

## 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 17, 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)

#### PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS

*{Comments: I mistakenly used speed 2.5 on Side 1A.}*

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: .1; Comments: Exhibit #1, Letter in support of reasonable sum of money for child care assistance for low income families contained in governor's budget, and for 5 FTEs to monitor the quality of child care facilities (letter received by FAX.)}*

Mary Alice Cook, representing Montana Youth Homes  
*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.1; Comments: Exhibit #1a, Ms. Cook's testimony.}*

Toni Jensen, Big Brothers and Sisters  
*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.3; Comments: Introduced the following persons who testified for Big Brothers and Sisters.}*

Danette Rector, Big Brothers and Sisters  
*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 5.9.}*

Jack Lynch, Butte/Silver Bow Chief Executive  
*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.9; Comments: testified in support of Big Brothers and Sisters.}*

Jack Sands, Billings  
*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 13.7; Comments: testified in support of Big Brothers and Sisters.}*

Matthew Keeton, little brother from Billings

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 18.1; Comments: testified in support of Big Brothers and Sisters.}

Crystal Mardis, little sister, Helena

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 23.1.}

Danette Rector

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 25.2; Comments: wrapped up testimony for Big Brothers and Sisters and asked for an additional appropriation of \$200,000.}

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.5; Comments: Exhibit #2 from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Montana.}

Nancy McDonagh, JOBS Case Manager

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 31.8; Comments: Exhibit #3, testimony of Ms. McDonagh.}

Kate Cholewa, Montana Women's Lobby

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 38.5; Comments: Exhibit #3A, testimony in support of 100% of previous spending.}

Donette Klein, Stevensville, community activator

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 41.0; Comments: Exhibit #4, Testimony in support of DPHHS budget request for welfare reform.}

Maggie Bagon, Flathead Valley WEEL member

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 48.7; Comments: Exhibit #5, Testimony support continued use of state matching dollars to help families to meet needs while striving for self-sufficiency.}

Sally Brown, Missoula Parent co-op

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 53.2.}

Russell LaVigne, People's Law Center, Butte

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.3; Comments: Exhibit #6, testimony in support of 1005 Maintenance of effort and retain \$50 pass through.}

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 10.0; Comments: Subcommittee discussion on \$50 pass through and why the state isn't doing it presently.}

Kim Brown, Welfare Reform Specialist, DPHHS, spoke to \$50 pass through

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15.8; Comments: spoke to \$50 pass through.}

Shelley Icenhower, single mother, member of WEEL

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 17.5; Comments: Exhibit #7, testimony in favor of welfare reform funding.}

Lyrae W. Becker, member of WEEL, citizen

**{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 20.0; Comments: Exhibit #8, maintain maximum funding for FAIM.}**

Judy Smith, Missoula

**{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.6; Comments: testified in support of FAIM, local flexibility.}**

Toni Jensen, Montana Association of Homes and Services for Children

**{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 7.3.}**

Bob Johnson, Administrator, Florence Crittenton Home and Services

**{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.8; Comments: testimony support continued support for the portions of Montana's budget that provide financial aid to prevention and intervention services for troubled youth. Exhibit #8A, written testimony.}**

Robert Cooper, Executive Director, Montana Youth Homes

**{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 16.6; Comments: Exhibit #9, testimony in support of the Family and Child Services Division.}**

Rep. Cobb

**{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.0; Comments: Rep. Cobb asked Mr. Hudson for data on youth in care.}**

Kristine A. Marsh, Youth Dynamics Inc., Helena

**{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 28.6.}**

Don and Wendy Steinhoff, youth home providers

**{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 1.0.}**

Connie Boyer, Montana foster parent

**{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.9.}**

Mike Ruppert, Executive Director, Boyd Andrew Chemical Dependency Care Center

**{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 13.1.}**

Lisa Narum, Deer Lodge County General Assistance Program

**{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 21.0; Comments: Exhibit #10, charts showing distribution for GA FY96.}**

Rita Pickering, Helena's Partnership to Strengthen Families

**{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.0; Comments: Exhibit #11, file of letters testifying on behalf of Child and Family Services.}**

**{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2; Comments: Exhibit #12, written testimony by Fred Fisher, Community Development Director, Casey Family Program.}**

Mary Cole, Child Care Partnerships

*{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.1; Comments: testified in support of Child and Family Services.}*

Sharon Bowker, Research and Referral Network

*{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.7; Comments: testified in support of Child and Family Services.}*

Ginny Knight, Child Care Research and Referral Network, Helena

*{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.0; Comments: testified in support of funding to DPHHS to maximize care for all families.}*

Ann Lynch, President of Helena Child Care Association

*{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 18.9; Comments: Exhibit #13, written testimony.}*

Susan Held, Child Care Provider, East Helena

*{Tape: 3; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 27.4; Comments: Spoke of the high turnover in child care providers.}*

Janet Brooke, Montana Head Start Collaboration Project; Child Care Research and Referral Network

*{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: .1.}*

Hand Hudson

*{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 3.4; Comments: wrapped up testimony.}*

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION, BUDGET QUESTIONS

Hank Hudson

*{Tape: 3; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 6.2; Comments: Exhibit #14, Revised Child and Family Services Division.}*

Lois Steinbeck, Bureau Chief, Fiscal Bureau

*{Tape: 3; Side: b; Approx. Time Count: 18.0.}*

Linda Currie, Public Assistance Bureau, Family Services

*{Tape: 4; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.3; Comments: Spoke about employment and training funds.}*

Hank Hudson

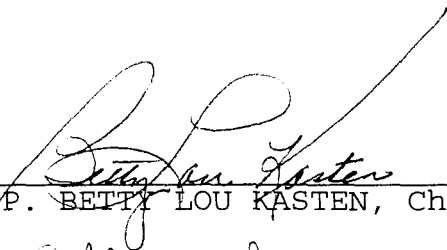
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:15 p.m.

  
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REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, Chairman

  
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ELLEN GARRITY, Secretary

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