

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & AGING

Call to Order: By Chairman Betty Lou Kasten, on February 4, 1997, at 8 a.m., in room 325.

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)

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

Committee Business Summary:

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Comments: Exhibit #1, letter from Mary Ann Wellbank, Administration Child Support Enforcement Division to Ms. Two-Two regarding January 28 testimony.}

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Comments: Exhibit 1A, Title XX Reductions and Present Law Adjustments from staff.}

HEARING ON DISABILITIES SERVICES DIVISION, DPHHS

Tape No. 1A

Joe Matthews, Administrator, Disability Services Division, continued with overview of the Division.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 4.9; Comments: Two major issues: concern about the treatment and program for sexual offenders and trying to maintain current service level.}

PUBLIC HEARING ON DISABILITY SERVICES DIVISION, DPHHS

Tape 1A; 21.0

The following persons testified in support of the Disability Services Division:

Val Piercy, Missoula, parent of a disabled daughter

Matt Gregory, foster father; Linda Johnson, case worker, and Mike, autistic boy.

Judy Wilcox, Bozeman, mother of a handicapped daughter, Heidi
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.6; Comments: Exhibit #2, testimony.}

Keith Colbo, Developmental Disabilities System Advocacy Committee
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 40.0; Comments: Exhibit 2A, testimony.}

Tape 1B

John Cox, Billings
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: .1; Comments: Exhibit 2B, testimony.}

Mary Sanderson, Billings, parent of a child with disabilities, who is on waiting list for services

Mary DeBernardis, Gallatin Gateway, mother of a daughter with disabilities
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15.6; Comments: Exhibit #3, testimony.}

Jim Burke, Helena, formerly of Boulder River School and Hospital, consumer
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 23.0; Comments: Exhibit 3A, testimony.}

Mary Engelhardt, Havre, parent of a daughter, Annie, with disabilities
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 28.5; Comments: Exhibit #4, brochure of daughter's pet service.}

Gustie , Helena, client
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 35.1; Comments: Exhibit #5, testimony.}

Robbie Ransier, Helena, client
{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 38.2; Comments: Exhibit #6, testimony.}

Bernice Ross, Helena, client
{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 40.0; Comments: Exhibit #7, testimony.}

Robin Homan, Helena, speaking for expansion of supported living project
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 1.0; Comments: Exhibit #7A, testimony.}

Brian Roat, Mayor, Red Lodge, speaking for regional services
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 2.5; Comments: Exhibit 7B, Annual Report of Regional Services for South, Central, and Eastern Montana, Inc.}

Dana Johnson, Missoula, parent of a client
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.7; Comments: Exhibit #8, brochure of Individuals with Diverse and Exceptional Abilities.}

Jackie Sue Cunningham, formerly of Boulder River School and Hospital and now of Billings
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.7; Comments: Exhibit #9, testimony.}

Nancy Franklin, Colstrip, parent of an autistic son

Albert Cox, Missoula, formerly of Boulder River School and Hospital

Tina Hunt, Missoula

Mark Krogstad, Missoula

Devlin Chilcote, Missoula

Doug Potter, Helena, parent of a child with disabilities

Lynn Newman, Great Falls

Lisa TeBeau, Great Falls, parent of a down syndrome child, has been helped by Quality Life Concepts

{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 29.0; Comments: Exhibit #10, letter from Marlene Tocher, Great Falls, supporting expansion of slots in DSD. Exhibit #10A, letter from Johnelle Howanach.}

Vicki LaFond-Smith, parent of twin sons with disabilities, and is on waiting list for services
{Tape: 2; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 42.8; Comments: Exhibit #11, testimony.}

Tape 2B

David Hemian, Montana Dental Association, requested \$24,000 each biennium to match a grant for dental services for the low income and disabled.

Linda Hager, Northern Gateway

Rhonda Miller, President, Montana Association of Independent Disabilities Services
{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 8.3; Comments: Exhibit #11A, testimony.}

{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 9.3; Comments: Exhibit #12, letters from clients.}

Charles Trott, Quality Life Concepts of Great Falls

Mike Kelly, Flathead Industries in Kalispell, asked for more client slots

Andree Larose, Montana Advocacy Program, asked for more client slots

Susan Dow, STEP, Billings

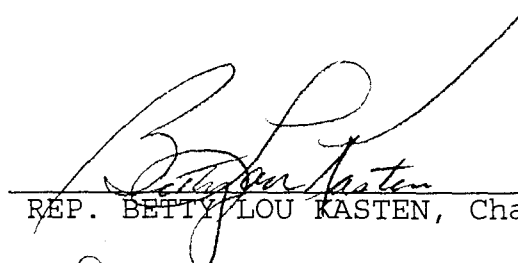
End of Public Hearing

Sen. Waterman asked the Department for the number of people on waiting lists.


{Tape: 2; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 35.3}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:30 a.m.



REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, Chairman



ELLEN GARRITY, Secretary

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