

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 12, 1997, at 8:07 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 Garrity, Committee Secretary

**Committee Business Summary:**

EXECUTIVE ACTION:  
HEALTH POLICY AND SERVICES DIVISION, DPHHS

Tape 1A

*Exhibit #1, letter from Director Ekanger to the Subcommittee on Revised Medicaid Projections for FY 98 and FY 99.*

Significant Present Law Adjustments

*Exhibit #2, handout from Administrator Nancy Ellery re: Item 24.*

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 6.5-26.3; Comments: discussion between Subcommittee, Nancy Ellery, Maxine Ferguson, and staff re: Item 24.}*

**Motion/Vote:** Sen. Waterman moved to accept Item 24, FCH Bureau Administrative Increases. The motion passed 4-2.

**Motion/Vote:** Sen. Burnett moved to accept Item 25, MCH Data Utilization Grant. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion/Vote:** Sen. Waterman moved to accept Item 26, Family Planning. The motion failed 3-3.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Barnhart moved to accept Item 27, WIC/Nutrition Programs. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion/Vote: Sen. Burnett moved to accept Item 28, Children's Special Health Services. The motion passed unanimously.

*{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 38.8; Comments: Jack Casey, Administrator of Shodair, responded to questions about Shodair's genetics program.}*

Motion/Vote: Sen. Waterman moved to accept Item 29, Genetics. The motion failed 4-2.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept Item 30, and it be considered a new proposal. The motion failed 3-3.

**Tape 1B**

Motion/Vote: Sen. Waterman moved to accept Item 31, Communicable Disease Emergency Response Funds, with the amendment language:

"It is the intent of the legislature to change the name and purpose of the "Communicable Disease Emergency Fund" to the "Public Health Emergency Fund", and to allow the Department of Public Health and Human Services to use that fund to address public health emergencies, including communicable disease outbreaks."

The motion failed 3-3.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept Item 31 as a restricted biennial appropriation. The motion passed 4-2.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept Item 32, Immunization Contracts. The motion passed unanimously.

*{Tape: 1; Side: B; Approx. Time Count: 15.2-18.6; Comments: Jim Murphy and Kathleen Martin, Communicable Disease Program, discussed Item 33 with the Subcommittee.}*

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept Item 33, HIV Prevention Project. The motion passed 5-1.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept Item 34, Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention Contracts. The motion passed 4-2.

Motion/Vote: Rep. Cobb moved to accept Item 35, Tuberculosis Prevention Contracts. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Other Base Adjustments

*Exhibit #3 from the Department re: Other Base Adjustments*

Motion/Vote: Sen. Burnett moved to accept Other Base Adjustments as described on Exhibit #3, to be reduced by \$67,929 in FY 1998 and by \$562,222 in FY 1999. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Budget New Proposals

*Exhibit #4 from the Department re: Item 01.*

**Motion/Vote:** Chairman Kasten moved to accept Item 01, Prevention of Unintended Pregnancy, one time only, line itemed, and that the program be evaluated on its merits. The motion passed 4-2.

**Tape 2A**

*Exhibit #5 from the Department on Prevention.*

**Motion/Vote:** Sen. Waterman moved to accept Item 02, Prevention, with amended federal funds -- \$1,079,000 -- in FY 98 and FY 99, and 2 FTEs. The motion passed 5-1.

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cobb moved to accept Item 04, Rape Prevention and Education. The motion passed 4-2.

The Department withdrew Item 05.

**Motion/Vote:** Sen. Waterman moved to accept Item 09, Educator, and to approve 1 FTE each year with no added spending authority. The motion failed 3-3.

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cobb moved to accept Item 10, School Health Coordinator with 1 FTE each year and all funds be federal funds. The motion passed 4-2.

**Motion/Vote:** Sen. Waterman moved to accept Item 11, Chronic Disease Epidemiologist with 1 FTE for each year, and remove item from the base. The motion passed 4-2.

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Barnhart moved to accept Item 12, Montana Healthy Communities. The motion failed 4-2.

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cobb moved to accept Item 15, Healthy Child Care Grant. The motion failed 3-3.

**Motion/Vote:** Sen. Waterman moved to accept Item 16, EMS Data Prevention Grant, amending the FTE to one each year. The motion passed 4-2.

**Tape 2B**

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cobb moved to accept Item 17, EMS Injury Prevention and Control System. The motion failed 3-3.

*Exhibit #6, from Nancy Ellery re: Item 18.*

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cobb moved to accept Item 18, Integration of Data Systems, with restricted federal authority of \$500,000 a year. The motion passed unanimously.

**Motion/Vote:** Sen. Waterman moved to add language to HB 2 regarding grants to local public health agencies:

"It is the intent of the legislature that in fiscal year 1998 and fiscal year 1999, any unexpended portion of the department's general fund appropriation, up to \$200,000 for the biennium, may be awarded by the department for the purpose of providing grants to local public health agencies. The department may use the general fund, and any private grant funds, to match local public health agencies' funds. The Montana Public Health Improvement Task Force shall provide guidance to the department in developing criteria to fund core public health services based on the county's capacity. The grants should address an appropriate array of health protection, health promotion, and preventive and primary health care services for the whole community; promote significant integration of the clinical health care and public health systems; and identify key public health functions and services relevant to addressing current and future community needs and priorities."

The motion failed 3-3.

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cobb moved to accept the above language with a \$200,000 biennial appropriation. The motion failed 3-3.

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cobb moved to accept the above language with a \$100,000 biennial appropriation. The motion failed 3-3.

**Motion/Vote:** Sen. Waterman moved to add \$50,000 general fund a year to fund "Kids Count Book". The motion failed 3-3.

PRESENTATION FROM THE ADDICTIVE AND  
MENTAL DISORDERS DIVISION, DPHHS

Tape 2B, 25.3 through Tape 3A, 34.3

The following persons presented an overview of the Addictive and Mental Disorders Division:

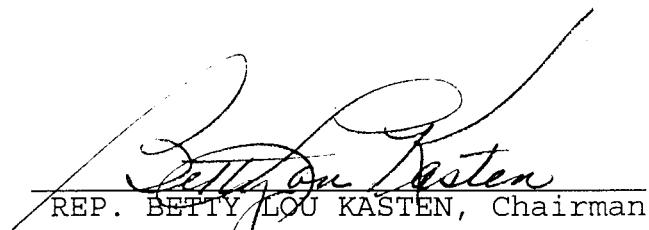
Dan Anderson, Administrator of the Division  
Bob Mullen, Operations Bureau Chief  
Randy Poulsen, Chief, Managed Care Bureau  
Darryl Bruno, Chief, Treatment and Prevention Bureau

*Exhibit #7, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division*

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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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