

## **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 10, 1997, at 7:05 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)

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

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

#### **HEALTH POLICY & SERVICES DIVISION, DPHHS**

#### **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON RBRVS**

**Tape 1A through  
Tape 1B, 18.2**

The Subcommittee and Department staff discussed RBRVS. (Exhibits #1 and #2 distributed by Department.)

John Mott, M.D., anesthesiologist in Helena, discussed access issue. Dr. Mott said the amount of money paid to a particular service is critical in defining whether or not those services will be available.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Tape 1B, 18.2**

Dr. Jay Erickson, Whitefish family physician, testified in favor of RBRVS. Exhibit #3, testimony.

Dr. Gary Lusin, represented Montana Chapter of American Physical Therapy Association, said the RBRVS is a much better coding system. Exhibit #3A, testimony.

**Tape 2A**

Lorin R. Wright, Physical Therapist, Red Lodge. Exhibit #4, testimony.

Dr. Mott, Helena anesthesiologist.

Brenda Lorenz, testified for MIAMI Program, WIC, and Medicaid.

Jami Heart, Great Falls, testified for MIAMI and Better Beginnings Program.

Monica Tavner, teen parent. Exhibit #5, testimony.

Denise Bastian, teen parent. Exhibit #6, testimony.

Shirley Ketterling, Joliet, Coordinator of the Northern Carbon County Health Association. Exhibit #7, letters from Carbon County clients.

Jessica Grennan, Helena high school student, teen parent prevention. Exhibit #8, testimony.

**Tape 2B**

Thomas Martin, Helena high school student, read a letter from Grant Flath, a 21 year old father. Exhibit #9, Mr. Flath's letter.

Barbara Andreozzi, Anaconda, testified in support of breast cancer screening project.

Kim Powell, Missoula, Director of Montana Breast Cancer Center

Alice Burke, breast cancer survivor

Dr. Jack McMahon, Helena, past president of the Montana Medical Association, spoke in support of having an epidemiologist for prevention and education in the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

Max Agather, certified financial planner, Kalispell, spoke to the problem of cost shifting.

**Tape 3A**

Angela Russell, Crow Reservation, spoke in support of breast cancer screening and urged support of MIAMI. Exhibit #9A

Ray Johnston, Missoula, pediatric orthopedic surgeon, said the present Medicaid reimbursement system is inadequate. Testified against RBRVS. Exhibit #9B.

Dr. Paul Gorsuch, orthopedic surgeon. Exhibit #10.

Dr. Dooley, Missoula neurosurgeon

**Tape 3B**

Jan Mullen, Helena small business owner, testified for anesthesiologists (client) and RBRVS.

Mike Calcateria, Columbia Falls, representing Big Sky Association of Medical Equipment Services

Sen. Mike Foster, SD 20, spoke in support of Montana Healthy Community Coalition.

Kathy Love, Montana Speech, Language, and Hearing Association, spoke in support of the RBRVS system. Exhibit #11.

Dr. Harper, pediatrician from Missoula Community Medical Center, testified in support of RBRVS.

Sen. Linda Nelson, SD 49, testified in support of Montana Healthy Community Coalition.

Toni Plumber, Kalispell, spoke in support of MIAMI project and Cherish Indian Children project.

Dr. Phil Mathis, Missoula pediatrician, medical director of Children with Disabilities, testified in support of RBRVS.

**Tape 4A**

Francis Onstad, Blackfeet Tribe, spoke in support of MIAMI project.

Gary Brown, Blackfeet Tribe, spoke in support of MIAMI project.

Amy Durham, Butte, testified in support of Teen Pregnancy Prevention program.

Mike Birch, Big Sky Chapter of March of Dimes, testified in support of MIAMI project. Exhibit #11A, letter from City/County Health Department in Billings; Exhibit #11B, Birch's testimony.

Pat Monroe, Butte teen parent

Diane Curnow, Butte, spoke in support of Teen Pregnancy Prevention program. Exhibit 11C

Barbara Popovich, Butte, spoke for Lead Poisoning Project.

Shelly Meyer, PHN, Health Consultant for Missoula County. Exhibit #12, letter from Ms. Meyer. Exhibits #12A and 12B, brochures.

Nancy Rush, Richland County Public Health Nurse. Exhibit #13, letter from a teen parent and Ms. Rush's testimony.

Susan Raph, Toole County Public Health Nurse. Exhibit #13A, testimony.

**Tape 4B**

Ann Drenk, Bozeman, Gallatin County Health Department School/Health Coordinator, spoke in support of DPHHS's request for a school health coordinator. Exhibit #13B, testimony.

Yvonne Bradford, Director of Health Services, Missoula City/County Health Department, testified in support of MIAMI project. Exhibit #14, testimony.

Paula Anders, Jefferson County Public Nurse Supervisor, spoke in support of the appropriation for the communicable disease emergency fund. Exhibit #15.

Exhibit #16, letter from Lynn Cordeiro, an obstetrical nurse at a Great Falls hospital.

Exhibit #17, letter from Larry Laknar, Beaverhead County Sanitarian.

Exhibit #18, letter from Sue Miller, RMDC Head Start Health and Nutrition Coordinator.

Exhibit #19, Kenneth W. Moore, Helena Pastor; President of Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies; President-Elect Montana Association of Churches.

Exhibit #20, letter from Barbara Frison, health care professional.


Exhibit #21, letter from Dennis Klukan, Public Health Officer, Kalispell.

Exhibit #22, from Susan Good: New Fee Schedule for Montana Medicaid from Abt Associates.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:40 p.m.

  
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REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, Chairman

  
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ELLEN GARRITY, Secretary

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