

MEETING MINUTES
HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE
JANUARY 28, 1987

The meeting of the human services subcommittee was called to order on January 28, 1987 at 8:05 a.m. in room 108 of the state Capitol building by Chairman Cal Winslow.

ROLL CALL: All committee members were present.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES (DSRS)

Community Services Division (CSD)

(22a:354) Norma Harris, the administrator of the Community Services division of SRS, elaborated on submitted charts (exhibit 1) reflecting child abuse/neglect referrals, adult protective services investigations, and case management services for the Developmentally Disabled Division. In response to questions from the committee, she stated referrals were on the increase, with low risk cases referred to other resources and only intermediate to high risk referrals processed by the division. The increase in adult protective services (elderly abuse) was due largely to an increased awareness of that problem. Of child abuse cases referred, 12% are put in some type of placement.

(22b:011) Ms Harris then presented an overview of the West Yellowstone contract. Rather than place a social worker position in the West Yellowstone area, the department contracts with the community to provide basic social services. The funding for the contract is 75% general fund, with the Department of Labor, Gallatin County, and the City of West Yellowstone contributing the balance.

(22B:041) The Home Health program was then described by Ms Harris. This program contracts for homemaker services with the Lewis and Clark City/County Health Department. Homemakers provide in-home services such as meals, cleaning, and transportation to doctor appointments and errands. These services are provided to people referred through social services and developmental disabilities sources and include the elderly and developmentally disabled populations.

Sen Himsl asked if this program was being expanded in other areas and to other counties. Dave Lewis, director of SRS, stated there was continuing confusion concerning homemakers and personal care attendants (PCA's). In most counties, the homemakers are on staff of CSD. PCA's are mainly health care oriented, and help people who are disabled, are unable

to leave their home, or have handicapping problems. PCA's are on a statewide contract with Westmont. They were independent contractors with the department.

(22b:148) Chairman Winslow asked Mr. Lewis for a list of job descriptions of the various groups providing in home type of services.

Ms. Harris then proceeded with a description of the Child Abuse program. Grants from this program are made available to local communities to provide public education on issues of physical and sexual abuse of children. This program is 100% federally funded.

(22b:204) Ms Harris further stated grant amounts are generally less than \$5,000 and for one year of program start-up costs.

Ms Harris then covered the Refugee program, which provides assistance to Indo-Chinese refugees such as day care services, foster care, work training skills, and teaching English as a second language.

Discussion continued on the following: number of recipients, their origin, current numbers in the state and projected population growth, contracting procedures for those serving this population, and anticipated amount of federal funds.

In response to a question from Rep Switzer, Ms Harris stated the number of Mexicans receiving amnesty in Montana and impacting the system is not known.

(22b:385) Gene Huntington spoke briefly on the request to upgrade office equipment for the new Family Services Department. This is an overall assessment recommendation for equipment needs. The computer system developed for the family and youth services department is a part of the overall SRS assessment and compatible with SRS systems. Common systems for the new department will be established statewide and implemented on personal computers.

(22b:429) Chairman Winslow asked if the FAMIS system would be able to interface with the equipment proposed by the new department. Mr. Huntington stated this equipment and its ability to interface with the FAMIS system was a part of the overall SRS office implementation plan.

Dave Lewis, DSRS, added that a department office automation study was conducted 17 months ago. The resulting proposal was to update and automate the entire department. When prioritization was done, the FAMIS system was found to be

the first priority. Mr. Huntington's proposal was part of the FAMIS original implementation plan.

(22b:584) Peter Blouke, LFA, covered the following grants:

Domestic Violence, for the provision of counseling and shelter for abused spouses. Grants from this program are made to local agencies. This program is 100% general fund, with a portion of the funding for this program generated through the marriage license fee.

Subsidized Adoption, which provides assistance to families who have adopted children with special needs or handicapping conditions. The program is funded with 62% general funds.

Big Brothers and Sisters, a program which provides appropriate role models and companionship for children from single parent families. Funding is 75% general funding.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

Department of Health and Environmental Sciences (DHES)

(23a:145) After a short recess, Sen Manning called the meeting to order in the absence of Chairman Winslow.

Environmental Sciences Division

Solid and Hazardous Waste Bureau

Operating Expenses

Solid Waste Program

Rep Bradley made a motion to accept the executive, which includes \$1,020 for rent and secretarial services in the Billings office over the LFA current level.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED, with Rep Switzer voting no, and Sen Harding and Rep Winslow absent.

Junk Vehicle Program

Rep Bradley made a motion to accept the executive, which includes \$15,000 in FY 1988 for public service announcements, \$1,020 for contracted secretarial services in the Billings office, and an additional \$1,200 in laboratory fees over the LFA current level.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED, with Sen Himsl voting no, and Sen Harding and Rep Winslow absent.

Superfund Program

(23a:378) Rep Connelly made a motion to accept the executive, which includes \$431,678 more contracted services in FY 1988 and \$440,844 more in fiscal 1989 than LFA current level, and also includes \$60,000 over the biennium for pre-CERCLA activities and emergency hazardous waste spills.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED, with Rep Switzer voting no, and Sen Harding and Rep Winslow absent.

Hazardous Waste Program

Rep Bradley made a motion to accept the LFA current level, which includes \$6,000 more in laboratory fees and \$1,200 more in travel than the executive level.

(23a:438) Rep Winslow made a substitute motion to accept the executive, which includes \$537 more in communications expenses than LFA current level.

A voice vote was taken and the motion FAILED on a tie vote, with Rep Bradley, Rep Connelly, and Sen Manning voting no, and Sen Harding absent.

Rep Winslow made a motion to carry over action on this proposal to January 29.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously, with Sen Harding absent.

Underground Storage Tanks

Sen Hims1 made a motion to accept the LFA current level, which includes \$900 more for office supplies and \$1,508 more for travel each year of the biennium than the executive level, with \$15,000 stricken for consultant fees for 1989.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously, with Sen Harding absent.

(23a:509) At this time, Sen Manning turned the meeting over to Rep Winslow.

Equipment

Solid Waste Program

Rep Bradley made a motion to accept the LFA current level, which includes \$868 for a typewriter in FY 1989.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously, with Sen Harding absent.

Junk Vehicle Program

Rep Bradley made a motion to accept the LFA current level, which includes \$868 for a typewriter and \$300 for office equipment in FY 1988 and \$288 for office equipment in FY 1989.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously, with Sen Harding absent.

Superfund

Sen Manning made a motion to accept the executive, which includes \$6,226 for computers, \$400 for a camera, \$2,000 for field monitoring equipment, and \$1,000 for software in FY 1988.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously, with Sen Harding absent.

Underground Storage Tanks

Sen Hims1 made a motion to accept the executive, inclusive of \$8,503 for office equipment, \$19,200 for field monitoring equipment, \$239 for software in FY 1988, and \$1,348 for office equipment in FY 1989.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously, with Sen Harding absent.

Hazardous Waste

Sen Hims1 made a motion to accept the executive, which includes \$5,400 in field monitoring equipment and \$1,367 in office equipment in fiscal 1988, and \$7,381 in office equipment in fiscal 1989.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously, with Sen Harding absent.

Grants - Free County Junk Vehicle Graveyards

(23b:010) Sen Manning made a motion to accept the executive of \$785,616 for 1988 and \$803,630 for 1989.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously, with Sen Harding absent.

Funding

Sen Manning made a motion to accept the executive, to be adjusted by the LFA and OBPP as necessary.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously, with Sen Harding absent.

Modified Request - Underground Storage Tanks

(23b:100) Discussion prior to the motion on this modified included RIT funds, fines, and removal of storage tanks.

Sen Himsl questioned if there was any assistance in the modified for those who would have to dig up their storage tanks. Duane Robertson, DHES, stated the modified included only operational expenses for the program, no assistance dollars. He further stated tanks could be filled with sand to prevent usage instead of having them removed.

Sen Himsl further inquired on the scenario of storage tanks in buildings, cemented in place - would the responsible party have to dig up the building to take these tanks out. Duane Robertson stated the department would not expect that to have to be done.

(23b:204) Rep Bradley made a motion to accept the modified request of \$47,958 for 1988 and \$47,101 for 1989.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously, with Sen Harding absent.

Modified Request - Superfund

Rep Bradley made a motion to accept the modified of \$4,127,181 for 1988 and \$5,317,841 for 1989.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously, with Sen Harding absent.

Air Quality Bureau

(23b:238) Chairman Winslow asked the department to respond on the potential impact of returning the Air and Water Quality Bureaus responsibilities back to the EPA.

Dr Drynan, director of DHES, discussed the following points in relation to air quality: loss of matching federal dollars, loss of state control, stricter compliance by the federal department on industry, a slacking off of preventive efforts, and an overall "heavy hand" management style to be expected by the EPA.

Dr Drynan continued on the following points specific to water quality: "heavy hand" management and control by the federal government, less water quality monitoring, loss of construction funds, heavier fines, slower permit process, possible future problems with pollution and years of clean-up on some sites if the state does not maintain current programs.

Continuing dialogue covered how other states interacted with EPA for air and water quality control, EPA implementation of a state program, recourse action for individuals with problems, EPA and state monitoring procedures and transition of these procedures.

Personal Services

(23b:420) Sen Manning made a motion to accept the executive FTE level of 18.5 for 1988 and 1989.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously, with Sen Harding absent.

Sen Manning made a motion to accept the LFA current level adjusted up for personal services.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously, with Sen Harding absent.


Operating Expenses

Ray Hoffman, DHES, noted that the level of general fund effort of \$320,000 cannot be reduced.

Rep Bradley made a motion to accept the executive of \$301,745 for 1988 and \$302,959 for 1989.

A voice vote was taken and the motion PASSED unanimously, with Sen Harding absent.

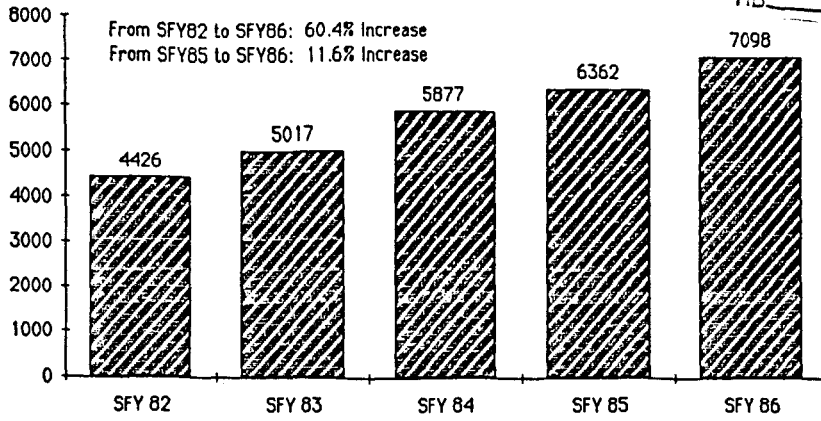
The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. (23b:536)



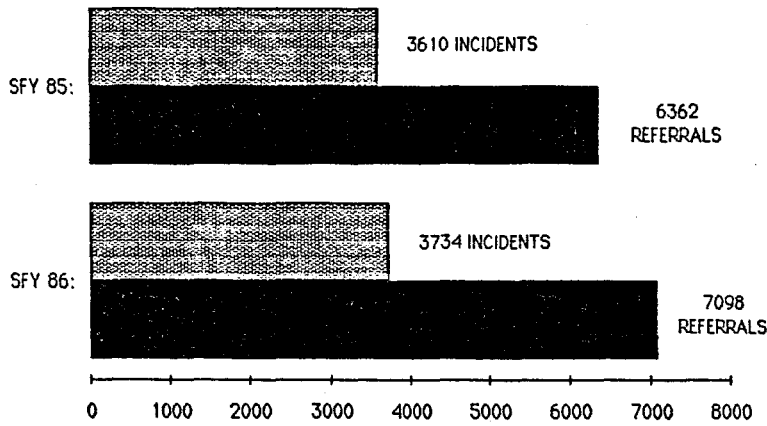
Cal Winslow, Chairman

CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REFERRALS RECEIVED AND INVESTIGATED BY SRS EXHIBIT
SFY82 THROUGH SFY86

DATE 7/28/87
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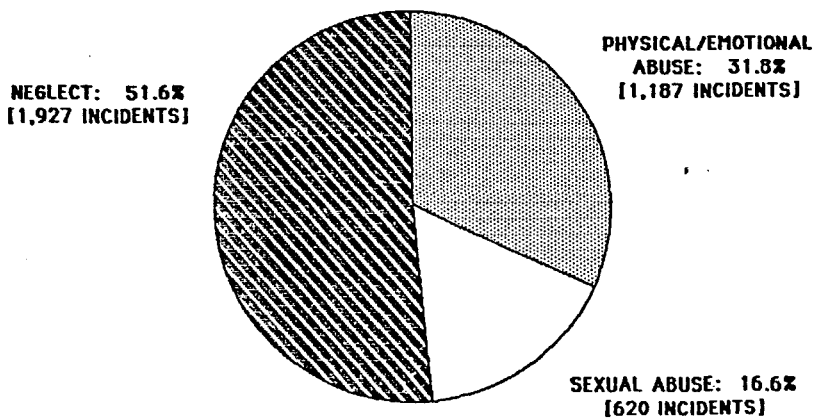


CA/N REFERRALS RECEIVED AND INVESTIGATED
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CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT -- SFY 85 AND SFY 86



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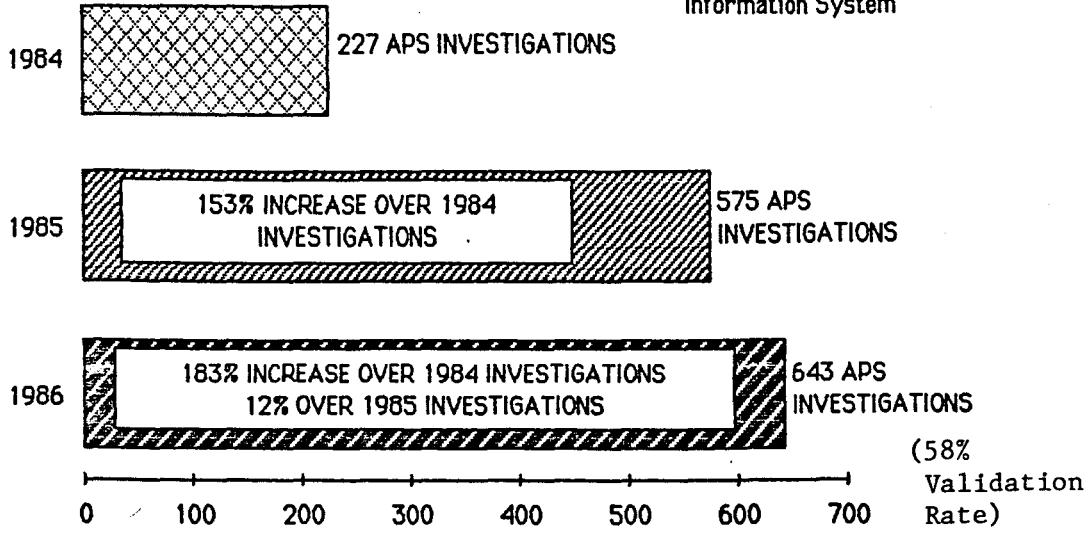
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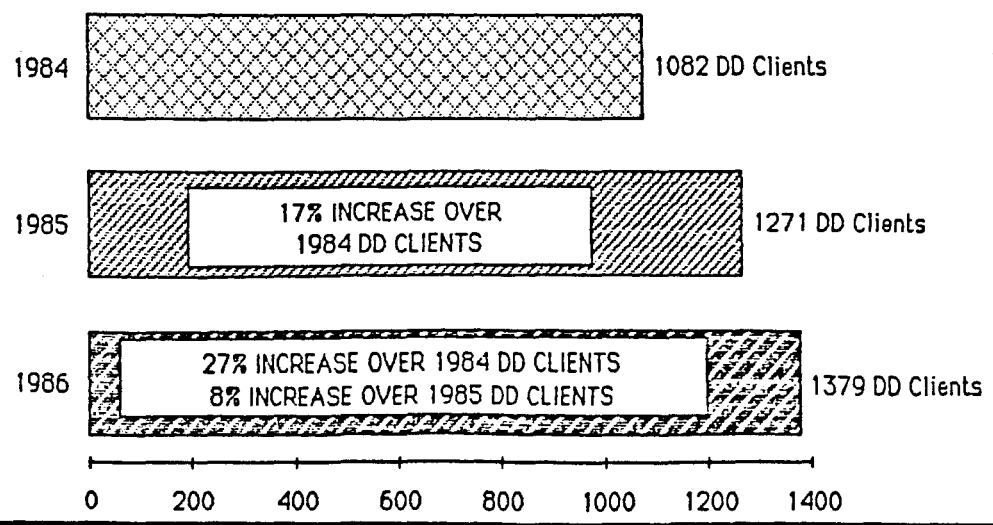
**ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES INVESTIGATIONS:
 INCREASES, 1984-1986**

Data Source: SRS Protective Services Information System



**DDD - Funded Clients Receiving CSD Case Management Services
 --1984-1986--**

Data Source: DDD Information System



VISITORS' REGISTER

HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE

BILL NO. _____

DATE

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January ~~30~~, 1987

SPONSOR _____

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NAME (please print)	Representing	SUPPORT	OPPOSE
Lois STENBECK	OSPP		
Sandy Chaney	WLF	✓	
Wes Volinkedy	DT	✓	
Duane Robertson	DHES	✓	
Steve Pilcher	DHES	✓	
Jim Smith	HRDC/MAR	✓	
LARRY Lloyd	DHES	✓	
Roy Hollman	DHES		
Bill (Gutz)	DHES	✓	

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