

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 31, 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)
Rep. John Cobb (R)
Sen. Mignon Waterman (D)

Members Excused: Sen. James H. Burnett (R)

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

Committee Business Summary:

PUBLIC TESTIMONY

June Reynolds and Family from Chinook, testifying in support of restoring liver transplants back into the Medicaid budget.
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.5; Comments: Exhibit #1.}

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SENIOR AND LONG TERM CARE DIVISION

Tape No. 1

Subcommittee discussion of Medicaid budget.

Statewide Present Law Adjustments

Motion/Vote: Rep. Barnhart moved to accept item 01, Personal Services, and allow four FTEs to be transferred. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 02, Inflation/Deflation. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 03, Fixed Costs. The motion passed unanimously.

Significant Present Law Adjustments, Senior and Long Term Care Division

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: .6; Comments: discussion of whether or not to vote on significant present law adjustments.}

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 04, Nursing Home Adjustment.

{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 25.9.}

Vote: Rep. Cobb motion to accept item 04 passed unanimously.

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 06, Administrative Contracted Services Reduction.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.3.}

Substitute Motion/Vote: Rep. Barnhart made a substitute motion to reduce item 06, Administrative Contracted Services Reduction to \$90,000 and to keep \$10,000 in general fund for lien and estate education program. The motion failed 3-3.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 12.0.}

Vote: Rep. Cobb original motion to accept item 06 passed unanimously.

Motion: Rep. Barnhart moved to accept item 05, Caseload Adjustments All Services.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 31.7.}

Substitute Motion: Rep. Cobb made a substitute motion from item 05, to allow 10% increase each year and to adjust the numbers accordingly.

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 40.3.}

Vote: Rep. Cobb's substitute motion passed 4-2.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 07, Administrative and Benefits Adjustments to SSI. The motion passed unanimously.

Tape 2B

Motion/Vote: Rep. Barnhart moved to accept item 08, Community Services. The motion passed 5-1.

Motion: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 09, Home and Community Based Services Waiver Adjustment.

Sen. Waterman amended the motion to include the transfer of the money to the Disability Services Division budget.

Vote: Rep. Cobb amended motion passed unanimously.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 10, Eastern Montana Veterans' Home Start Up Subsidy Elimination. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept item 11, Institutions Medicaid Adjustment. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Base Adjustments

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept Other Base Adjustments. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion/Vote: Chairman Kasten moved to transfer money from the Senior and Long Term Care Division to the mental health managed care plan once the final amounts are known. The Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Budget New Proposals, Senior and Long Term Care Division

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved new proposal 01, Increase Aging Services: Home and Community Based Services Waiver. The motion included the restriction that the funds be used only for increasing home and community based services in the aging services program. The motion passed 4-2.

Tape 3A

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept new proposal 02, Aging Alzheimer's Staff, but to \$146,096 each year, 1 FTE each year, and no general fund supplemental. The motion failed 2-4.

Motion/Vote: Sen. Swysgood moved to accept new proposal 03, Nurse Assistant at Montana Veterans' Home. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion/Vote: Sen. Waterman moved new proposal 04, Provider Rate increase for non-nursing home providers, but accept 1.5% increase for the level of funding authorized and that aging services portion be used for services and not staff. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion/Vote: Sen. Waterman moved to accept new proposal 05, Nursing Home Rebase. The motion failed 4-2.

Motion/Vote: Sen. Waterman moved to accept new proposal 06, the expansion of the Adult Protective Services Program and transfer the program to the Senior and Long Term Care Division. The motion failed 3-3.

Motion: Sen. Waterman moved to accept new proposal 07, Expand Home and Community Based Services Waiver.

Tape 3B

Sen. Swysgood amended the motion to add that this money be used for services not staff.

Vote: **Sen. Waterman's** motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

Motion/Vote: **Rep. Cobb** moved to accept new proposal 08, MDS Coordinator at Montana Veterans' Home. The motion passed 5-1.

Motion/Vote: **Rep. Cobb** moved to accept new proposal 09, Lien Funds: Expand HCBS Waiver. The motion failed 3-3.

Motion/Vote: **Rep. Cobb** moved to accept new proposal 10, Aging Health Information Staff. The motion failed 3-3.

Motion/Vote: **Sen. Waterman** moved to accept new proposal 11, Eastern Montana Veterans' Home Residents Assistance, with language that the patients have to be residents of Montana for six months prior to getting this payment. The patient can become eligible after residing in the facility for 18 months.

The motion failed 3-3.

Motion/Vote: **Sen. Waterman** moved to accept new proposal 12, equipment for new staff. The motion failed 3-3.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:20 p.m.



REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, Chairman



ELLEN GARRITY, Secretary

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