

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE  
MONTANA STATE SENATE

January 23, 1985

The 3rd meeting of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee met in the Old Supreme Court Chambers as a joint Finance and Claims and House Appropriations Committee on SJR 9.

ROLL CALL: Roll call of the Senate had all members present except Senator Manning; the House had all members present except Representatives Ernst and Swift.

Representative Bardanouve chaired the meeting with Senator Pat Regan as co-chairman. He officially opened the meeting at 7:06 p.m. and said the resolution will set policy for the area of institutions for years.

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9: Senator Smith, sponsor of SJR 9 said he was a member of the 909 committee and had sponsored the resolution. He said by the telephone calls and messages he felt there was a lot of misunderstanding on SJR 9. He said there are 2 reports. The blue book (exhibit 1) which is the report to the Governor from the 909 council and the red book (exhibit 2) is the governor's proposals from the plan, and the Governor has brought this plan before us, the Legislature. Members of the council were appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Governor and the members were as follows:

William L. Mathers, Chairman, Miles City, rancher, businessman, former Representative and Senator.

Richard P. Swenson, V. C. Helena, a licensed psychologist and President of Educational Research, Inc. He worked in institutional and community-based programs for the developmentally disabled.

Senator Ed B. Smith, Dagmar, rancher, member of Region I DD Advisory Committee and former member of a regional DD Advisory Board.

Representative Glenn A. Roush, Cut Bank, employee of Montana Power Co., Chairman of the Coal Tax Oversight Committee, a member of the House Appropriations Committee and former member of a regional DD Advisory Board.

William J. Crivello, Kalispell, Executive Director of Flathead Industries for the Handicapped and has served as President of the Montana Assoc. of Rehabilitation Facilities.

David H. Kirsch, Boulder, a former Mayor and City Council member of Boulder, owner of Gambles/Coast-to-Coast Hardware Store in Boulder and a member of the Jefferson County Overall Economic Development Committee.

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Gary R. Marbut, Missoula, the parent of a developmentally disabled person, who has long been active in voluntary associations for the handicapped, former state representative on the DD Planning and Advisory Council and President of DD/MAP.

Sister Michel Pantenburg, Billings, Administrator of St. Vincents Hospital in Billings, has served as Director of Nursing Education and active in Billings civic organizations and state medical associations.

Verle L. Rademacher, White Sulphur Springs, a past President of Montana Press Assoc., active in Masonic and civic affairs and editor and publisher of the Meagher County News.

William N. Sirak, Gt. Falls, President of the Northern Rocky Mountain Easter Seal Society in Great Falls and serves as a trustee on the board of the Montana Deaconess Medical Center.

Barbara A. Sutherlin, Boulder, a registered nurse employed as a training officer in staff development at the Boulder River School and Hospital, has worked with the DD for six years.

Senator Smith said a tremendous amount of time and money put into this committee. This report was delivered to the Governor October 30. He also read the cover letter in the blue book from William L. Mathers, Chairman of the House Bill 909 Council since Mr. Mathers could not be present. He said he wanted to explain that Mr. Mathers had played a very important part in putting this together. I am introducing this as a request from the Governor and there are some other sponsors on the resolution. (These names were turned in, and are attached as exhibit #3). It does not mean we have not made great strides in giving services with our institutions. There are 21 recommendations in the proposals and 2 of them stand out. Recommendation #1, "The council recommends that the state continue and expand its present efforts to serve existing and potential recipients of services for persons with developmental disabilities and that it do so in a timely and appropriate manner" (details on page 5 of the blue book) and Recommendation # 6. This reads "The council recommends that DD services be combined within the Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) of SRS. Services to be combined include those presently in the DDD, the Boulder River School and Hospital (BRSH), Eastmont Human Services Center (EHSC), and DD case management services." (details page 11, blue book) He said # 1 addresses the 800 DD persons receiving little or no services and # 6 which he felt was a very good recommendation since it will combine all DD services into one agency. A lot of the things we are doing was not to the benefit of those we are providing services to. While you may disagree with many, you will, I think, have overall agreement that it will be good. I certainly support the concept, but not necessarily all the recommendations. It is up to you to supply input. The reason I have taken such an interest -- I have a cousin in the institution in Boulder.

PROPOSERS OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION # 9:

Gene Huntington, Senior Administrative Assistant, Governor's office, said there were several people to testify and he would call them and let them speak to the issue.

Glen Roush, Cutbank and a member of the 909 council, said it was a charge of the Legislature to study the situation at Boulder, that the future of DD people and the future that is best for them. All 11 members of the council support the recommendations in the blue book, and while there was some disagreement but they were adopted unanimously. He said he felt the cost should probably not be the # 1 consideration of care, that while total cost certainly must be considered because that is the bottom line figure, services should probably be the first consideration. He said in regard to the employees at BRSH there are about 400 jobs and they are jobs that are not very lucrative. The committee did not say they were going to terminate BRSH, but to resolve the question of it. He said he believed there was a need for a state institution at Boulder that would probably retain 60 beds. Community based service is not new but we do need to police the group homes and stay on top of them and observe the operation of them. He said that those who could be moved and can be cared for in community based services can be cared for at a much less cost to the state.

Richard Swenson, Helena, said he worked with Boulder in the early '70's and saw the process as it began and has been involved in the DD system for 10 years after it. He said the committee began by asking what Boulder's role should be. In '73 it became apparent the patients could not be protected with the over crowding, safety, etc. Now the problem is, should we continue to see Boulder as a bad institution or look at it in another light. The committee decided it should be part of the continual care in Montana. A safety net condition. Parents who are fearful of what might happen to a child if the parent should die, etc. Another role is the care of anti-social -- people who have to be isolated from the community. The care of the severely retarded people, etc. Montana has laws on the books on de-institutionalizing etc. We chose the two roles that made sense. Boulder has 200 residents at the present time, we had a lot of input, and are trying to make some sense.

Barbara Sutherlin, Boulder, said she was a member of the Council, supports the blue book recommendations and has some feeling about the Governor's proposals. There is a little difference in some of the priorities. One perhaps is the high priority on recommendation # 2 of the blue book based on the fact there are 800 in the community system living in their own homes that are not getting full services that they deserve by law. The Governor's plan is based on a rapid de-institutionalization to the detriment of services to the 800 people out there in need of receiving services. I think there are quite a few who will support the DD intensive service models. Only with this type of model is it possible to take them out of BRSH which is the only place in the

state where they receive the full range of services. Not even in Eastmont do they offer the same care. If you spend a lot of dollars to move people out, the others will still be there on the waiting list and will still be out. There are not enough work-shops nor enough homes to put them in. These have to be expanded. We cannot move people through the bottle-neck. You may not be able to accomplish anything this biennium--this is a long range plan. Please, get something started. I would have one other comment. One of the committee issues we have got to place DD services under one roof. We cannot have the constant fight between them. You get Boulder and Eastmont along with the other community based systems and they will be no longer institutions put a part of the system. You have some choices as to how you want to do it, but do it! Exhibit 4-A, attached.

Jean Meyers, Kalispell, representing Flathead Industries for the Handicapped, her statement Exhibit # 4, read the letter from Bill Crivello, member of the 909 council. His letter is attached as exhibit # 5.

Dr. John Opitz, medical consultant retained by the committee, gave testimony for SJR 9, Department of Medical Genetics, Shodair Hospital. His testimony is attached as exhibit # 6. He said he had his first experience with Boulder in 1963 under Dr. Palister, and in the summer worked there every year. He said you have all seen Ted Block's little blue book. We did not recommend patients be kept or moved, we were asked to evaluate the patients there.

Vernor Bertelsen, Chairman of the DD Council said the DD PAC is a 22 member committee. This is Legislators, DD people and service people dealing with DD people. Our main problem is the care of the DD people in Montana. Prevention: For too long we have concentrated our efforts on care and maintenance rather than prevention. We cannot afford to let young mothers destroy their children because of their negligence in regard to alcohol and drugs. The DD PAC 100% supports wholeheartedly the recommendations of this committee. We ask that you do lend your support to this program for Montana.

Gene Huntington, Governor's office, gave testimony, exhibit # 7 which is attached. He said the Governor accepted the recommendations and then they had to organize the 21 recommendations and came up with 5 goals. Each goal is a number of specific directions that we feel have to be done to meet this goal. The executive budget as presented contains funding to implement some of this. We were directed by 909 to propose alternatives and a cost comparison. He said the charts, etc. would explain the cost comparisons, and that this was a long range plan, but that the time to begin is now.

Mike Muszkiewicz, Administrator of the DD Division of SRS told what they do in community services as alternative programs to some who used to abide in Boulder. He talked of a plan for 7 hours of training at the centers, etc., then relocation in whatever. He said there approximately 90 FTE (Professional and

para-professional people) for each center. He gave the qualifications of the centers and said the total capital debt would be \$2.7 million, or \$333,000 a year over 20 years as a debt service. He said he felt the Governor's plan was 1. meeting intensive services, 2. 24 hour nursing staff, 3. totally dependent on staff (there are approximately 55 and part at Eastmont), and 4. risks to themselves or others. Those needing a secure environment would be contained to Boulder. Approximately 80% of Eastmont could be served in community centers. Approximately 40% of Boulder could be served in the regional resource center.

Gary Marbut, member of the DD PAC, and the parent of a DD son, Randy. He said he endorses the 909 Council recommendations and the Governor's plan; and would like to support and endorse the SJR 9. He talked about facilities in other areas and showed a slide show on the Denver area. He said Denver does not recommend cluster housing. Colorado has a total of 3500 square foot homes, they have neighborhood involvement, they cost \$250,000 and \$65,000 for acquisition sites. The cost is \$115 a day per resident. This includes all care and clothing, food and salaries to the help.

A girl called Chris talked about some of the Denver facilities, the salaries, etc.

AN OPPONENT (or semi-opponent) was allowed to interrupt the proponent testimony since she had to leave for Butte. Her name was Jean Sheehan. I am opposing this move at this time. Also I am concerned about the economic factor at this time. Testimony attached, exhibit # 8.

Joe Roberts, Helena, continued as a proponent of SJR 9. He said, I called the Department of Institutions to ask about new admissions to BRSH. From July 1, 1979 to the present time there have been 16. I wish you would remember that. We are developing services in the community to meet this service. We are training and helping parents. Let's not build a system based on a system because it is there, but let's build one that looks to the future.

Faten Terry, Glasgow. Region 1 is Miles City. 13% of the total population of the state. They have 3 administrative staff people compared to 7 in 1978. We endorse the concept in 909, and also are committed to address the waiting list to reduce the numbers. H.B. 909 proposes to reduce it by 25%.

Greg Olson, representing West-Mont Habilitation Service spoke as a proponent, attachment, exhibit 9.

Vonnie Koenig, Kalispell, representing Region V DD Council, and Flathead Association for Retarded Citizens said she supported SJR 9. (Exhibit # 10 attached.)

Gordon Vandever, Billings, parent and representing the Montana Society for Autistic Children. His testimony is attached, Exh. 11.

Patricia Lane, Region V Chairman, Flathead County, had a letter introduced urging support of SJR 9. Exhibit # 11 enclosed.

Alden Beller's statement of support said that Montana has come a long way. When my son was born there was nothing in the way of services for him. Now there are services available immediately. This is the greatest thing that can be happening. Statement attached, exhibit #12.

Lorrie Heferieder, Billings, Director of Personnel service in Billings, said before she moved to Billings and she wanted to introduce a young man who had formerly been a resident of the BRSB. Exhibit 13, attached.

Joe Watkins, a young man who had been in Boulder, is now in Billings and is at the present time working at least 20 hours a week. He washes dishes and tables and earns \$3.35 an hour. His testimony, exhibit # 14, is attached.

Betty Streeter, Ryegate, parent and consumer, said she was in support and her statement is attached, exhibit # 15.

Shirley Rammer, Great Falls, spoke in support of SJR 9 and her statement is attached as exhibit # 16.

Representative Bardanoue mentioned there were over 900 residents at Boulder when he made his first visit there.

Hazel Sande, Ft. Benton, spoke briefly in favor of SJR 9. Her statement sheet is attached as exhibit # 17.

Rita Wheeler, Billings, spoke in support of SJR 9. She said she was a director of special training for the people. She said if you read the red book the Governor's plan does address the waiting list.

Others testifying in favor of SJR 9, or turning testimony or asking that their written testimony be attached are:

Janet Bailey, Parent Support Association. Exhibit #18.

Donald E. Espelin, M.D., Medical Director, Montana Perinatal Program, Health Services and Medical Facilities Division.

Statement attached as exhibit # 19.  
Sue Jackson, Client Services Coordinator of Developmental Disabilities Division gave information in regard to the community waiting list for services. Exhibit # 20, attached.  
Billie Miller, Helena, gave support for the 909 findings and recommendations concerning the future services of DD persons. Her statement, attachment # 21.  
Faith Bollman, representing Region 3, DD Council & as a parent, Billings, attachment # 22.  
Helena Area Chamber of Commerce, gave written testimony, attached as exhibit # 23.  
Linda Cobban and Patrick Cobban, statement attached, exhibit # 24.  
Dan Dennehy, Butte, testifying in behalf of Don Peoples, exh. # 25.  
Sister Elizabeth Henry, representing West-Mont. Exhibit # 26.  
Rae Jean Koch, Billings, representing herself. Exhibit # 27.  
Rusty Koch & Katherin Kelker, Billings, statement attached # 28.  
Florence Massey, Billings, Region 3 DD Council and parent # 29.  
Clyde Muirheid, DDPAC staff director, attachment # 30.  
Mrs. Betty L. Nelson and Olaf R. Nelson, statement attached # 31.  
Paul N. Odegard, Billings, Montana Society for Autistic Children attachment # 32.  
Marty Onishuk, Missoula, phoned and requested her support be included in the record.  
Beverly Owens, Regional III DD Council, attachment # 34.  
Gary Oagnotta, Bozeman, Reach Inc., attachment # 35.  
Philip Paull, Butte, attachment # 36.  
Jay Prichard, Billings, Parent of Autistic son, attachment # 37.  
Douglas D. Rauthe, Flathead Industries' for the Handicapped, attachment # 38.  
Diane Savasten, Havre, Assn. of Independent Disability Services, exhibit # 39.  
Peton Terry, Glasgow, statement sheet attached. Exh. # 40.  
Wayne D. Wardwell, Jr., Hamilton, statement attached, exh. # 41.  
Linda L. Zermeno, Billings, statement attached, exh. # 42.

Some additional names may be on the visitors' register which is also enclosed with this set of minutes.

Representative Bob Marks, District 75 said this is the district which is directly affected by SJR 9. He said there would be about 7500 people concerned about the welfare of the people who are in BRSH, working there, or put on the job market. Boulder River School and Hospital has been in the district and, since I have been in Legislature, I take the opportunity to visit the group homes in Helena as well as the BRSH frequently. I am also on the Board of Directors for Easter Seal. You have before you a study done by Executive order of the bill of which I was the sponsor. The recommendations in the blue book and the recommendations to the governor, and goes on top of the pile the L.F. brought out last year. The Governor responded and prepared the red book. The Governor sorted out a few priorities. The process I think, has taken place. He put together a volunteer bunch at that time that made 100 recommendations or over and the Governor took the ones he wanted and presented to the Legislature and they chose the ones to support. A number was adopted by the Governor. A number were not endorsed and not sent to the Legislature. A couple were -- 1. To get rid of the liquor system or 2. To close BRSH. The Governor did not even support them at that time. Those recommendations give you the opportunity to pick and choose. I am suggesting to evaluate and prioritize the ones you feel most important and the ones you feel the state can support.

Representative Marks said he had an amendment and with the amendment he could support the bill. He walked through the amendments so the committee would be familiar with their intent. Amendments are attached at exhibit # 43.

Representative Marks gave some statistics as to the number of people in BRSH, the quality of care they needed, the staff's training and ability to provide the specialized care, and the effects of unemployment would be on a town which was built around the BRSH. He talked of the naive being taken to Boulder, the DD audit report in relationship with providers, an analization of costs on the community, school, fire, and police and the cheaper help which is available in Boulder. He said if they went elsewhere they would probably organize, but that they now received minimum wage or slightly more.

Bob Longmire, Public Schools, Boulder said he would support SJR 9 with amendments. He drew attention to the first section. Services for all the first recommendations in 909 talks about the 800 people that should be served. The red book--at the first is to serve 285 of these people. I would hope you are committed to the best service for these people. What is wrong with the 285 new positions and probably over 800 unserved people in the end of the biennium 2 or 300



people per annum--if all you take care of is 285 you cannot reduce it. I basically support deinstitutionalization for some. It is a success for some. In re: the young Joe Watkins, Billings, he had attended public school in Boulder. He is not a typical resident of Boulder, but a young man who deserves services and I thank God he got them. He discussed the care in Boulder and said all emphasis should be on serving the unserved. He said sometimes there were re-admissions, or should be, because some persons taken from Boulder were unhappy and did not do well in a community. He said if you pay the staff poorly as is often done in the community centers you cannot provide the services from dedicated people, they will have to get other jobs.

Margaret McGuire, spoke briefly, her testimony is attached at exhibit # 44.

Bernard Miller, Helena, parent of a retarded child 31 years old, spoke briefly and the statement is attached, exhibit # 45.

Jim Sheehan, Butte, spoke on SJR 9 briefly. He said he was here because some people coming over asked him to ride along. He made general comments and said it seemed to him it would take 20 of the homes to take care of just the people in Boulder and would be very costly.

Terry Minow, Montana Federation of Teachers, spoke in support of the blue book recommendations and said we feel the people being unserved or unserved have to be served before they take people out of Boulder, and that employees should be offered comparable jobs elsewhere.

Connie Grenz, Boulder, occupational therapist, talked about the patients at Boulder and left a written statement, attachment # 46.

David Morey, Boulder, representing AFSCME Local # 971 left a written statement, attached as exhibit # 47.

Ken Royhyans, Helena, spoke for himself and some of the members of the Region IV DD Council of which he is chairman. His statement is attached as exhibit # 48.

Bill Shoquist, a 20 year retired employee of BRSB said there were 958 residents when he started working there. He said he worked out of the shop complex. A resident worked with him for 27 years. This resident, in the de-institutionalization period in about '75 was sent to Harlem. Since that time the residence has been taken down to 200 some people. Hardly any one has testified against the recommendations in their entirety. I would be one of the

first people to ask you to help these people. I think Representative Marks's amendment recommendations to the resolution to be the closest thing you could do.

Paul Kindt, representing the employees at Boulder, spoke briefly and left a prepared statement, attachment # 49.

Joe N. Weggenman, Helena Area Chamber of Commerce, spoke on SJR 9 briefly, his statement attached # 50.

Dave Kirsell, Former Mayor, Served on H.B. 909 said, I think 909 was well thought out. One thing that has not been said tonight we should have set some priorities. The 800 that are under-served or unserved should be taken care of first.

Richard Llewellyn, attorney, said he has been involved with the rights of DD for 12 or 14 years. He said he was a former director of government operations units of the office of Tom Judge. We undertook some really extensive analysis of Boulder and the DD people of the laws in Montana today. I served as county attorney in Jefferson County. I am in support of the amendments to the bill. The problems there have been of long standing, and have led to a number of law suits, most of them of which I participated in. He said one of the arguments he has on group homes being so successful is observing DD people eat out of the dumpsters in his area. He said the reports in the resolution are flawed. They overlook the legal rights of 800 some plus people who are either not being served or unserved. He said he had many of these people as clients and feels this is a time for the state to be careful and not a time to deinstitutionalize the hard core DD who would have the least chance of being helped to the detriment of the people who can be helped. What if a class action is brought when you adjourn? If you have a class action brought by just one who is not being served, it will be trouble. Until those persons are being served it is not the time to serve the people elsewhere who are already being served. R. Nadiean Jensen, Helena, representing AFSCME left a brief statement, attached as exhibit # 51.

Statements from two other witnesses are attached as follows:

Janet Tate, Boulder, statement attached, exhibit # 52.

Joe and Maxine Dykman, Harrison, attachment # 53.

QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Representative Waldron: I would address this question to Gene or someone on the study. In talking about the 800 persons we are saying are not being served now. Could you address this?

Mike Muszkiewicz, administrator of the DD Division, said most of these people are receiving services. The 800 people are probably like 300 in actual numbers--they are on waiting lists for group homes. Some are in group homes and are ready to be independent. Some are on more than one waiting list. In adding up all these names it comes up to the 800 mark.

Representative Waldron: The waiting list. Those people are likely to move into the support eventually and someone else will move into that slot. The names change as the people move into another slot? Muszkiewicz: If on the list for a group home they will probably be on the list for schools too.

Sue Jackson: I can't give you the present numbers on the 800 people needing services, and those in a home getting nothing. There is less than 1/2 of the 800 that are receiving no services now.

Senator Keating: Will we hear this again in separate committees?

Representative Bardanouve: In our committee this will be the testimony.

Senator Keating: Will we just have executive session?

Senator Regan: Not another full blown hearing. I will poll the committee. It will serve no value to have all these people come in to say it all again. There will be no executive action without notice going out.

Senator Keating: Financing. Will someone who has served on this get me some information--Gene--I would like to know as soon as possible the 11 counties that have passed the 1 mill levy to raise funds for DD, and I would like to have a break-down of all the DD people who will receive services and from what counties.

Gene Huntington: We will do it.

Representative Marks: I would address this to Mr. Muszkiewicz. Do you have an identification of the service requirements of the 800 people that Mrs. Jackson identified? Have you identified each of those people?

Mike Muszkiewicz: Only those people in service for 30 days and families have been contacted or a provider of services and wants their child or adult on a waiting list.

Representative Marks: How many have not been through? Ans. I don't have the figure, but can get it.

Representative Marks: 400 or so taken out, how do you count them? Ans. I H P's, approximately 400. As to the exact number, I would have to get back to you as to those people who have not had it or not in a I H P.

Representative Marks: How do you count them? Ans. They have requested those services.

Representative Marks: For that category who have asked or are not receiving services you have a good handle on it?  
Musziewicz: I think we have a good handle on it.

Representative Moore: In regard to this coming before the executive action in Appropriations Committee--I would request the DD Department bring to us a break-down of all functions. What people, what branches and what they do. Several years ago we talked about putting one government system and could not find on the laws just where it would be. I would like to have the division chief explain this so we are on the right track.

Representative Bardanouve: This has to pass the Senate Committee and the Senate before we get it.

Senator Himsl: I was interested in the service provision at Eastmont not being as adequate as that of Boulder. I believe Barbara mentioned this.

Barbara Sutherlin: Not as adequate as at Boulder. Full time O. T. people, Eastmont is only on contract and comes in once a week. The dietician comes in once a week at Eastmont and is full time at Boulder.

Senator Himsl: If we let some residents be transferred to Eastmont, are you saying it is not adequate?

Barbara Sutherlin: No. There would have to be some new expenditures to comply with regulations for the type of client Boulder has that was moved. If it came down to the ones to move and the non-ambulatory cases out of Boulder (the total care) this would do one thing not proposed. 22 residents in that category whose parents live on the western side of the state--15 in the eastern. Some have no parents or they are not interested or something. One of the big issues from parents in the community was to place service and people as close as possible to their own community. There are some bugs that have to be worked out.

Senator Christiaens: Do you agree with the assessment of Dr. Opitz in regard to them fitting into the community?

Barbara Sutherlin: I think the 156 they would move and put into an intensive service model somewhere. The rest, I agree will not succeed in the community. It will be a lot more expensive way than now.

Senator Gage: You gave us a lot of statistics awfully fast. Some clients are because of genetic reasons. Mr. Bertelson said some preventive methods. How many have a fair amount of preventive effort in this program?

Dr. Opitz: The facts are between 50 and 60% a year--the same in prevention. Most of the genetics are predisposed retardation. One family of 7 retarded males would spend a period of 103 years collectively at a cost of about \$2.6 million was identified. This was a condition of which could have been prevented. None of the mothers had received counseling; most were of the same family unit. The other 60% may not be able to be identified.


Representative Marks: But there is some indication of where is the money best spent. Having come through the program of Shodair, in your opinion, where is the buck spent? Opitz: If you had a limited number of bucks. The dollar are best spent preventedly. There is no question about it. A statewide genetic program would at the most cost \$1/4 million. That is not to say that individuals should not be moved to the closest source of home and the best care.

Senator Story: We are right now providing \$400,000 on the sub-committee, and \$800,000 for family planning and some other programs.

Senator Smith: In closing, I don't think I can add anything to what has been said. After listening to the testimony now the hard decisions are yet to come. As a member of the Finance and Claims Committee, I will be available to do what I can to help.

Representative Bardanouve: On behalf of the Senate and the House committees, we would like to express our appreciation for the fine testimony and the courteous attention you have given us.

The joint Senate Finance and Claims and House Appropriation committee was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. \*\*Note: A complete taped recording available if necessary in House Appropriations Committee.

  
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Senator Regan

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Representative Bardanouve

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## APPROPRIATIONS

## COMMITTEE

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BARDANOUE	✓												
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SENATOR REGAN	✓		
SENATOR HAFHEY	✓		
SENATOR JACOBSON	✓		
SENATOR AKLESTAD	✓		
SENATOR HAMMOND	✓		
SENATOR LANE	✓		
SENATOR CHRISTIAENS	✓		
SENATOR GAGE	✓		
SENATOR HIMSL	✓		
SENATOR STIMATZ	✓		
SENATOR BOYLAN	✓		
SENATOR STORY	✓		
SENATOR SMITH	✓		
SENATOR MANNING (Dick)			
SENATOR BENGTON	✓		
SENATOR KEATING	✓		

Exhibit ①  
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Report To  
Governor  
Ted Schwinden  
From The  
House Bill 909  
Advisory Council  
Established  
Pursuant To  
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**A Plan  
For Services  
For The  
Developmentally Disabled  
Prepared Pursuant To  
House Bill 909**

**Office of the Governor  
Helena, Montana  
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## VISITORS' REGISTER

NAME	REPRESENTING	BILL #	Check One	
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<del>Helene Anderson</del>		909		X
<del>Verna Hillier</del>		909		X
ROGER KESLING		909		X
Brian Smith		909		X
<del>Joseph M. Wilson</del>		909		X
<del>Walter Lick</del>		909		
<del>Wm. Nichols</del>				
<del>James B. McCauley</del>		909		X
<del>Lucretia Hirsch</del>		909		X
Bonnie Clefander		909	X	?
Wm. Ains	909 advisory board	909	X	
LEE J. TICKELL	S.R.S. HELENA	909 SRR		
Devo Lewis	SRS Helene	SRR 9		
JACK ELLERY	SRS HELENA	SRR 9		
<del>Pat Sallant</del>	SRS Helene	SRR 9		
Richard J. Llewellyn		SRR 9		X
<del>Jack Powers</del>	Butte	909		
Gary Walsh	SRS Helene	SRR 9		
<del>Dore Saville</del>	Town of Blaine, Louisiana	909		
<del>Joseph Conlin</del>	D.D. Division, Helene	909	X!	
<del>Pete Hathaway</del>	DDO/SRS	909	X	
<del>Michael F. Kelly</del>	West. Mont	909	✓	
<del>Lawrence Sande</del>	Ft. Benton, Mont	909	X	
Jan Brown	House Dist 46, Helena	SRR 9	X	
<del>Rep. Gay Helms</del>	House Dist 31 Round Bay	SRR 9	X	
Larry Noonan	SRS Helene	SRR 9	X	

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			Support	Oppose
Ted Clack	self	SJR 9	✓	
JD Maw	OBFP	"		
Keith Wolcott	LFR	"		
Jim Hurbani	Daf I	"		
Peter Blauke	LFA	"		
Rita Blauke	LWV	"		
Leta Lister	concerned citizens			✓
Bill Engle	Self			✓
Mike Bullock	Self			
Rep Nancy Keenan	Dist 66	SJR 9		
Raja Nunn	Self	SJR 9		✓
Katy James	Self	SJR 9		✓
Rudy Jones	Self	SJR 9		✓
S E. Harrison	Self	"		
John Fitzpatrick	Mountain International	"		
Harry Blumatz	Senate Dist 75	"		
Greg Holt		SJR		
Dan Brockway	Self	"	✓	
Bill Fortune	Self	"	✓	
John Wilboughby	self			✓
Larry Koles	self			✓
Chris Anderson	self	"	✓	
Martha Wahlstrand	self	"	✓	
James Reynolds	self.	"	✓	
Jana Adams	self	"	✓	

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Jeffrey M. Antson	Advocate for Boulder Residents			
BB Mayes	BRS: H Local 971			
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Gregory Tuss	Carroll College			
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Dean J M McManus	B R S h Boulder		✓ w/change	
Gillie M McManus	Boulder		✓ w/change	
Wendy M Crea	B R S h Boulder		✓ "	
Verner L. Bartleson	Developmental P. O. C.		✓	
Lang R. Paynotta	Reoch Inc. Bozeman		✓	
Connie Koenig	Reg V DD Council - Flathed APC		✓	
Shirley Rimmer	Heat Falls - consumer		✓	
Betty Stuetz	L. O. C. consumer		✓	
Margaret Maguire	Butte		Oppose	✓
Jack Sheehan	"			✓
Ed. Maguire	Butte			✓
Jim Sheehan	Butte			✓
Jim Sheehan Jr	Butte			✓
Bernard Bioq Miller	Helena			✓
Janet Tatz	Self		✓ w/change	
Gary R. Marbut	DD Council		X	
John Filz	HAMILTON	9	✓	o/cha
Robert Davis	Boulder		✓ w/change	
Blob	Boulder		✓	chase.
Mike Baker	Clancy		✓	
Linda Larriden	JEFFERSON City		✓	
Deanna Lipton	Helena		✓	
Richard Llewellyn	Boulder			✓
Robert Laumeyer	"			✓
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Cornie R. Strong	Self	9	✓ w/changes	
George Harris	Local 971	9	✓ w/changes	
Steve Sutherland	Local 971	9	✓ w/changes	
Rose McNamara	Local 971	9	✓ w/changes	
Ray Sutherland	Local 971	9	✓ w/changes	
Joe Galyon	Montana Party	9		✓
Charles Bullock	Business Man DASIN	9	✓ w/changes	
Chester Bullock	Business Man DASIN	9	✓ w/changes	
Donald E. Gagliardi MD	DHES	9	✓	
William Skogquist	A.M.R.P.E.	9		✓
Joe WIEGEMAN	Helena Chamber of Com	9		✓ w/changes
Klaire Savastere	Association of Independent	9	✓	
KATHLEEN BENOIT	Disabilities Services YWCA INDEPENDENT LIVING	9	✓	
Rena Whelan	STEP	9	✓	
M. Mustkiewicz	SRS	9	✓	
J. Elizabeth	West Mont	9	✓	
D. J. Jorgensen	Self	9	✓ w/changes	
R. Jorgensen	Self	9	✓ w/changes	
David Worey	AFSCME #971	9	✓	
MRS. G. H. Christensen	Town of Bldg	9	✓	
Charles M. Super	Reg. Serv. for the Dis	9	✓	
Brodie Moll	P-T Activities Conrad	9	✓	
Michael J. Kelly	West Mont	9	✓	
Wally M. Mullen	CIFS Great Falls	9	✓	
Julie Swanson	West Mont	9	✓	



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John M. Opitz

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Theresa Cook

self

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Joe Jan Koch

parent

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parent

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Beverly Owens

Reg. 3 DD Council

Ray Smith

family representative

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self

Richard P. Swenson

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Bernie Vogel	Region II DD Conv.	909	X	
Leah Vogel	"	909	X	
Vick Van Natta	Westmont Inc.	909	X	
Connie Cole	Westmont Habilitation	909	X	
Pam Adrian	Westmont Habilitation	909	X	
CURT CHRISTMAN	DEPT INSTITUTIONS	909	X	
Carroll Swartz	Dept. of Inst	909	X	
Wm R. Lee	Montana Advocacy	909	X	
Marion E. Powers	SELF	909	X	
Lonna McDuffie	SELF	909	X	
Mrs. Elmer J. Phillips	compad. mt. P-T. Activities Inc.	909	X	
Elmer J. Phillips	Parent	909	X	
Gene Huntington	Governor's Office	"	X	
Joe Roberts	self	909	X	
R. Nadrian Jensen	AFSCME	5589 909		X

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January 21, 1985  
(Date)

MR. PRESIDENT:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

I move that the undersigned names be added to ~~SENATE BILL NO.~~ SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 9

as additional sponsors.

Rep. Ray Peck  
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Rep. Gay Holliday  
Rep. Gerald Nisbett  
Rep. Jan Brown  
Senator Alvin Brown  
Sen. Frost

(signed) Sen Ed B. Smith

Senate Joint Resolution No.  
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## REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS

### HISTORY

Montana state law (53--20--101, MCA) mandates services to developmentally disabled individuals, whenever possible, in community--based settings. The Governor's proposal for implementing the recommendations of the House Bill 909 Council calls for community--based services for the majority of Montana's currently institutionalized population to be developed during the 1987 and 1989 biennia. SRS is requesting authorization and funding to accomplish development, using a **Regional Resource Center** as the model for service delivery.

### POPULATION DESCRIPTION

156 of the developmentally disabled individuals remaining in Montana's two state--operated institutions will be served in three community--based locations. These individuals are more severely disabled than the people currently in the community system. They require well--trained staff who can provide necessary medical, therapy and other support services to meet more intense needs.

### RESOURCE CENTER

**Description:** Each of the three centers consists of one day program and seven dispersed "satellite" group homes under one administrative structure. Each center will serve 52 individuals and employ approximately 100 people.

**Location:** These centers should be located in larger population areas so that medical facilities, manpower and other resource requirements will be more readily available. The centers can serve as resources for staff training and service development to the entire community--based system, particularly if affiliated with a college or university.

**Rationale:** The development of three Regional Resource Centers is proposed as an approach which combines the administrative advantages of centralized services with the treatment advantages to individuals who live in small, integrated community residences.

### FUNDING

Through the competitive bid process, SRS will contract with private, non--profit corporations to build, develop and maintain the centers and services. Capital costs of these centers will be borne by issuance of Montana Health Facility Authority Bonds (authorized by Title 90, Chapter 7, MCA). The annualized cost per center is projected to be approximately 2.3 million dollars.

### TIMELINES

Construction of the first center will begin in early 1986, with services to begin late that same year. The second and third centers will open in late 1987 and 1988, respectively.





NAME: Barbara Sutherland DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 66, Boulder

PHONE: 225-4242

REPRESENTING WHOM? Self

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: ~~HB 909~~ <sup>HB 909</sup> Joint Resolution #9

DO YOU: SUPPORT? \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND? X OPPOSE? \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENT: The Governor's budget has placed the emphasis on the Recommendation #7 of HB 909 Council's Report. This is contrary to the intent of the Council's Recommendation #2. There are 800 DD people in the community who are either underserved or underserved who need services. These people should be served first - before expending large amounts of money to serve clients in Boulder and Eastmont who are already receiving appropriate services. Reinstitutionalization should continue but the wholesale move of clients to new community facilities should be done over more than 2 biennia and after services improve for clients now living in the community. I strongly support the placement of all DD services under one administrative dept.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.



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January 22, 1985

Senator Pat Regan  
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee  
State Capital  
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Madam Chairman,

I deeply regret that I am unable to appear before you to offer my comments relative to Senate Joint Resolution 9. I am unable to attend, as I am an expectant father and my wife and I are at a critical time in the pregnancy period.

At the request of Governor Schwinden, I served as House Bill 909 Council Member. I must tell you that my involvement with the Council was a most rewarding and very challenging experience. Our deliberations were not always easy, as you can well imagine, given the complexity of issues and possible courses of action available to us. I was extremely grateful that the Governor had the foresight to select Council Members who represented a wide variety of interests and professional disciplines. This helped to ensure meaningful dialogue and debate pursuant to our seeking sound conclusions and recommendations.

One of the first issues which we addressed, is one that is impressed upon me still -- that is, "Shall the recommendations of House Bill 909 reflect the political realities of the day, or shall they speak to the needs of Montana citizens with Developmental Disabilities?" We, as a Council, recognized that the Legislature will be forced to make some difficult decisions. No doubt, the Governor was forced to do the same in his effort to provide you with responsible directions for future services to this special population.

I firmly believe, both personally and professionally, that the House Bill 909 Study was a responsible and respectable effort and that our recommendations speak well to the current and long-term needs of our Developmentally Disabled population. Further, I believe that the Governor's response to the Council's recommendations is equally responsible and appropriate.

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It is imperative, that the Montana Legislature and the people of Montana maintain their commitment to providing adequate and appropriate services for Developmentally Disabled adults and children. It is regrettable, but necessary, that institutionalization will still be necessary for some, but it would be irresponsible, on our part, to deny those others the benefits of community-based living, in whatever form or to whatever degree is humanly possible.

I respectfully request that you wholeheartedly endorse the recommendations of the 909 Council and the plans for implementation recommended by the Governor. Further, I urge you to refrain from making any decisions without first asking yourselves, "Is this decision based upon the needs of the Developmentally Disabled?"

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Crivello".

Bill Crivello  
House Bill 909 Member

BC/ckw

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REPORT TO HOUSE BILL 909 ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE STATE  
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ON

"THE BOULDER RIVER SCHOOL and HOSPITAL"

BY

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL GENETICS, SHODAIR  
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DATED: March ~~12~~, 1984

SUBMITTED BY: John M. Opitz, M.D.

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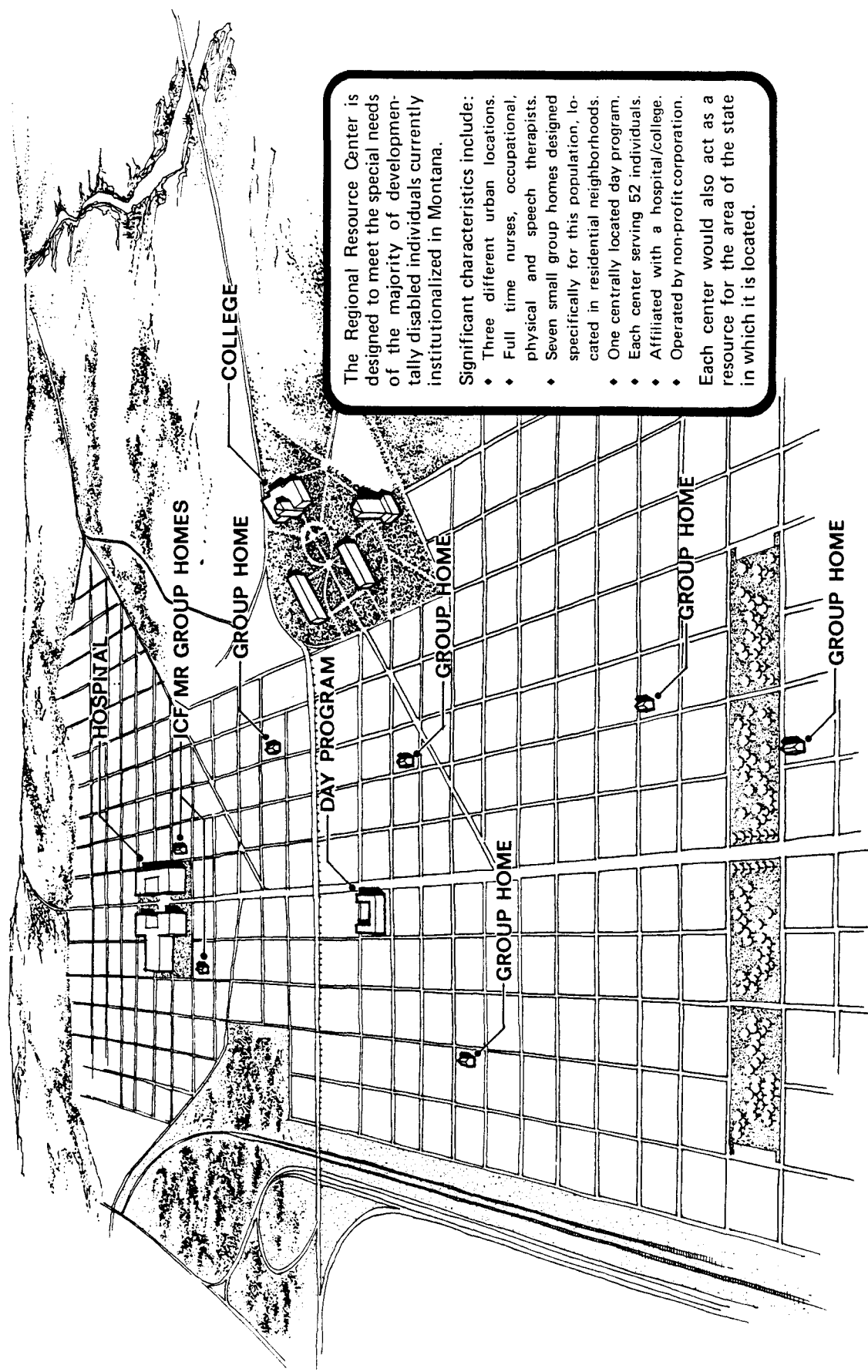
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The Regional Resource Center is designed to meet the special needs of the majority of developmentally disabled individuals currently institutionalized in Montana.

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- Full time nurses, occupational, physical and speech therapists.
- Seven small group homes designed specifically for this population, located in residential neighborhoods.
- One centrally located day program.
- Each center serving 52 individuals.
- Affiliated with a hospital/college.
- Operated by non-profit corporation.

Each center would also act as a resource for the area of the state in which it is located.

# REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS



## REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS

### HISTORY

Montana state law (53--20--101, MCA) mandates services to developmentally disabled individuals whenever possible, in community--based settings. The Governor's proposal for implementing the recommendations of the House Bill 909 Council calls for community--based services for the majority of Montana's currently institutionalized population to be developed during the 1987 and 1989 biennia. SRS is requesting authorization and funding to accomplish development, using a **Regional Resource Center** as the model for service delivery.

### POPULATION DESCRIPTION

156 of the developmentally disabled individuals remaining in Montana's two state--operated institutions will be served in three community--based locations. These individuals are more severely disabled than the people currently in the community system. They require well--trained staff who can provide necessary medical, therapy and other support services to meet more intense needs.

### RESOURCE CENTER

**Description:** Each of the three centers consists of one day program and seven dispersed "satellite" group homes under one administrative structure. Each center will serve 52 individuals and employ approximately 100 people.

**Location:** These centers should be located in larger population areas so that medical facilities, manpower and other resource requirements will be more readily available. The centers can serve as resources for staff training and service development to the entire community--based system, particularly if affiliated with a college or university.

**Rationale:** The development of three Regional Resource Centers is proposed as an approach which combines the administrative advantages of centralized services with the treatment advantages to individuals who live in small, integrated community residences.

### FUNDING

Through the competitive bid process, SRS will contract with private, non--profit corporations to build, develop and maintain the centers and services. Capital costs of these centers will be borne by issuance of Montana Health Facility Authority Bonds (authorized by Title 90, Chapter 7, MCA). The annualized cost per center is projected to be approximately 2.3 million dollars.

### TIMELINES

Construction of the first center will begin in early 1986, with services to begin late that same year. The second and third centers will open in late 1987 and 1988, respectively.

(This sheet to be used by those testifying on a bill.)

NAME: Dean Sheehan DATE: 1-23-85

ADDRESS: 920 W. Platinum

PHONE: 782-9417

REPRESENTING WHOM? \_\_\_\_\_

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU: SUPPORT? \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND? \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE? L

COMMENT: My concern is for the Patient  
who comes between the forty-five severe  
cases and the ones able to be placed  
in group homes.  
The economic factor is great at this  
time.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: GREG A. OLSEN DATE: 1/23/85

ADDRESS: 2660 STUART ST.

PHONE: 442-3732

REPRESENTING WHOM? WEST-MONT HABILITATION SERV

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SS9

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND?        OPPOSE?       

COMMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICES CAN <sup>SHOULD</sup> SERVE  
AS MANY INDIVIDUALS AS POSSIBLE IN  
THE COMMUNITY. SERVICES HAVE DEVELOPED  
TO THE POINT THAT THEY ARE A REASONABLE  
EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE TO THE INSTITUTION

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(This sheet to be used by those testifying on a bill.)

NAME: Lonnie King DATE: 1/23/85

ADDRESS: 430 Church Dr. Kalispell, MT. 59901

PHONE: 752-3370

REPRESENTING WHOM? Region V DD Council, Flathead Assoc. for Retarded Citizens

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: Senate Joint Resolution 9

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENT:

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: Gordon Vanderveer DATE: 1-23-85

ADDRESS: 244 Suburban Dr. Billings MT

PHONE: 406 248-6453

REPRESENTING WHOM? Parent - Montana Society For Autistic Children  
of Autistic Son

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 909

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ✓ AMEND?        OPPOSE?       

COMMENT: I urge you to support House Bill 909  
to deinstitutionalize Boulder River School Hospital  
and Eastmont Human Services. Also to  
support community based services for  
our autistic children and all the DD population.  
We believe that through community based  
services that our people will be much  
better served and the money better spent,  
and affecting more lives.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

#117  
1/23/85

January 21, 1985

Senate Finance and Claims Committee  
Senator Pat Regan - Chairman  
Capitol Station  
Helena, Montana 59620

Dear Senator Regan and Committee Members,

The Region V Council for Developmental Disabilities would like this letter entered into the record as part of the testimony on Wednesday, Jan. 23, for the hearing on Joint Resolution 9.

The Region V Advisory Council for the Developmentally Disabled, which represents the seven counties in north-western Montana, has read and discussed the report issued by the House Bill 909 Committee and strongly support the committee's recommendations.

We urge you to support the committee's recommendations.  
We thank you for that support.

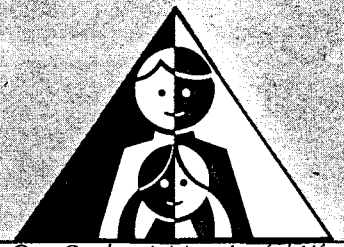
Sincerely,



PATRICIA J. LANE  
Region V Chairman  
Box 336  
Hungry Horse, mt.  
59919

# Flathead Association for Retarded Citizens

P.O. Box 1122 • Kalispell, Montana 59903-1122



Our Goal A Meaningful Life

January 22, 1985

Senate Finance and Claims Committee  
Senator Pat Regan, Chairman  
Capitol Station  
Helena, Montana 59620

Dear Senator Regan and Committee Members,

The Flathead Association for Retarded Citizens takes this opportunity to provide testimony regarding Senate Joint Resolution 9.

Our Association wishes to go on record as whole heartedly endorsing the recommendations of the 909 Council and the Governor's response for implementation.

Very sincerely yours,

*Alden E. Beller*

Alden E. Beller, President  
Flathead Association for Retarded Citizens

#13  
(This sheet to be used by those testifying on a bill.)

NAME: LORRIE Heferseder DATE: 11/23/85

ADDRESS: 284 Lincoln Rd.

PHONE: 248-8210

REPRESENTING WHOM? Community Services - Residential Support

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: House Bill 909

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND?        OPPOSE?       

COMMENT: I strongly support House Bill 909 and believe  
that most people (at least 150 individuals) from  
Boulder would benefit from the community. I am  
certain it would cost less to serve these people in the  
community, the environment would be much more pleasant  
in the community as well as the medical services  
being much more superior in Fort Collins (poor communities)  
and have worked with in Boulder and in community  
services.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

BY JOSEPH E. WATKINS

January 23, 1985

Dear Senator Regan and Members of the Legislature:

My name is Joseph Watkins. I live at 1202 Lewis Avenue Billings, Montana. Before I moved to Billings I lived at Boulder River School off and on for about five years. I moved to a group home in Billings in March 1983. I also worked at Billings Workshop.

I like living in Billings because I get to do alot of things by myself or with my friends. I like to go on dates, go to movies, go to concerts, to shopping, go to the library, go bowling and to group counseling meetings. I also got to vote last November.

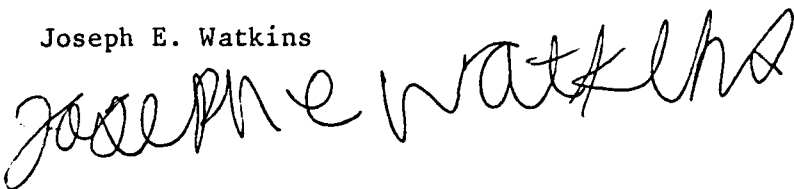
I feel that I have made many accomplishments while living in Billings. In August of 1984, I got a job at the Sizzler Steak House through the Vocational Placement and Job Training. I work at least 20 hours a week. I am a Dishroom Service Attendant and I bus tables and wash the dishes. I make \$3.35 an hour and also receive tips because I do an adequate job. I like most of the people I work with and work for. Also, if I do a good job at work, I get a movie pass at the end of the week. Since October, I have earned a pass every week except for one week. My trainers have given me lots of support.

In December, 1983, I moved from an intensive group home to a standard group home. A standard group home has more people living in the house and less staff working there. Since I have lived in Billings, I have learned to plan my own menus, do my own grocery shopping, cook my own meals, ride the city buses to wherever I want to go, take my own medication, budget my money, keep my own room clean and many other things. At my last IHP meeting, it was discussed that I will probably be able to live in my own apartment in the near future.

I have friends who still live at Boulder River School. I think everyone has the right to live in a community. I am thankful that I had the chance to move out of Boulder and hope that some day my friends at Boulder will get the same chance I have had. Thank you.

Signed,

Joseph E. Watkins



(This sheet to be used by those testifying on a bill.)

NAME: JOSEPH WATKINS DATE: 1-23-85

ADDRESS: 1702 Lewis ave BILLINGS MT

PHONE: 248-5572

REPRESENTING WHOM? SELF

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: HOUSE BILL 909

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ✓ AMEND?        OPPOSE?       

COMMENT: I hope that ALL  
my friends from BOULDER  
get to live in the  
community

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TO: LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
FROM: SIZZLER FAMILY STEAK HOUSE

Dear Legislators,

The Vocational Placement project of Billings contacted me the first part of August 1984 with the idea of hiring a mentally retarded adult as a dishwasher in my restaurant. The program was explained to me and I thought it would be worth a try as we were in the process of hiring new staff and needed a dishwasher/busboy.

I knew that the job was physically demanding. It entailed bussing tables in the dining area and washing the dishes with a dishmachine.

On August 14th the Vocational Placement project started to train Joe Watkins at this position. The first 2 months were difficult for Joe, his trainer and us. This was Joes first time on a job outside of the workshop. He was taken from this safe familiar environment and placed in a fast paced demanding job where he had to deal effectively with the pressure of his new work load and our restaurant expectations. As might be expected it was rough at first. There were times that our patience was tried by his attitude problems and poor work quality. As time went on ( and many prayer) Joe began to mature. This was evident in his attitude to try to improve and an occasional "I'm Sorry".

Joe has come very far in dealing with his emotions. He is slowly understanding his role as a dishwasher in our restaurant and seems more content as an individual. Sure, there are still very hectic days when Joe loses his temper and can not understand the reason for things, but before long he calms down and usually gives us an understanding smile.

It has been a growing experience for us to have the opportunity to manage Joe. Over the last 6 months we have seen a marked improvement in his emotional development. Hopefully, it will continue as time goes by, and Joe will continue to be a worker in our restaurant and part of our restaurant " family ".

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert H. Byers". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned in the lower right corner of the document. The name "Robert" is written in a larger, more prominent script, while "H." and "Byers" are written in a smaller, more compact script.

# 15  
1/23/85  
NAME: Setty Strick DATE: Jan 23, 1985

ADDRESS: Biggate, Montana 59674

PHONE: 568 - 2207

REPRESENTING WHOM? Parent - consumer

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: STR 9

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND?        OPPOSE?       

COMMENT: I am a parent of a handicapped  
daughter. I support Senate Joint  
Resolution #9. My daughter was  
once a resident of Boulder and is  
now in community based services.  
I have seen her growth socially and  
productively in both settings  
and the community based setting  
far surpasses the institutional  
setting.  
I urge this committee to approve  
Senate Joint Resolution #9

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

# 16  
1/23/85  
NAME: Shirley Rammer DATE: 1-23-85

ADDRESS: 1109 19th Ave. S.W. Great Falls

PHONE: 727-5221

REPRESENTING WHOM? Our family viewpoint

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SJR 9

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENT:

We have experienced institutional care and, since 1976, community services for our 2 retarded adults. The deinstitutionalization program in Montana has proven over the past 8 years that the community can offer a much more expanded service program to D.D. persons. This commitment to deinstitutionalization needs to be strengthened and continued. SJR 9 would strengthen the legislative commitment toward this effort.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

11/23/85

NAME :

DATE: Jan. 23 1985

ADDRESS :

PHONE :

REPRESENTING WHOM?

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL:

DO YOU :

SUPPORT?

AMEND?

OPPOSE?

**COMMENT :**

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

#18  
January 21, 1985

Montana State Legislature  
State Capitol  
Helena, Montana 59601

Dear Legislative Members,

The Havre Parent Support Association, a group for parents of handicapped children, would like to express its support for the passage of house bill 909, to provide continued deinstitutionalization of the State Hospital at Boulder. We see placing developmentally disabled people in our communities as an excellent alternative to institutions and are very appreciative of the work done by 909 committee members in bringing this about.

As consumers of a variety of services for the developmentally disabled, we have been pleased and relieved to see the movement of clients from institutional settings back into the community. As parents, we will no longer be faced with the heart breaking decision to send members of our families "away" and try to pretend they no longer need our personal caring and contact.

As our children mature into adults, many will require services of group homes and activity centers when living with their natural families is no longer possible. At present, many of us use our children's group home as a temporary respite facility for our handicapped youngsters and are very confident about the care they receive. It would be so much better to provide services for all disabled persons in a community setting.

Again, we request your support for house bill 909; it will provide a way for developmentally disabled people to be a part of community life.

Sincerely,

*Janice Bailey*

Janice Bailey  
Parent Support Association

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12/85  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES



TED SCHWINDEN, GOVERNOR

COGSWELL BUILDING

STATE OF MONTANA

HELENA, MONTANA 59620

January 24, 1985

TO: The Honorable Pat Regan  
Chairman  
Senate Finance and Claims Committee  
State Capitol

TESTIMONY

For the record, I am Dr. Donald E. Espelin on staff at the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences (DHES). I am Medical Director for the Montana Perinatal Program. I am a member of DDPAC; have practiced pediatrics in Helena, Montana since 1966; and have over the years been involved with BRSH in a medical capacity. At one time, I served as President of the medical staff of BRSH.

In general, I support the concept of deinstitutionalization of our DD clients. Specifically, I support the work of the 909 Council (blue book) and the Governor's plan for its implementation (red book), including the plan by DSRS for three resource centers.

Further, Dr. Drynan has asked me to inform you that the Department accepts the responsibility described in Objective 1.3, Sub-Objective 1.3.1 and 1.3.2.

Additionally, we feel DHES should be identified and included as a contributing agency in defining and establishing roles, responsibilities, accountabilities between executive branch agencies. (Objective 2.2, Sub-Objective 2.2.1)

DHES is already a member of the Inter Agency Planning Forum (IAPF) and should be involved with preplanning, communication, coordination and implementation of client movement within the DD system. (Objective 2.3, Sub-Objective 2.3.1)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald E. Espelin M.D.", written in a cursive style.

Donald E. Espelin, M.D., Medical Director  
Montana Perinatal Program  
Health Services and Medical  
Facilities Division

DEE/rsb



1-23-85  
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DEPARTMENT OF  
SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES



TED SCHWINDEN, GOVERNOR

P.O. BOX 4210

STATE OF MONTANA

HELENA, MONTANA 59604

January 24, 1985

444-2995

To: Senator Pat Regan

From: Sue Jackson, Client Services Coordinator  
Developmental Disabilities Division

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Jackson".

Re: Community Waiting Lists for DD Services

There are currently a total of 798 different individuals on the waiting list for services.

Waiting for adult services	580
Waiting for family services	218

Of those waiting for adult services	311 are receiving other DD Services
	272 are receiving no DD Services

Of those waiting for family services	96 are receiving other DD Services
	123 are receiving no DD Services

There are a total of 395 persons waiting for services who are receiving no other DD services.

Examples of adults who are receiving services:

A young man in Billings lives with his family, attends Billings Workshop and is waiting for job placement.

An older man is attending Billings Workshop and is waiting for a senior citizen program.

A man is living in his natural home attending a day program and is waiting for group home placement. His folks are elderly.

Examples of adults who are not receiving services:

A young woman living in Helena with her family graduated from high school two years ago and is waiting for services at Helena Industries. She stays home while her parents work.

Senator Pat Regan

Re: Community Waiting Lists for DD services

Page Two

A young woman living with her family in Trout Creek, Montana, graduated from special ed last spring. She has severe seizures and temper tantrums. She needs a group home and day program within visiting distance of her home.

Examples of families who are receiving services:

A family in Silver Star receives family training. Their child attends school, he's six. They are waiting for respite services.

A family in Butte whose severely handicapped child is receiving family training (and physical therapy paid for by Medicaid) needs Specialized Family Care.

A child in a nursing home in Eastern Montana is waiting for Specialized Family Care.

Please call if I can provide more information.

Community Service Waiting List  
September, 1984  
Developmental Disabilities Division

Summary

AREA	V	IGH	GH	TL	IL	FT	R	CGH	SFC	ADULT	CHILD	TOTAL
I	138	2	86	24	20	35		7	24	199	57	256
II	83	20	80	39	15	6	3	20	11	188	35	223
III	105	10	53	23	21	47	87			152	113	265
Statewide	41	2	35	4				9	7	41	13	54
TOTALS	367	34	254	90	56	88	90	36	42	580	218	798*

\*This number only includes special ed students who will graduate by June, 1986.

AREA I

CITY	V	IGH	GH	TL	IL	FT	R	CGH	SFC	ADULT	CHILD	TOTAL
Miles City	3		3		1	4			2	7	6	13
Glasgow	2		2	1		2				3	2	5
Sidney	2		2							3		3
Malta	2		1	4						6		6
Plentywood	3	1	2	7						10		10
Glendive	1		1			1			1	1	2	3
Poplar	4	1	3							4		4
Ashland	2		2							2		2
Lame Deer						2					2	2
Wolf Point	7		4	3		3				7	3	10
Medicine Lake	1		1							1		1
Nashua	1		2							2		2
Jordan	1		1							1		1
Broadus	2		2							2		2
Opheim	1		1							1		1
Hinsdale	2		2							2		2
Subtotals	34	2	29	15	1	12			3	52	15	67

AREA I (Cont.)

CITY	V	IGH	GH	TL	IL	FT	R	CGH	SFC	ADULT	CHILD	TOTAL
Billings	55		43	9	14	15		6	14	85	29	114
Blgs/Vo Plac	34									34		34
Hardin	6				2					8		8
Red Lodge	2		10			1				10	1	11
Lewistown	6		3		3	1			1	8	3	11
Roundup						1					1	1
Worden						1					1	1
Winnet									1		1	1
Columbus	1		1			1		1	5	2	5	7
Big Timber						1					1	1
Subtotal	104		57	9	19	23		7	21	147	42	189
AREA I												
TOTALS	138	2	86	24	20	35		7	24	199	57	256

AREA II

CITY	V	IGH	GH	TL	IL	FT	R	CGH	SFC	ADULT	CHILD	TOTAL
Cut Bank					2					4		4
Great Falls	29	6	11	1	2	5	2	4	6	41	16	57
Harlem	1	1	3							4		4
Havre	6	4	8	1				10	5	12	11	23
Browning			7	2	7					13		13
Conrad	3		2	1	2					6		6
Big Sandy			6							6		6
Shelby	1		1	1			1			3	1	4
Choteau				4	1					5		5
Geraldine								1			1	1
Kalispell	21		18	8	1	2		4		33	6	39
Plains	3	2	3				1			5	1	6
Polson	5	7	11				4			20	4	24
Ronan	2		6	7						14		14
Columbia Falls						1					1	1
Libby	8		1	10		1				16	1	17
Whitefish	1					1				1	1	2
Pablo				4						4		4
Valier								1			1	1
Thompson Falls	1		1							1		1
Superior							2				2	2
Brady						1					1	1
Eureka	1		1			1				1	1	2
Charlo	1		1							1		1
AREA II												
TOTALS	83	20	80	39	15	12	10	20	11	188	48	236

AREA III

CITY	V	IGH	GH	TL	IL	FT	R	CGH	SFC	ADULT	CHILD	TOTAL
Helena	31	5	12	10		7				45	7	52
Butte	16		3			6	20			17	22	39
Anaconda						3	4				5	5
Bozeman	14	1	5	6	9	7	10			23	13	36
Whitehall						1	2				2	2
Livingston	4	1	5	5	1	2	3			15	4	19
Livingston/ Vo Plac	11											
Dillon				1		1	2			1	2	3
Deer Lodge						5	9				10	10
Seeley Lake						2					2	2
Sheridan						1					1	1
Silver Star							1				1	1
Belgrade						3	4				6	6
Three Forks						1	1				1	1
Clyde Park						1	2				2	2
Manhattan							1				1	1
Missoula	28		27	1	11	4	21			47	25	72
Hamilton	1	3	1				5			4	5	9
Warm Sprngs						1	1				1	1
Philipsburg							1				1	1
Stevensville						2					2	2
AREA III												
TOTALS	105	10	53	23	21	47	87			152	113	265

CATEGORY CODES:

V = Vocational/Day Services  
 IGH = Intensive Group Home  
 GH = Adult Group Home  
 TL = Transitional Living Services  
 IL = Independent Living Training

FT = Family Training  
 R = Respite  
 CGH = Children's Group Home  
 SFC = Specialized Foster Care

September, 1984  
DDD Waiting List Information--Adult Services  
 Summary

AREA	VOC DAY SVCS.	INTENSIVE GROUP HOME	GROUP HOME	TRANS. LIVING SVCS.	INDP. LIVING TRNG.	# RECEIVING DD SERVICES		TOTAL PERSONS
						YES	NO	
I	138	2	86	24	20	92	94	186
II	83	20	80	39	15	122	66	188
III	121	10	60	23	21	75	93	168
Statewide	41	2	35	4		22	19	41
TOTALS	383	34	261	90	56	311	272	583 *

\* Note: This number includes 119 persons that are currently in special education programs that will need services June 1985 to June 1986, and 19 persons who will graduate special ed and need services 1987-1989.

1. PERSONS ON WAITING LISTS AT PROGRAMS IN THE AREA:

AREA:	(Services Needed)					# Receiving DD Services		Total Clients
	V	IGH	GH	TL	IL	YES	NO	
I. Miles City				3	1	3	1	4
Glasgow			1			1		1
Malta				2		2		2
Plentywood				7		5	2	7
Wolf Point	2		1	1			2	2
Nashua			1			1		1
Poplar	1		1				1	1
Billings	17		23	2	5	21	14	35
Blgs/Voc. Plac.	32					29	3	32
Hardin	5						5	5
Red Lodge	1		2			2		2
Lewistown	5		2		3	3	4	7
TOTALS	63		34	12	9	67	32	99
II. Cut Bank					2		2	2
Thompson Falls	1		1				1	1
Shelby	1		1			1	1	2
Conrad	3		2		2	3	2	5
Browning			7		6	10		10
Great Falls	18	6	10		2	16	12	28
Harlem	1	1				1		1
Havre	2	1	7	1		5	3	8
Choteau				3	1	3	1	4
Polson	2		1				2	2
Kalispell	20		16	8	1	15	16	31
Libby	8		1	6		8	4	12
Ronan				7		1	6	7
TOTALS	56	8	46	25	14	63	50	113

\* 6 clients in Great Falls are DD offenders needing day services and group homes.  
 22 clients in Great Falls are attending the workshop and need a work-site program.

1. (Continued:)

AREA:	(Services Needed)					DD Services		Total Clients
	V	IGH	GH	TL	IL	YES	NO	
III.								
Dillon				1		1		1
Butte	8		2			3	6	9
Helena	16	4	10	3		15	8	23
Bozeman	6		2	6	9	4	11	15
Missoula	22		20	1	11	21	19	40
Hamilton	1	3	1			3	1	4
Livingston	2	1	5	5	1	5	8	13
Livingston Vo Plac	11							
TOTALS	66	8	40	16	21	52	53	105
TOTAL	185	16	120	53	44	182	135	317

2. PERSONS RESIDING IN COMMUNITY HOMES THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS READY TO MOVE TO TRANSITIONAL LIVING SERVICES OR INDEPENDENT LIVING TRAINING IF SERVICE CAPACITY WERE AVAILABLE:

AREA:	Service Needed		Reason Services Not Provided	Number of Persons
	TL	IL		
I.	Malta	2	Not Available	2
	Hardin	2	No Openings	2
	Billings	7	No Openings	9
				13
II.	Browning	2	No program	3
	Conrad	1	Not Available	1
	Shelby	1	Not Available	1
	Choteau	1	Not Available	1
	Pablo	4	No Program	4
	Great Falls	1	No Openings	1
	Libby	4	No program	4
				19
III.	Helena	7	No program	7
TOTALS				
	30	5		35



3. PERSONS IN NURSING HOMES IN THE AREA THAT ARE IN NEED OF DD SERVICES:

AREA:	(Services Needed)				DD Services		Total Clients
	V	IGH	GH	TL	YES	NO	
I. Sidney			1		1		1
Plentywood	1	1			1		1
Poplar	1	1				1	1
Red Lodge	1		8		7	1	8
Hardin	1					1	1
Billings	1		2		1	1	2
Lewistown	1		1		1		1
Columbus	1		1			1	1
TOTALS	7	2	13		11	5	16
II. Harlem			3		3		3
Big Sandy			6		6		6
Whitefish	1					1	1
Ronan-Happy Acres	1		5		5	1	6
Polson-St. Josephs	3	7	10		17	1	18
Hot Springs/Plains	3	2	3		5		5
TOTALS	8	9	27		36	3	39
III. Butte	1					1	1
Helena	5	1	1			5	5
Missoula-Community	3		4		4		4
TOTALS	9	1	5		4	6	10
TOTALS	24	12	45		51	14	65

4. SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN SCHOOL WHO WILL BE NEEDING SERVICES WHEN THEY GRADUTE:

AREA:	V	(Services Needed)				DD		Total Clients	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
		IGH	GH	TL	IL	Services YES	NO						
I. Glasgow	2		1	1			2	2	1	1			
Ashland	2		2				2	2	2				
Poplar	2		2				2	2		2			
Wolf Point	5		3	2			5	5	2	3			
Sidney	2		1				2	2	1	1			
Miles City	3					2	1	3	3				
Jordan	1		1				1	1		1			
Plentywood	2		2				2	2	2				
Broadus	2		2				2	2		2			
Glendive	1		1				1	1	1				
Malta	2		1				2	2	2				
Medicine Lake	1		1				1	1	1				
Nashua	1		1				1	1		1			
Opheim	1		1				1	1		1			
Hinsdale	2		2				2	2	1	1			
Billings	37		18		7	12	28	40	19	17	4		
Billings Voc/Plac	2						2	2	1	1			
TOTAL	68		39	3	7	14	57	71	36	31	4		
II. Havre	4	3	1			4		4	3	1			
Great Falls	11		1			4	8	12	6	6			
Kalispell	1		2				2	2	1	1			
Ronan	1		1				1	1	1				
Eureka	1		1				1	1	1				
Charlo	1		1				1	1	1				
TOTAL	19	3	7			8	13	21	13	8			

4. (Continued)

AREA:	V	(Services Needed)				DD Services		Total Clients	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
		IGH	GH	TL	IL	YES	NO						
III. Bozeman	15	1	8			2	13	15	5	3	7		
Helena	11		1			7	4	11	8	2	1		
Dillon	2					1	1	2	1			1	
Livingston	2						2	2	2				
Butte	12		2			1	11	12	6	1	5		
Deer Lodge	1		1				1	1			1		
Missoula	3		3			1	2	3	3				
TOTAL	46	1	15			12	34	46	25	6	14	1	

TOTAL	133	4	61	3	7	34	104	138	74	45	18	1	
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5. PERSONS ON STATEWIDE WAITING LISTS NEEDING SERVICES ANYWHERE IN THE STATE:

AREA:	V	IGH	GH	TL	IL	CGH	SFC	DD		Total Child	Total Adult	Total
								Yes	Serv No			
I.	16	1	12	3		3	1	12	8	4	16	20
II.	17		16	1		5	4	13	11	7	17	24
III.	8	1	7			1	2	5	5	2	8	10
TOTAL	41	2	35	4		9	7	30	24	13	41	54

September, 1984

DDD WAITING LIST  
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

AREA	SERVICES NEEDED				RECEIVING SERVICES		NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS
	FT	R	GH	SFC	YES	NO	
I.	35		7	24	18	40	58
II.	6	3	20	11	22	13	35
III.	47	87			52	61	113
Statewide			9	7	4	9	13
TOTAL	88	90	36	42	96	123	219

LOCATION	SERVICES NEEDED				REASON SERVICE NOT PROVIDED	RECEIVING OTHER DD SERVICES		NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS
	FT	R	GH	SFC		YES	NO	
Wolf Point	3				No Openings		3	3
Glasgow	2				No Openings		2	2
Miles City	4			2	No Openings	2	4	6
Lame Deer	2				No Openings		2	2
Glendive	1			1	None Available	1	1	2
Billings	15		6	14	No Openings	13	16	29
Winnett				1	No Openings	1		1
Roundup	1				No Openings		1	1
Lewistown	3			1	No Openings		3	3
Big Timber	1				No Openings		1	1
Red Lodge	1				No Openings		1	1
Columbus	1		1	5	No Openings	1	5	6
Worden	1				No Openings		1	1
TOTAL	35		7	24		18	40	58

Note: SFC is specialized family care

LOCATION	FT	SERVICES NEEDED			REASON SERVICE NOT PROVIDED	RECEIVING OTHER		NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS
		R	CGH	SFC		DD SERVICES		
						YES	NO	
AREA II:								
Polson		4			No Openings	3	1	4
White Fish	1				No Openings		1	1
Columbia Falls	1				No Openings		1	1
Superior		2			No Openings	1	1	2
Shelby		1			No Vacancy	1		1
Valier			1		No Openings	1		1
Geraldine			1		No Vacancy	1		1
Great Falls	5	2	4	6	No Vacancy	8	8	16
Havre			10	5	No Vacancy	10	1	11
Kalispell	2		4		No Openings	1	5	6
Brady	1				No Openings		1	1
Eureka	1				No Openings		1	1
Libby	1				No Openings		1	1
Plains		1			No Openings	1		1
TOTAL	12	10	20	11		27	21	48

AREA III:

Philipsburg		1			No Openings	1		1
Hamilton		5			No Openings	4	1	5
Stevensville	2				No Openings		2	2
Warm Springs	1	1			No Openings		1	1
Seeley Lake	2				Full Caseload		2	2
Belgrade	3	4			Full Caseload	4	2	6
Deer Lodge	5	9			Full Caseload	4	6	10
Helena	7				Full Caseload		7	7
Bozeman	7	10			Full Caseload	5	8	13
Butte	6	20			Full Caseload	11	11	22
Whitehall	1	2			Full Caseload	1	1	2
Livingston	2	3			Full Caseload		4	4
Dillon	1	2			Full Caseload	1	1	2
Clyde Park	1	2			Full Caseload	1	1	2
Silver Star		1			Full Caseload	1		1
Anaconda	3	4			Full Caseload	1	4	5
Manhattan		1			Full Caseload		1	1
Sheridan	1				Full Caseload		1	1
Three Forks	1	1			Full Caseload		1	1
Missoula	4	21			No Openings	18	7	25
TOTAL	47	87				52	61	113

NOTE: SFC is specialized family care

2/23/85  
1012 Peosta  
Helena, Montana  
January 22, 1985

Dear Senator Regan,

Please enter this letter as testimony in support of the HB909 Advisory Council findings and recommendations concerning the future of services for persons with developmental disabilities.

I have worked in the field of developmental disabilities since late 1976, working in various programs including institutions, group homes, training and consultation to community programs for adults, and child and family services, in which I am currently employed. My experiences within this continuum have led me to believe that the largest single issue affecting people with developmental disabilities is the protection of their civil rights. It is also my opinion that the larger the institution, the greater the potential and actual violation of client civil rights.

What seems to happen as a facility or program grows is that it becomes more institutionally-oriented out of necessity for management, rather than client-oriented. Lack of privacy and ownership of personal items, heavily scheduled routines, confinement to specific areas or buildings, constant noise, few or no opportunities for making day to day decisions or having normal social contacts, segregated facilities and activities, non-stimulating environments and absolute lack of access to what the rest of us consider the "normal" conditions of life, not to mention the managerial and personnel problems which arise in any workplace, are the daily realities for clients in any residential facility. And, these problems are magnified as facilities (even community based) grow. The assault on client dignity and personal rights increases as well.

For primarily this reason, I believe that, despite our best intentions and efforts and our most selfless concern, any large institution is bound to contradict its purpose and dehumanize those it is mandated to serve. Large facilities should be phased out as quickly as possible in favor of small, locally operated facilities. This should be part of an overall, long range comprehensive state plan which would emphasize systematic assessment, planning and development of services

Recent federal and state actions have illustrated the intent to protect the rights of infants born with handicaps. It is logical and just that a comprehensive social program follow this lead to protect the civil rights of adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities by providing the best possible services and the greatest opportunity for the future. HB909 recommendations are the first step in this important process.

Sincerely,

*Billie Miller*  
Billie Miller

NAME: Faith E. Bellman DATE: 1/23/85

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REPRESENTING WHOM? Region 3 DD Council & Parents

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 41B 909

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND?        OPPOSE?       

COMMENT: I strongly support passage of 41B 909.

I know that these individuals at Boulder can  
better be served at a cheaper cost in various  
cities around the state. The acceptance by the  
of handicapped <sup>(DD)</sup> people in Montana has been shown  
by our citizens.

As a parent, these handicapped individuals  
would be receive priority over my son's  
vocational needs after he graduates. I am  
willing to delay his vocational training so that  
the state clients from Boulder River can receive  
priority service.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

# 33  
1/23/82  
Testimony supporting Joint Resolution #9 with Amendments

The Helena Area Chamber of Commerce SUPPORTS JR #9 with amendments

We also support the findings of the HB909 Advisory Committee which recognized the necessity of Boulder River School & Hospital as a permanent facility

- ° The Boulder River School and Hospital currently has a population of about 200
- ° They could ideally serve an additional 40 patients without increasing costs substantially
- ° There are an additional 800 residents in Montana who are not now being served, and, could be served at Boulder
- ° Considering the current status of funding in Montana, it may inappropriate at this time to build new facilities when current facilities are not being used at their fullest
- ° The Helena Area Chamber of Commerce defines the Helena trade area as a 35-mile radius of the capital city, which means that Boulder River School and Hospital is our area's ninth largest employer
- ° Any job loss, or reduction of personel, would have a direct effect of Boulder, Helena and Butte
- ° That a majority of the \$10 million budget is spent directly in the effected area
- ° In 1978, the President's Commission on Mental Health said definitively that "children and adults need distinct services. They may require quality programs over longer periods of time. Programs need to be carried out according to their needs, ages, and types of disorders." The Commission concluded, "Services should be provided in settings especially designed for the population they serve."
- ° The Helena Area Chamber of Commerce encourages the continuation ... and, in fact, the upgrading ... of the Boulder River School and Hospital to continue their service in their commendable manner



January 20, 1985  
Pat & Linda Cobban  
2115 38th Street  
Missoula, Mt.

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1/23/85  
Senator Pat Regan  
Senate Finance & Claims Co.  
Capitol Station  
Helena, Mt.

Senator Regan:

We are clients of Big Bear Resources in Missoula. We are writing to you to tell you what a difference living in the community has made in our lives compared to when we were in Boulder River School.

We were both in Boulder at a young age. Myself, Linda, at age 11, and Pat at age 9. I was in for twelve years and Pat was in for fifteen years. We met at Boulder and became close friends. After our release, we were married. We are both wheelchair-bound, and currently live in one of the new medicaid-waiver group homes. We were on the waiting list for several years. Having been in Boulder, it is hard to describe how much we enjoy the new group home. Boulder is a time we would rather forget, neither of us have very pleasant memories. Boulder was boring, restrictive and both of us feel cheated of many opportunities. We enjoy the new home a great deal. We wish other people in Boulder could get out and live the kind of life we now enjoy. We are very happy that we were given the chance to live freely while we were still relatively young.

For all the people left in Boulder, we would like to see House Bill 909 Report become a reality. We are so happy where we are now and we would really like to see others have the same chance.

Thank you for reading this letter.

Sincerely,

Linda Cobban  
*Linda Cobban*

Patrick Cobban  
*Patrick Cobban*

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1/23/85  
TESTIMONY - SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9

ON BEHALF OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW

PRESENTED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE

MR. CHAIRMAN/MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS DAN DENNEHY. I AM HERE TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF DON PEOPLES, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW.

IN ESSENCE, BUTTE-SILVER BOW SUPPORTS SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9 AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE HOUSE BILL 909 COMMITTEE. HOWEVER, WE DO SYMPATHIZE WITH THE COMMUNITY OF BOULDER. IF THE LEGISLATURE RECOGNIZES THE NEED FOR PROGRESS IN THE DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION PROCESS, BUTTE-SILVER BOW WILL BE A LOGICAL SETTING FOR THE PROPOSED REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

FIRST, THE REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER IN BUTTE-SILVER BOW WILL HELP REDUCE THE POSSIBLE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT TO THE COMMUNITY OF BOULDER. THAT IS, THOSE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE MAINTAINED AT THE PRESENT FACILITY SHOULD BE RESIDENTS OF BOULDER. IN ADDITION, SINCE MANY OF THE EMPLOYEES AT THE BOULDER FACILITY ARE FROM THE BUTTE/ANACONDA AREA, THEY WILL BE EASILY TRANSFERRED TO THE BUTTE FACILITY, WHICH IN TURN, WILL CREATE A POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT FOR THOSE AREAS. ALSO, THOSE EMPLOYEES FROM BOULDER WHO MIGHT BE TRANSFERRED, WILL BE ABLE TO EASILY COMMUTE DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW.

SECONDLY, BUTTE-SILVER BOW PROVIDES FULL SUPPORTED SERVICES WHICH HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED LOCALLY THROUGH PREVIOUS COMMUNITY PLACEMENT EFFORTS.

THIRDLY, BUTTE-SILVER BOW PROVIDES A REGIONAL HEALTH CARE FACILITY FOR SOUTHWESTERN MONTANA. THE CONSOLIDATION OF ST. JAMES COMMUNITY EAST AND ST. JAMES COMMUNITY WEST MAKES IT FINANCIALLY POSSIBLE TO IMPROVE AND DEVELOP ADDITIONAL<sup>mental and</sup> HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS. IN THIS LIGHT, THE HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY INITIATED IMPROVEMENTS WHICH INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW COMPUTERIZED MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND THE ACQUISITION OF THE LINEAR ACCELERATOR SYSTEM. IN ADDITION, DRUG, ALCOHOL, AND MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN INCREASED WITH THE EXPANSION OF BOTH THE CARE AND STRESS UNITS. THE FACILITIES ADDED X-RAY AND ECHOCARDIOGRAPH EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS UPDATING EXISTING EQUIPMENT. AND FINALLY, CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETED ON THE FIRST OUTPATIENT SURGERY CLINIC IN SOUTHWESTERN MONTANA. THE RESULTS OF ALL THIS DEVELOPMENT IN THE HEALTH SERVICE INDUSTRY IN BUTTE-SILVER BOW IS SUBSTANTIAL.

IN CLOSING, IN ORDER TO MITIGATE THE ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY OF BOULDER, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME, CREATING A VIABLE REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR SOUTHWESTERN MONTANA, BUTTE-SILVER BOW SHOULD BE CONSIDERED A LOGICAL SETTING FOR SUCH A FACILITY. WE SUPPORT THE DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE BOULDER FACILITY BECAUSE THE CONCEPT OF THE REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS STRUCTURALLY AND PROGRAMMATICALLY IS DESIGNED AS A LESS RESTRICTIVE ALTERNATIVE. THESE CENTERS WILL AFFORD THESE PERSONS OPPORTUNITY FOR TREATMENT AND ~~RE~~HABILITATION SUITED FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS IN A SETTING WHICH WILL ENHANCE THEIR DIGNITY.

THANK YOU.

#26  
1/23/85  
(This sheet can be used by those testifying on a bill.)

NAME: Sr Elizabeth Henry DATE: 1/23/85

ADDRESS: 2500 Heritage Drive

PHONE: 443-4140

REPRESENTING WHOM? West Mont

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: Senate Joint Resolution 9

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENT: I have been involved with  
intensive care group homes since 1980  
My position is been that of administrator.  
In addition to my administrative duties  
I have also forseen the nursing care of these  
clients. The medical care of the profoundly  
retarded <sup>client</sup> with multiple medical problems  
has not been a problem to us. I am here to  
assure you that the client with multi medical  
problems can be adequately care for in the group  
home model. I urge you to to put into law  
the recommendation of ~~Sub~~ committee for HB 909

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

NAME: Lee Jean Koch DATE: 1-23-85

ADDRESS: 1314 Steppanick Drive - Billings

PHONE: 248-3526

REPRESENTING WHOM? myself and ~~other parents~~

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 909

DO YOU: SUPPORT? yes AMEND? \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE? \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENT: I fear that if this bill does not  
take effect my son will have no other  
placement options but a state institution  
(we need community based services  
for our children so they may stay and  
become productive citizens in our  
communities).

Parents of handicapped children have been  
accused of wanting to "dump off their kids"  
or "have someone else raise them" if that were  
true, we ~~would~~ wouldn't be here tonight. It  
is time to move these people out into  
society in community based services.

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.



PLUK

Parents, Let's Unite for Kids

P.O. Box 30935  
Billings, Montana 59107

(406) 657-2039

(In Montana call...) 800-821-8360

January 22, 1985

Dear Members of the Legislature,

Parents, Let's Unite for Kids (PLUK), a statewide coalition for parents of handicapped children representing over 500 parents, has been gratified to read the results of the House Bill 909 study committee. We feel the recommendations of the committee are wise and represent thoughtful judgment about the needs of developmentally disabled citizens.

We, therefore, strongly support Senate Joint Resolution 9 which urges the continued deinstitutionalization of Boulder River School and Hospital and the simultaneous development of new community-based services to address the needs of individuals on waiting lists and those leaving the institution.

We feel that the community-based services which are currently in place have demonstrated their cost effectiveness and their ability to meet the needs of the developmentally disabled in humane ways. The long-term savings over a 20-year period to deinstitutionalize Boulder now is estimated to be \$5 million and the quality of services to people would be far superior. If the deinstitutionalization does not occur, approximately \$3.4 million in renovation costs need to be invested in the Boulder facility during this biennium. It does not seem prudent to us to invest more money in Boulder when we know that the cost of care for individuals in that facility is high and that community-based services can be provided more cheaply and with greater personal benefit to individuals.

The transition to the community of long-time residents of Boulder will have to be accomplished in a gradual and careful manner. Obviously, these residents will continue to need sheltered environments which do not differ dramatically from what they have experienced in the past. Such a measured transition is possible with some effort on the part of the agencies involved. The long term benefits to developmentally disabled individuals, their families and to the taxpayers in this state appear to us to justify dramatic changes in the Boulder institution. We need to act now to make these changes so that Boulder does not continue to be a drain on tax monies and so that we can provide even better services to developmentally disabled citizens.

Yours truly,

*Rusty + Katharin*

Rusty Koch

Katharin Kelker

NAME: Harlene Massey DATE: Jan 23, 1985

ADDRESS: 709 Cook Ave - Billings, MT 59101

PHONE: 259-5384

REPRESENTING WHOM? Region 3 DD Council + parent

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: NB 909

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND?        OPPOSE?       

COMMENT: I strongly support cutting BRS# to a maximum  
of 60 medically dependent DD persons and closing the  
rest of the facility as it is outmoded and not financially  
economical to maintain people placed in community based  
programs have proven to be more adequately served -  
even the intensive care person. I also would like to  
encourage the expansion of <sup>pre-</sup>semi-independent living  
programs (transitional) as there are 9 clients on the list  
in Billings alone that could eventually move from  
group homes into this training if it were available -  
It would have to be a closely supervised - training program  
but it would allow these clients the ultimate goal of  
semi-independent & even independent living. I would  
be money well spent as most of these clients would be working

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

an job by the time the training was completed & thereby  
could be an asset to the community rather than a  
drain on the state's tax dollars.

\* See Resolution 16 (Blue Book) House Bill 909  
Advisory Council.

123/85  
# (This sheet to be used by those testifying on a bill.)

NAME: Clyde Muirheid

DATE: 23 Jan 95

ADDRESS: Box 4210 111 Sanders

PHONE: 444-4214

REPRESENTING WHOM? DDPAC (Staff Director)

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SIR 9 (HB 909 Study)

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENT: see attached prepared testimony  
submitted on behalf of DDPAC

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING AND ADVISORY COUNCIL



TED SCHWINDEN, GOVERNOR

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STATE OF MONTANA

(406) 444-3878

HELENA, MONTANA 59604

January 23, 1985

BEFORE THE SENATE FINANCE AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE  
SENATOR PAT REGAN, PRESIDING

In the matter of A Plan For Services )  
for the Developmentally Disabled )  
Prepared Pursuant to House Bill 909 )

STATEMENT OF THE MONTANA  
STATE DEVELOPMENTAL DIS-  
ABILITIES PLANNING AND  
ADVISORY COUNCIL

PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL

The Montana State Developmental Disabilities Planning and Advisory Council (DDPAC) is a citizen-based advisory group. Its 22 members, appointed by the Governor of the State of Montana, provide a forum for consumer and professional involvement in planning and advocating for quality of life issues for persons with developmental disabilities. The Council administers federal funds, paid to the State of Montana, to make a significant contribution toward strengthening services for persons with developmental disabilities.

POSITION ON THE FINDINGS/RESULTS OF THE HB 909 STUDY:

At its October meeting, the Council moved to: "...strongly urge Governor Ted Schwinden to respond to and to follow through on the twenty-one recommendations of the HB 909 Study (A Report To Governor Ted Schwinden From The House Bill 909 Advisory Council Established Pursuant To Section 2-15-122 Montana Code Annotated). In doing so, the Council is expressing its support of the work and of the findings of the HB 909 Advisory Council."

In the interim, the Governor's Office has presented its Plan for Services for the Developmentally Disabled Pursuant to HB 909. This Plan is the logical conclusion of the work and findings of the HB 909 Advisory Council, and, as such, receives the support of DDPAC. The Council has referred the plan to its various standing committees in order to prepare, in a timely fashion, for its prescribed roles in implementing the objectives of this Plan.

END

# 31  
1/23/85  
January 22, 1985

To: Senate Finance Committee

Dear Legislators:

As parents of a developmentally disabled child who has resided in Boulder and also in a community facility for the developmentally disabled, we are writing this letter in support of Senate Joint Resolution #9.

We wholeheartedly endorse the concepts of normalization and least restrictive alternatives and feel from past experience that this cannot be achieved without further deinstitutionalization.

Furthermore, we feel that the fullest potential of each developmental disabled person can only be realized in a community setting.

Therefore, we support the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution #9.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Betty L. Nelson*  
*Olaf A. Nelson*

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Nelson

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1/23/85  
(This sheet to be used by those testifying on a bill.)

NAME: PAUL N ODENSEGAARD DATE: 1/23/85

ADDRESS: 3233 PARKHILL BILLINGS, MT 59102

PHONE: 658-6167

REPRESENTING WHOM? Parent Montana Society for  
Autistic Children

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 909

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ✓ AMEND?        OPPOSE?       

COMMENT:       

PLEASE LEAVE ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS WITH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY.

I Paul Olegaard <sup>from Billings</sup> am a parent  
of an autistic like child who is presently  
living at our home. She has severe  
behavior problems which the school  
district and Specialized Training for  
Exceptional People are helping us  
to deal with. Our problems have been  
quite intensive in the past and it has  
been a real strain on our family. We  
are currently awaiting the start up  
of Specialized Family Care. Speaking for  
more involved ~~parents~~ children  
and ours the child needs constant  
24 hour a day monitoring to keep the  
behaviors in check. We have  
asked and received a high priority for  
a specialized group home in the P-F-P process <sup>in our region</sup>

I feel that we must as a state  
develop <sup>more</sup> community based services  
because of the need to make our  
children and adults learn how to cope  
with everyday life and to attempt to mix  
them in with the community. These people  
deserve every possible chance to become  
incorporated in the mainstream of life.

In the past we have seen many success stories with regard to our DD population. It really feels good to know that we have controlled their behavior and have become semi independent or independent.

We want our child to be able to be trained in a community based setting. And my wife and I feel that the deinstitutionalization process should continue. One advantage in addition to the mainstreaming into the community is that we would as parents and educators have more trained individuals who can assist us in our individual or collective problems. And these trained people would be located closer to other cities in the state so we can tap their valuable resources.

Thank you

# 33 / 123/85  
Phone Call 1-23-85 10:15 a.m.

Request to include position on SJR 9 be entered in testimony at public hearing, 7:p.m. this day.

"I support the resolution, SJR 9, and feel it is really important to have community based DD programs. I do not want to see them put back into an institution."

Marty Onishuk, Missoula, MT

1/23/85  
#34  
NAME: Beverly Owens DATE: 1-23-85

ADDRESS: 2025 S. Blgo Blvd.

PHONE: 248-8249

REPRESENTING WHOM? Reg. III D.D. Council

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: House Bill 909

DO YOU: SUPPORT? \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND? \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE? \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENT: I strongly believe that the D.D. persons that they are planning to put into community based housing will ~~grow~~ grow & grow. I have worked with the school programs & recreational programs for 10 years. Many persons in our programs came from Boulder. Many had institutional habits & ways and after one year the changes were super. Group home programs have proven them self. Some have left the group homes and are in semi independent programs.

Nat. Leg. is working on laws to close the state institutions. We must plan for that now so that we won't be wasting our tax dollars.

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23/85 #35  
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NAME: Larry Pagnotta DATE: 01/23/85

ADDRESS: 1602 Maple Ln. Bremen

PHONE: 587-1271

REPRESENTING WHOM? Reacht Inc.

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE? \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENT: I support the continued deinstitutionalization  
& the operationalizing of the concepts of normalization &  
providing services in the most least restrictive setting.  
I'm concerned that the community can respond to the  
needs of the severely handicapped in a cost-effective manner

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#36  
1/23/85

TESTIMONY - SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9

ON BEHALF OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW

I AM PHILIP PAULL REPRESENTING THE BUTTE-SILVER BOW GOVERNMENT. I AM TESTIFYING AS A PROPONENT OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NUMBER 9. THIS TESTIMONY IS PRESENTED WITH MIXED EMOTIONS. THE COMMUNITY OF BOULDER IS FACING ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY SURROUNDING THE FUTURE OF THE BOULDER RIVER SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL AND WE OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW CAN IDENTIFY WITH THESE FEELINGS.

EXAMINING THE RECOMMENDATIONS DEVELOPED BY THE HOUSE BILL 909 COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER CONCEPT FOR SERVICE DELIVERY, BUTTE-SILVER BOW BELIEVES THESE DISCUSSION PAPERS ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED, PROVIDES MORE THAN ADEQUATE SERVICES IN A COMMUNITY-BASED SETTING AND AT THE SAME TIME ADDRESSES THE ECONOMIC IMPACT WORRIES OF THE CITY OF BOULDER.

IF THE REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER CONCEPT IS ADOPTED BY THE 49TH LEGISLATURE, AS PROPOSED, BUTTE-SILVER BOW STRONGLY BELIEVES THIS ALTERNATIVE SERVICE SYSTEM TO BE VIABLE AND SUPPORTS THIS RESOLUTION.

BUTTE-SILVER BOW'S INTENTION IS TO REQUEST THE DESIGNATION AS A REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER. BUTTE-SILVER BOW HAS AN ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY BASED SERVICE SYSTEM. THESE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED FROM NEW BORN TO SENIOR CITIZEN DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED PERSONS. THESE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY:

FAMILY OUTREACH  
BUTTE SHELTERED WORKSHOP  
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROVIDED BY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1  
GROUP HOMES  
TRANSITIONAL LIVING FACILITY (FIRST IN THE STATE)  
INDEPENDENT LIVING TRAINING SERVICES  
SENIOR DAY PROGRAM

THE HOUSE BILL 909 COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THAT "LOCAL PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITIES BE ENCOURAGED TO INVESTIGATE AND ACQUIRE ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF PROGRAM FUNDING". I AM PLEASED TO SAY THAT IN THE PAST, WE HAVE UTILIZED ALTERNATIVE FUNDING SOURCES IN THE FORM OF FEDERAL HOUSING LOANS, THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS, AND GRANTS FROM THE ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY. THE BUTTE-SILVER BOW GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN SUPPORTIVE IN ALLOCATING MONIES FROM REVENUE SHARING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUNDS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOWEVER, BUTTE-SILVER BOW BELIEVES SO STRONGLY TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY BASED SERVICE SYSTEM THAT IN 1978 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVIED A PORTION OF A PERMISSIVE MILL TO EMPLOY A COUNTY COORDINATOR FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED SERVICES.

IN CONCLUSION, BUTTE-SILVER BOW IS EARNESTLY SEEKING THE DESIGNATION AS A REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTER. OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE NEEDED SERVICES AND TO IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE SERVICES ARE INDICATIVE OF BUTTE-SILVER BOW'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF SOUND PLANNING. MOREOVER, WE STRONGLY BELIEVE YOUR PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS NOT NECESSARILY THE DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE BOULDER RIVER SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL, NOR THE LOCATION OF REGIONAL RESOURCES CENTERS, IT IS TO MANDATE QUALITY CARE FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED OF MONTANA.

THANK YOU.

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1/23/85  
NAME: Lay Prichard DATE: 1-23-85

ADDRESS: 2031 Beverly Hills Billings Mt

PHONE: 406 248-1875

REPRESENTING WHOM? Parent of autistic son - Mt Soc. for Autistic Children

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 909

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ✓ AMEND?        OPPOSE?       

COMMENT: I support 909 to deinstitutionalize

Boulder River Sch. + Hospital and Eastmont Home  
services. I also support community based services

for our autistic children & other DD's

My reasons are

1. The cost is less

2. Community based services are greater, more jobs for them

better medical facilities & social services

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1/23/85



(406) 755-7656 — 305 3RD AVENUE EAST — KALISPELL, MONTANA 59901

January 22, 1985

Senator Pat Regan  
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee  
State Capital  
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Madam Chairman,

As President of the Board of Directors for Flathead Industries' for the Handicapped, I wish to extend a message from our organization in regards to Senate Joint Resolution 9.

Flathead Industries' has been involved with the provision of services to Developmentally Disabled persons since 1973. We are proud of our local efforts, and we are also proud of Montana's history of responsible commitment to the needs of Developmentally Disabled children and adults throughout the State. We have kept abreast of the House Bill 909 Study, and are aware of its' recommendations and conclusions. We wish to offer our support of the House Bill 909 findings and the Governor's plan for implementation.

We respectfully request that your committee give your full endorsement to Senate Joint Resolution 9. We believe that this Study and the Governor's recommendations speak well to the needs of all Developmentally Disabled Montanans. As a community-based service organization, we stand ready to work co-operatively with the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services in efforts towards implementaion.

Respectfully Submitted

Douglas D. Rauthe  
President, Board of Directors

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1/23/85  
#39  
NAME: Riane Savaster DATE: 1-23-85

ADDRESS: 1240 Cleveland Avenue, Havre, Mt. 59501

PHONE: 265-9572

REPRESENTING WHOM? Association of Independent Disability Services

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: Senate Joint Resolution #9

DO YOU: SUPPORT? X AMEND? \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE? \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME:

DATE:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

REPRESENTING WHOM?

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL:

DO YOU:

SUPPORT?

AMEND?

OPPOSE?

COMMENT:

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I am Peyton Perry, <sup>Wesley</sup> a businessman, a parent, spokesman for Region I DD and also speaking on behalf of myself as a private citizen. Region I is comprised of 17 eastern Montana counties ~~with a land area~~ constituting  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the total land area in our state. It serves approximately 13% of the total population. This ~~land~~ vast land area has a total of 3 administrative staff people compared to 7 staff people in 1978. However, I am happy to report that ~~we~~ perhaps we have the finest community based delivery system in the state. I have been with the RHC program as a volunteer since its inception and it is my belief we have one of the best and possibly the finest RHC Community <sup>based</sup> service delivery program in the nation. To maintain <sup>the</sup> this standard of high quality programs we endorse the concepts included in HB 909 & Senate joint resolution. We are also dedicated to reducing the waiting list of <sup>800</sup> underserved or only partially serve clients. ~~if~~ <sup>if</sup> we do not address this ~~to reduce~~ tragic situation in this session, the ~~number~~ <sup>they</sup> will balloon to approximately 1100 in the next biennium. HB 909 proposes to reduce the present number on waiting list by 25%. This <sup>significant</sup> ~~will~~ <sup>improvement</sup> in hundreds of <sup>people</sup> clients over the

this year. Personally, I have seen a miraculous  
improvement in my daughter who is now 30 years  
old <sup>and</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>still</sup> making great strides in a Transitional  
Living Complex. But even more amazing is  
the miraculous improvement of ~~many~~ <sup>an</sup> ~~great~~ <sup>number</sup> of lower functioning clients. The R.D.  
System has done some outstanding and ~~amazing~~ <sup>amazing</sup> ~~things~~ <sup>work</sup>  
in community based programs <sup>and</sup> in a less  
restrictive environment. The high standards  
that have been developed <sup>and maintained</sup> in the few years ~~to~~  
since its inception is commendable. With  
your help and support we can maintain  
this high quality of <sup>R.D.</sup> services.

Rayton Perry  
Region I R.D. Council, Chairman  
Box 391  
Glasgow, Mt. 59230



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1/23/85  
Jan. 22, 1985

Honorable Pat Regan, Chairperson  
Senate Finance and Claims Committee  
Capitol Station  
Helena, MT 59601

Dear Senator Regan,

I am writing to urge you to support Senate Joint Resolution  
No. 9 and the Governor's recommendation supporting House  
Bill 909 of the 48th Legislature.

I am in favor of the least restrictive environment for the developmentally disabled, and an environment as local as possible. Both of these conditions work for the optimum habilitation of the developmentally disabled, and at considerable savings over the central state institution at Boulder. I am also against regional programs, which have many of the same problems as one central state institution.

My son does well in local programming at Missoula (Opportunity Workshop and Khanabad Home), and in my church are several who used to be at Boulder and now are living remarkably fulfilling lives here in Hamilton.

Perhaps Boulder could retain a 60-bed facility for the most difficult to serve in the local areas, and also as a "holding spot" when a client first comes into the D.D. program and permanent placement is being determined.

We have in Montana a number of good local programs, such as Ravalli Services Corporation of Hamilton. These need to be strengthened and underwritten adequately.

Sincerely,

*Wayne D. Wardwell Jr.*

Wayne D. Wardwell, Jr.  
109 Zimmerman Lane  
Hamilton, MT 59840

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#42  
1/23/85  
NAME: Linda L. Zermeno DATE: Jan 23

ADDRESS: 2418 Terry Ave Billings, MT 59102

PHONE: 656-8578

REPRESENTING WHOM? myself - Community Services

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: 909

DO YOU: SUPPORT? ☒ AMEND? ☐ OPPOSE? ☐

COMMENT: I am the mother of Autistic son, John Paul, who is 9 1/2 years old. Statistics show 95% of All Autistic Individuals end up living out their lives in Institutions. I am here to advocate for my son to make sure he is not one of these statistics. He is among a Silent minority. My heart goes out to those individuals in institutions not being represented. - those individuals who could best be served in the community based programs. My concern is for movement to least restrictive environment for these individuals in institutions as well as in the community. I urge you to support HB 909 Recommendations and pass STR Bill 9.

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1/23/85 #443

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SJR 9

1. Title, lines 6 and 7.  
Following: "MONTANA" on line 6  
Strike: "ENDORISING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GOVERNOR"  
Insert: "EXPRESSING THE VIEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE"
2. Page 2, line 16.  
Following: line 16  
Insert: "WHEREAS, the advisory council's study concluded that programs serving developmentally disabled persons could be pursued with cost savings and greater efficiency if they were under the control of a single agency; and  
WHEREAS, the advisory council recognized the necessity of Boulder River School and Hospital as a permanent facility; and"
3. Page 3, lines 1 and 2.  
Strike: lines 1 and 2 in their entirety  
Insert: "(1) That the Legislature's highest priority with regard to the provision of programs for the developmentally disabled is to serve the unserved developmentally disabled in the state.  
(2) That no large expenditure for new facilities be made for the purpose of providing different services to the currently served population until the unserved population is being served.  
(3) That all programs for the developmentally disabled be consolidated in the department of institutions.  
(4) That funds be provided to renovate the buildings and campus at Boulder River School and Hospital to permit treatment of patients in a less restrictive environment and to provide a physical plant that is more energy efficient."

#44  
1/23/85  
(This sheet to be used by those testifying on a bill.)

NAME: Margaret Maguire DATE: 1-23-85

ADDRESS: 557 W. Daly St.

PHONE: 723-7004

REPRESENTING WHOM? \_\_\_\_\_

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU: SUPPORT? \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND? \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE? ☒

COMMENT:

Please keep Boulder  
River School

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NAME: Bernard Miller DATE: 1-27-85

ADDRESS: 2114 National Holmdel

PHONE: 410-7650

REPRESENTING WHOM? \_\_\_\_\_

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: H B 909

DO YOU: SUPPORT? \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND? \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE? X

COMMENT: Am parent of 31 yr old  
daughter. Started hearing seizure  
at age 1 Mo. 15 to 20 daily  
lasting 20-30 min. From speech  
to hands. Had to hold her  
down at 200 to 1000  
in 1984. Her seizure sub  
now at 200 to 2000 or  
at 2 months. She used to  
be fed. bathed & diapered  
We visit her weekly. She is shag  
now & now. She is doing a  
little more. We are very satisfied  
with the care. Bill has been

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1/23/85  
#46  
NAME: Connie Grenz DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: Box 508 Boulder, MT 59632

PHONE: 225 3288

REPRESENTING WHOM? self

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: Senate Joint Resolution #9

DO YOU: SUPPORT? \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND? X OPPOSE? \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENT: I feel that the emphasis must be placed on Rec<sup>#2</sup> providing services to the 800 persons in the communities who are presently underserved or unserved. Montana must develop its DD services in the community before attempting to eliminate Boulder River School and Hospital. Section 5.3-20-101 MCA must be ~~implemented~~ <sup>implemented</sup> in sequence to be effective. The rearrangement of BRRH residents should be considered at the next legislative session after a report on the progress of the development of community services. I strongly support the combining of DofA and SR administrative services for the DD population Rec<sup>#6</sup>

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NAME: David Morey DATE: 1/23/85

ADDRESS: PO Box 779 Boulder, Mt. 59632

PHONE: 225-3277

REPRESENTING WHOM? AFSCME Local #971

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: Resol. #9

DO YOU: SUPPORT?        AMEND?   X   OPPOSE?       

COMMENT: Staff at BRSH is well trained

If they are made to seek other work  
then that training + experience will  
leave with them

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#48  
1/23/85  
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NAME: KEN ROHANS

DATE: 24 Jan 85

ADDRESS: 801 MAYNARD RD HELENA

PHONE: 458-9250

REPRESENTING WHOM? Self

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SJR 9

DO YOU: SUPPORT? \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND? \_\_\_\_\_ OPPOSE? ☒

COMMENT: Prepared Testimony

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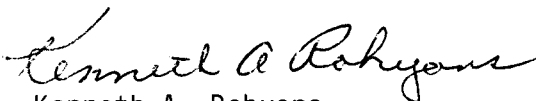
Madame Chairman and members of the Joint Committee:

For the record, my name is Ken Rohyans residing in Helena.  
I speak for myself and some members of the Region IV. Developmental  
Disabilities Council which I chair.

I have been involved in the Developmental Disabilities movement in Montana  
since 1971. I have a severely retarded brother-in-law who spent seventeen  
years in Boulder River School and Hospital and a nine year old severely  
retarded adopted daughter.

My interest in deinstitutionalization and the welfare of the Developmentally  
Disabled persons of Montana is well documented.

There are sections of the Governor's plan to implement HB 909 which I  
approve of and others which I simply cannot support. Therefore, I  
respectfully request that this Joint Committee give SJR-9 a do-not-pass.



Kenneth A. Rohyans  
801 Maynard Rd.  
Helena, MT 59601  
458-9250

NAME: Paul Knot DATE: 1/23/55

ADDRESS: 23 E La Platte Ave

PHONE: 482-2517

REPRESENTING WHOM? LOCAL 971

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SJR9

DO YOU: SUPPORT?            AMEND?            OPPOSE? ✓

COMMENT: COST ANALYSIS OF HR 907 IMPLEMENTATION

PLAN

CONSTRUCTION OF Intensive Training Centers 2,395,000 EA

ADMINISTERING PLAN 196, 101

REMODELING F.R.S.E.H. 4,705,673

ANNUAL COST TO RUN ITC 2.3 MILLION EA

60 PER F.R.S.E.H. ANNUALLY 2,213,235

Also there are currently 300 D.D. clients in  
Shanties who are under or not served.

Of these, only 285 of these would be  
served by this plan. When more 156 clients  
who currently receive services of F.R.S.E.H. whom  
these people will not be served.

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Concur w/ Rep. Marks amendments to SJR9

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#50  
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NAME: JOSEPH N. WEGGENMAN DATE: JAN 23, 1985

ADDRESS: 201 E. LYNDALE HELENA

PHONE: 442-4120

REPRESENTING WHOM? HELENA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: JR #9

DO YOU: SUPPORT?            AMEND?            OPPOSE? ✓

COMMENT:

SUPPORT HB 909 COUNCIL REPORT

SUPPORT JR #9 WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS

OPPOSE #9 AS INTRODUCED

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NAME: R. Nedrian Jensen DATE: 1-23-85

ADDRESS: POB 5356 Helena, MT

PHONE: 442 1192

REPRESENTING WHOM? AFSCME

APPEARING ON WHICH PROPOSAL: SR9

DO YOU: SUPPORT? \_\_\_\_\_ AMEND? X OPPOSE? X

COMMENT: Concur with Representative Mark's  
amendment to SR9

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1/23/85  
#52

Janet Tatz  
PO Box 779  
Boulder, MT  
225-3277  
representing: self.

Special Education teacher  
since 1971.

Bill # 9 - re: House Bill 909

position: amend bill.

Although overall, I agree w/ the recommendations of the 909 council, I cannot agree w/ the objectives 3.2, as stated in "the red book". Specifically, I feel that the <sup>future</sup> role of BRSH should be expanded to include serving the approximately 50 "total care" clients who are currently residing at BRSH. The care they receive there is excellent and it would serve only political purposes to move them to E#5C. By retaining the current "total care" population at BRSH, the state would be retaining some jobs there, as well as avoiding needless "patient shuffling".

I totally support the idea of deinstitutionalization and believe that a large percentage of the current population at BRSH would be better served by living in small group

home situations as opposed to their current warehouse/ward-type living.

Altho the needs of the unserved and underserved in the community certainly need to be addressed, I feel that the legislators need to recognize that many of the residents at BRSH currently receive none or minimal support services. These people, who are receiving room and board at BRSH are also critically underserved.

I urge the joint appropriations committee to carefully consider the matters at hand, and then vote in favor of improved, expanded, humane services for the DD population of this state.

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1/23/85

## Appropriations Committee

My husband and I would like to go on record against closing Boulder. Our profoundly retarded daughter is getting excellent care in Boulder. She isn't happy when we bring her home so I don't see how she could benefit from a group home.

Sincerely

Jack Marion Nykman  
Harrison Mt.