

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 14, 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) arrived at 9:30 a.m.

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

Committee Business Summary:

CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION,
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND CHILD CARE FUNCTIONS

Tape No. 1, Side A

{Tape: 1, Side A; Approx. Time Count: 2.1; Comments: Exhibit #1 from staff, Summary of Subcommittee Action.}

Pam Joehler, LFD reported on meeting with Greg Petesch, Legal Director, Legislative Services.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.2. Comments: Mr. Petesch informed staff that the governor is statutorily authorized to create councils. The legislature does not have to fund them. The council function can go forward with or without legislative funding. In answer to the question, do new programs need statutory authorization, Mr. Petesch said that all programs have to have some sort of statutory authorization. It can be as specific as the legislation that created the FAIM program. Or, it could be a program performed under a more general responsibility statutorily contained. It is important to note that in the event of a revenue shortfall, programs defined in statute are required by law to be more protected than those that merely exist without specific statutory definition.}

Hank Hudson, Director, Child and Family Services Division
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.0; Comments: Introduced Jon Meredith, Public Assistance Bureau.}

Jon Meredith, Public Assistance Bureau

{Tape: 1, Side A; Approx. Time Count: 9.4.}

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.5; Comments: Exhibit #2, Comparison of Original FAIM Legislation and Current Bill; Exhibit #3, bill by the request of the Department.}

Linda Currie, Public Assistance Bureau

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 15.0.}

Jon Meredith

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.0.}

Linda Currie

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.0.}

Hank Hudson

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 12.0.}

Kim Brown, Public Assistance Bureau

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15.3.}

Jon Meredith

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 17.2.}

TRIBAL ISSUES

Jon Meredith

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 25.5.}

EMPLOYMENT IN TRAINING

Linda Currie

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.7; Comments: Exhibit #4, Public Assistance Bureau, Pathways Employment and Training Component.}

FISCAL BUREAU, CHILD AND FAMILIES

Lois Steinbeck, Bureau Chief

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.0; Comments: Exhibit #5, Summary of Financial Changes of the TANF Block Grant.}

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.1; Comments: Exhibit #6 from Hank Hudson, Original Budget Based Billing amounts.}

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

Shirley Brown, Bureau Chief, Child Care

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.2; Comments: Exhibit #7
from Shirley Brown, Program Management Bureau Testimony.}

Linda Fillinger, Child Care Specialist

{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.0.}

Randy Haight, Chair, Governor's Child Care Advisory Council

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 18.4.}

Barbara MaHugh, President, Montana child Care Resource and
Referral Network

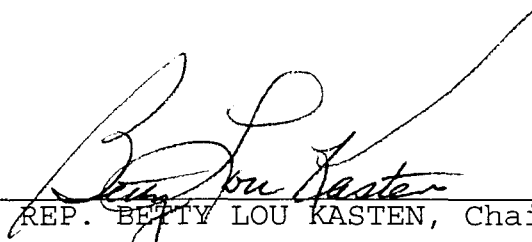
{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 25.1; Comments: Exhibit
#8, Montana Child Care Resource Referral Network Annual Report.}

Patti Russ, Child Care Program Officer


{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .9.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:10 p.m.



REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, Chairman



ELLEN GARRITY, Secretary

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