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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON INSTITUTIONS February 4, 1983

Side 51 The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. in Room 108 of the Capitol Building.

Members present were Sen. Mark Etchart, Sen. Bill Thomas, Rep. Bob Thoft, Sen. Donald Ochsner, Rep. Steve Waldron, and Rep. Glenn Roush.

Also present were Norm Rostocki of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst's Office (LFA), Bill Gosnell of the Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP), Carroll South, director of the Department of Institutions, John LaFaver, director of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), and Rep. Bob Marks.

(007) The Chairman handed out a letter to the committee members from John LaFaver explaining the administration's position on deinstitutionalization (see Attachment 1). Chairman Waldron then introduced John LaFaver.

(017) Mr. LaFaver explained the sequence of events leading to the issue of closing Boulder River School and Hospital. The Governor's Council on Management reviewed the institution and recommended that Boulder be closed and the residents be moved to Galen State Hospital. The staffs of the Departments of Institutions and SRS conducted a joint assessment of the patients at Boulder. The conclusions of this joint assessment were that there were a number of clients at Boulder that would benefit from community based services that now exist. They further recommended that another 100 residents could come out of Boulder and be placed in an intensive community based arrangement that does not exist at this time.

The Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council reviewed the results of the Council on Management and formed a task force to study the issue. This task force recommended that a long range plan be developed for caring for residents now housed at Boulder as well as people not currently in Boulder but needing the same kind of treatment.

With all of the competing recommendations, the Budget Director, Dave Lewis, formed a recommendation on behalf of the administration. The recommendation is to continue to support the recommendation made in the Executive Budget to move 25 residents to Eastmont Training Center as recommended by this committee. The administration further recommended that the Developmental Disabilities Council be mandated both by the Governor and by the Legislature to conduct a long range study to assess how many people should

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remain in a hospital intensive care facility (around 80-100 patients). The other 100 or so other patients should go to a service structure of a noninstitutional type setting. The Council should further look at the various alternatives in terms of what the structure looks like and the location of the facility. The study would also look at the physical and program structure at Boulder and recommend long range building money for the 80-100 patients that need intensive hospital care treatment.

(073) Chairman Waldron asked whether an intensive care group home does exist at this time. Mr. LaFaver responded that it is questionable whether the 80-100 intensive care residents at Boulder can fit in a group home setting. The administration is looking for a medium between the intensive group home and an institution. Mr. LaFaver stated that the administration feels that no more residents should leave Boulder until the study by the Developmental Disabilities Council has completed their study.

Chairman Waldron asked if it is the position of the administration to halt deinstitutionalization until the study is complete. Mr. LaFaver said there shouldn't be any further deinstitutionalization until a study can be made as to what sort of service structure the remaining residents of Boulder will require.

Chairman Waldron quoted from the Great Falls Tribune a statement of the Governor that a study often "is sort of an excuse we use for a lack of ability to make a decision or unwillingness to take a stand."

Mr. LaFaver felt that the statement the Governor made was in relation to another issue. The administration does remain committed to deinstitutionalization.

(140) Rep. Bob Marks stated that the task force was organized by SRS late in the year after the Governor's Council on Management recommended the closure of Boulder. He felt the conclusion that the task force reached had a lot of merit but Rep. Marks feels the study should be done by the Legislature because there have been problems in the past with studies done by the Executive branch. He feels the legislative studies are much more informative and the Legislature is the policy maker in this state and they are the ones who should "take the ball" on this issue. He feels the Developmental Disabilities Council will be given a set of instructions on how to cut patients from Boulder. He feels there should be a fact-finding endeavor to look at the

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alternatives to taking residents from Boulder and base their recommendations on those alternatives. Rep. Marks further stated that he felt whoever does the long range planning study should consider the individuals involved as the priority instead of simply the cost.

It was discussed that there will need to be a special education component to take care of those people outside and there will be a cost for those education components.

Rep. Marks submitted some forms signed by concerned citizens regarding the closure of Boulder for the committee's review (see Attachment 2).

(231) Rep. Roush compiled the cost of people in the various institutions and submitted the figures to the committee. Rep. Roush felt it was the duty of the subcommittee to take a good look at the cost of institutionalization to the people of Montana in relation to the cost of care in a group home (see Attachment 3).

Medical Services (315)

Mr. South explained that the cost for medical services, which has always been included in the individual institution's budgets, should be budgeted separately because medical expenses are so unpredictable.

The committee decided to have one medical budget for the correctional area (Prison, Swan River, Women's Corrections, all Pre-release Centers, and all juveniles who are not in either Pine Hills or Mountain View). This budget will be line itemed so any funds not needed will be reverted.

Mr. Rostocki handed out a worksheet with the original medical services expenditures (see Attachment 4). The OBPP and the LFA then took actual FY'83 expenditures to date, pro rated them, and applied inflation factors. The committee discussed the method used to arrive at these figures.

Sen. Thomas moved to authorize \$701,433 for FY'84 and \$743,520 in FY'85 for medical expenses.

The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Steve Waldron, Chairman

Approved

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STATE OF MONTANA

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January 31, 1983

Honorable Steve Waldron State Representative Capitol Post Office Helena, MT 59620

Dear Representative Waldron:

The department of institutions and the department of social and rehabilitation services have been examining alternatives for providing the full range of needed services to developmentally disabled Montanans. During the past few months, this joint examination has focused particularly on service options available should Boulder River School and Hospital be closed as recommended by the Governor's Council on Management. In addition, the state developmental disabilities council formed an alternative services task force composed of legislators and other knowledgeable individuals to examine the issues. The report of the task force which was adopted by the full council on January 28, 1983, recommends a comprehensive study to develop a long-range plan for improving services to the developmentally disabled. Before further changes are contemplated in reducing the Boulder propulation below the level recommended in the executive budget, we would agree with the state council that this comprehensive long-range plan be established.

We also urge that the development of the plan be mandated by the legislature as a first priority responsibility of state developmental disabilities, planning and advisory council. The council is composed of legislators, agency officials and knowledgeable laymen and is constituted for just this purpose.

We would be happy to discuss these matters with you and your subcommittee at your convenience.

Sincerely,

John D. LaFaver, Director

Department of SRS

Carroll V. South, Director Department of Institutions

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	Population 2-1-83	Avg. Oper. Cost Per <u>Res. Year</u> *	Avg. Operating Cost Per <u>Resident Day</u> *
Mental Institutions:			
Boulder River School & Hospital Eastmont Human Services Center Warm Springs/Galen	223 48 531	\$50,242 40,228 37,908	\$138 110 104
Weighted Average Cost		\$41,476 ======	\$114 ====
Penal Institutions:			
Adult Facilities Montana State Prison Swan River Youth Forest Camp Womens Prison	769 53 19	\$15,447 16,005 39,650 \$16,029	\$ 42 44 109 \$ 44
Weighted Average Cost		======	====
Juvenile Facilities Mountain View School for Girls Pine Hills School for Boys	38 120	\$42,261 24,654	\$116
Weighted Average Cost		\$28,889 ======	\$ 79 ====
Institutions for the Elderly:		-	
Center for the Aged Montana Veterans Home	188 115	\$12,591 12,378	\$ 34
Weighted Average Cost		\$12,510 ======	\$ 34 ====

^{*} The operating costs are based on the population in the facility on 2/1/83.

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