

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 18, 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)

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

**Committee Business Summary:**

EXECUTIVE ACTION

ADDICTIVE AND MENTAL DISORDERS DIVISION, DPHHS

Tape 1

Dan Anderson, Administrator, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division, discussed Significant Present Law Adjustment Item 06 with the Subcommittee.

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cobb moved to accept Significant Present Law Adjustment Item 06, Montana State Hospital Non-Direct Care. The motion passed unanimously.

LFD explained Mental Health Managed Care Budget Issue, Exhibit #1. This issue involves an estimated fiscal impact of \$9,700,000 for the 1999 biennium.

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The Subcommittee, LFD staff, and Department staff discussed the implications of the issue and whether the funds should be retained in the budget or removed. Following discussion with Mr. Anderson and Bob Mullen, Chief of Operations Bureau, the Subcommittee agreed to an impact of \$7.6 million.

(skipped Tape 1B)

Tape 2A

Sen. Swysgood listed three options for dealing with the funds:

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Managed Care contractor can agree to new figures  
Reopen RFP for Managed Care contractor  
Do away with Managed Care

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cobb moved to reduce Other Base Adjustments by \$3.8 million each year, general fund. The revised base adjustments are \$18,603,227 the first year and \$19,088,256 the second year. The motion passed 4-2.

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Chairman Kasten asked Kathy McGowan representing Montana Council of Mental Health Centers to speak to the budget issue.

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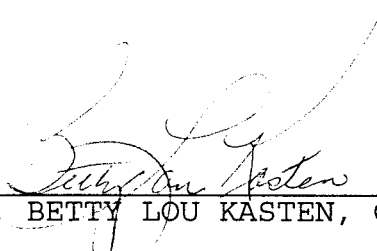
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**Comments: discussion continued between subcommittee and Department staff.}**

Chairman Kasten called for motions on Executive Budget New Proposals for Addictive and Mental Disorders Division. There were no motions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Adjournment:** 10:30 a.m.

  
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REP. BETTY LOU KASTEN, Chairman

  
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ELLEN GARRITY, Secretary

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