \$18,600 for FY 1985. Ray Hoffman then explained that the department has taken any dollars that were previously associated with this program and put them into the Health Education-Risk Reduction to maintain the 60% level. What the LFA has shown to the committee is what is required by current law because it is unknown at this point whether or not the federal law will make this a mandated program in the future.

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Ron Weiss explained to the committee that if you line item appropriations that specifically limits a certain expenditure in a department you can't shift money around. A budget amendment is new money that was not available for consideration by previous legislature and the Governor has the authority to allocate this money. If this money continues then the budget office brings it to the legislature as a budget modification next session. Hoffman told the committee that if the committee were to approve of the hypertension and health education programs as proposed there would be no problem if the federal government extends the hypertension mandate at some future date.

On hypertension mandated services Norman explained the \$77,500 in 1984 and \$18,600 in 1985. The executive budget shows a difference of \$19 and \$34 due to inflation they added into the program.

In response to a question from Sen. Regan Hoffman explained the federal government has based the required level of this program on a \$124,000 base. They state that the first year you must spend 80% of the base, the second year 75% and the third year something like 60%. The figures reflected in the executive budget maintain those specific levels that are required and after September 30, 1984 they don't know. If the federal government maintains the 60% level after September 30 then the hypertension program and the health education/risk reduction program together will contain sufficient funds to maintain that 60% because the department has taken the residual from the \$77,500 and put it into health education/risk reduction to assure them they could meet that level. Sen. Aklestad MOVED that we take the executive budget for hypertension of \$77,500 and \$18,600 in FY 85. Motion carried.

Norman Rostocki gave a brief overview on the VD and Immunization Programs which are categorical grants. These are two of the few remaining categoricals left in the health department. The federal government has changed their requirements so that they now require a 20% match on some of the line items. Sen. Aklestad asked what was the general fund and the FTE level at the last biennium. Norman told him that in VD they had 2.2 FTE and no general fund in 1982 and in the immunization program they had 3.8 FTE and no general fund. The department funded them completely from the categorical. The department is asking to maintain current level and they have asked for the minimal amount of general funds to meet the match. Sen. Story made a MOTION to adopt the executive budget for both the V.D. and Immunization Programs. Motion carried.

In Health Education/Risk Reduction Norman explained this was an optional program under the Preventative Health Block Grant. If the federal mandate comes through to maintain hypertension at the same level as before the funds could be moved from the health education/risk reduction category back to hypertension and still meet the federal requirements. Rep. Menahan MOVED that we keep the program as requested by the executive budget which is \$33,589 in 1984 and \$92,489 in 1985. Chairman Shontz explained what the committee had done was to use up some of the block grant savings. Motion carried.

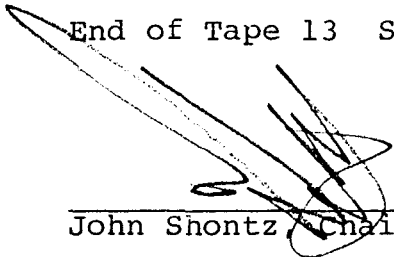
Diabetes is a non mandated program under the Preventative Health Block Grant and was the next program under discussion. Rep. Menahan sought an explanation of why there were more diabetic children today than before and Dr. Drynan explained to the committee it was because they are saving more and more babies now than before born to diabetic mothers that they did not save in the past and they in turn are passing this inherited trait on to their children and thus we are seeing more and more of them. Since this is block grant funded it was determined the committee would not make any decision on it at this time.


Tumor Registry is an appropriated general fund program. Sen. Story MOVED we take the executive budget on tumor registration of \$53,842 in 1984 and \$54,312 in 1985. Motion carried.

It was decided the meetings would begin at 7:30 a.m. until the committee gets caught up.

Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

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John Shontz, Chairman

  
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Carol Duval, Secretary