

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING

Call to Order: By Chairman Betty Lou Kasten, on January 13, 1997, at 8 a.m., in room 108

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Betty Lou Kasten, Chairman (R)
Sen. Charles "Chuck" Swysgood, Vice-Chairman (R)
Rep. Beverly Barnhart (D)
Sen. James H. "Jim" Burnett (R)
Rep. John Cobb (R)
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)

Members Excused:

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Pam Joehler, Legislative Fiscal Division
Joanne Chance, Legislative Fiscal Division
Ellen Garritty, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

Janet Meissner, Coordinator Teen Health Initiative, Cascade City-County Health Department, 1130 17th Avenue South, Great Falls.
{Tape: 1; Side A. Comments: Handout #1.}

EXECUTIVE ACTION

BUDGET ITEM: DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

Tape No. 1, Side A, 17.5

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to appropriation \$148,434 to the Health Care Advisory Council. The motion failed 3-3.

{Tape: 1, Side B, 12.}

OPERATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept present law adjustment item 11, which discontinues appropriation to the caring program.

Motion/Vote: Sen. Waterman made a substitute motion to adopt the proposed language for the caring program. The motion failed.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb made a substitute motion to take the same language and insert \$100,000 per year. The motion failed.

Motion/Vote: Sen. Waterman made a substitute motion that \$74,000 of the unexpended from the health care system from the last biennium be appropriated in the coming biennium for the Montana Health Care Advisory Council. The motion failed.

Vote: The Subcommittee voted on the original motion by Rep. Cobb to accept present law adjustment item 11, Administrative and Equipment Adjustments. The motion passed.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.6. Comments: Handouts #2 and #3 from the Department. Handouts #4 and #5 from staff.}

NEW PROPOSALS

Motion/Vote: Chairman Kasten moved to accept new proposal item 2, Network and Communications staff. The motion failed.

Motion/Vote: Sen. Waterman moved to accept the LFD proposed language in Exhibit 4A for electronics benefit transfer. The motion passed.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept proposed language (Exhibit #4) for the DPHHS Statewide Advisory Council and the Native American Advisory Council. The motion passed.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept proposed language (Exhibit #4) for the Governor's Council on Families. The motion failed.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept the proposed language (Exhibit #4) for public relations coordination at the local and state levels. The motion failed.

BUDGET HEARING ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES DIVISION

Tape No. 2, Side A, 12.0. Comments: Director Lauri Ekanger

Hank Hudson, Division Administrator

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 5.7. Comments: Exhibits #6A, 6B, 6C, 6D. Exhibit #7 from staff, Present Law Adjustment Table.}

Karlene Leonard, Bureau Chief, Public Assistance Bureau

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.3. Comments: Exhibits #8 and #9.}

Joan Davies, County Director of FAMI, Galatin and Madison Counties

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.0.}

Exhibit #10 from Rep. Cobb, Montana Food Bank Network.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:07 p.m.



REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, Chairman



ELLEN GARRITY, Secretary

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