

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
51st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By Chairman Bradley, on January 6, 1989, at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: All members were present.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Peter Blouke, LFA  
Evan McKinney, LFA  
Taryn Purdy, LFA  
Lois Steinbeck, OBPP  
John Huth, OBPP  
Doris Brander, secretary

Announcements/Discussion: Rep. Bradley introduced herself, the committee members and the staff. She said this orientation meeting would begin the subcommittee's work. The subcommittee will be working through the budgeting process for the Departments of Labor and Industry, Social and Rehabilitation Services, Family Services and Health and Environmental Services.

Rep. Bradley said the subcommittee will be working with a technically difficult and complex budget due to the numerous different formulas that must be dealt with including federal monies, grants and mandates which are continually sent down from the federal level. These federal mandates dictate what the state is supposed to do without providing the money to carry out the duties.

Rep. Bradley commented that as a House Appropriations subcommittee, input from agencies, organizations and Montana citizens will be welcome. There is not enough revenue in the state to do all the things that every committee member would like to do, but all input will be considered in making priorities.

The LFA staff members each gave a brief presentation regarding the agencies they will be working with.

Peter Blouke provided examples of the kinds of forms the committee will be working with. (See exhibit 1) He also made reference to the two books which will be utilized throughout the committee meetings, the Executive Budget Book

and the LFA Budget Analysis Book. He said that in SRS and Family Services a large part of the budget is in the benefit portion or grants.

Evan McKinney told the committee there will be differences in the current levels of the LFA and executive budgets. The Department of Labor and Industry proposes the use of the unemployment insurance administration tax which will be a change in the use of that tax. Last session the General Assistance Training Program passed. This program requires General Assistance recipients to attend job training classes. The LFA budget reflects the current level, whereas the executive is proposing some changes. Workers' Compensation has proposed changes in funding between the use of general funds and resource indemnity trust funds. Under House Bill 373, Worker's Compensation received authority to increase their budget according to the workload so there are questions as to computer development and what level of funding would represent current level. Funding sources for some of the programs indicate the LFA budget includes general funds, while the executive is proposing RIT funds and money from junk vehicle programs.

Taryn Purdy said the Department of Family Services coordinates services to youth and provides some adult services. The primary issue in this department will be foster care. The second major issue is daycare. The department is responsible for licensing day care facilities around the state and ensuring that daycare facilities are available.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment At: 10:30 a.m.

  
REP. DOROTHY BRADLEY, Chairman

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DAILY ROLL CALL

HUMAN SERVICES

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Rep..Bradley (Chair.)	✓		
Sen. Keating (Vice Chair.)	✓		
Sen. Hofman	✓		
Sen. Van Valkenberg	✓		
Rep. Cody	✓		
Rep. Cobb	✓		
Rep. Grinde	✓		

