

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING

Call to Order: By Vice Chairman Swysgood, on January 15, 1997,
at 8 a.m., in room 108

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Betty Lou Kasten, Chairman (R) arrived at 9:30 a.m.
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)

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

Committee Business Summary:

FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES

Hank Hudson

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.8; Comments: Mr. Hudson introduced Ms. Fleming-Siebenaler.}

Becky Fleming-Siebenaler, Program Officer, Child Care

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.6.}

Linda Fillinger, Child Care Specialist

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.2.}

Becky Fleming-Siebenaler (continued)

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.7.}

FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Richard Kersten, Bureau Chief

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.0.}

Chris Purcell, Supervisor, Yellowstone County Intake and
Investigation Unit of Child Protective Services
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 17.0.}

Regina Reinhardt, client
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.2; Comments: Recovering
drug addict and alcoholic testified on behalf of Child Protective
Services.}

Holly Dvorak, client
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1.7; Comments: Recovering
drug and alcohol addict testified on behalf of Child Protection
Services.}

Richard Kersten, Bureau Chief, Family Services Bureau
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 7.7; Comments: Permanency
Program.}

Betsy Stimatz, Permanency Program
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.1; Comments: "Families
for Kids Initiatives".}

Sheila Howe, Permanency Planning Specialist
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 16.4.}

Kristina Singer, 14 year old adoptive youth
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.1; Comments: Testified
on behalf of the permanency program.}

Deb Grandkoski and Kalu George, DPHHS, Permanency Program
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 25.4; Comments: Described
Kellogg grant for permanency program.}

Betsy Stimatz, DPHHS, Permanency Program
{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1.3; Comments:
Guardianship.}

Jackie Stockel, DPHHS, Permanency Planning
{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.2. Comments: Eastern
Montana Permanency Planning Specialist.}

{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.1; Comments: Exhibits
#1A, 1B, Ensuring Permanency for Montana Children.}

Kate Mrgudic, DPHHS, Coordinator, Family Preservation System
{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 11.3; Comments: Exhibit
#2, Information Packet.}

Sylvia Sanforth, Director, Partnerships to Strengthen Families
and Family-Based Services, Eastern Montana
{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.0.}

Susan Green, Miles City

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.4; Comments: Testimony for Partnerships Program by a single mother.}

Helen Olson, Colstrip

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.1; Comments: Testimony for Partnership Program.}

Jackie Foster, Dillon, Director, Partnership to Strengthen Families and Family Based Services

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 12.8.}

Kate Mrgudic

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.5; Comments: Evaluation.}

Mary Trankel, Evaluation Contractor

{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 26.5; Comments: Exhibits #3A, 3B, Service Data Regarding the Family Preservation and Support Act Programs and Partnership to Strengthen Families Project.}

Kate Mrgudic

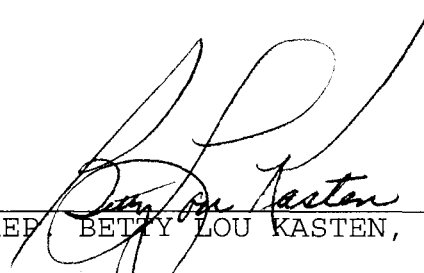
{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.5; Comments: Closing.}

{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.0; Comments: Exhibit #4, Statistical Information Packet.}


{Tape: 4; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 24.1; Comments: Exhibit #5, Request for Appropriation Authority.}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:10 p.m.



REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, Chairman



ELLEN GARRITY, Secretary

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