

MINUTES OF THE
JOINT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES APPROPRIATION SUBCOMMITTEE
Wednesday, January 17, 2001
Room 403, State Capitol Building

Members Present: Sen. David H. Steele, Committee Co-Chair
Rep. Jack A. Seitz, Committee Co-Chair
Sen. D. Edgar Allen
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Rep. Trisha Beck
Rep. David L. Hogue
Rep. David Litvack
Rep. Rebecca Lockhart
Rep. Carl R. Sanders
Rep. Matt Throckmorton

Members Excused: Sen. L. Seven Poulton

Staff Present: Thor Nilsen, Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Spencer C. Pratt Legislative Fiscal Analyst
Norda Shepard, Secretary

Public Speakers Present: Robin Arnold-Williams, Executive Director, Department of Human Services
Helen Goddard, Director, Division of Aging and Adult Services
Joyce P. Smith, Executive Director Davis County Aging and Adult Services

List of Visitors on File:

Committee Co-Chair Steele called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Co-Chair Steel welcomed the public and requested committee members and staff to introduce themselves.

2. Discussion of Committee Procedures and Adoption of Rules

Co-Chair Steele explained the legislative process and stated the various department hearings would assist committee members in evaluating the budget decisions that will become law. Analyst Thor Nilsen distributed and explained the Budget Analysis FY 2002 book, which contains department information and analyst budget recommendations for the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services. These reports are also available on the internet. Co-Chair Steele explained the co-chair's desire for committee procedures would be to hear department budget presentations one meeting but to postpone action to subsequent meetings in order for committee members to more fully evaluate the recommendations.

MOTION: Rep. Seitz moved to not take action on budget hearings the same day as the presentation but to take action at a subsequent meeting.

After a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Discussion of Schedule of Committee Meetings

Analyst Nilsen distributed and explained the calendar for committee meetings, copies of which are also

included in the Budget Analysis book. Co-Chair Steele stated the calendar would be followed as far as possible but some changes may be necessary. He suggested adding Intent Language to the February 7th schedule. He stated that having the schedule would allow committee members to review upcoming department budgets and be prepared.

4. Multi-Agency Budget Overviews for Services for the Aging and People with Disabilities

Analyst Nilsen said he would not go into budget details at this meeting but would give a flavor of what is available in the Budget Analysis book. He explained the color coding on the tabs and pointed out the useful information that is available for committee members to be aware of and study. One report is the Multi-Agency Overviews for Services for the Aging and People with Disabilities. This report, required by legislative intent language, describes services provided by various departments for these populations. Mr. Nilsen encouraged committee members to review the details of the reports and consider action on them at a future meeting.

5. Administrative vs Program Cost Report

Analyst Nilsen gave a summary of the intent language from last session which instructed the Department of Human Services to present their budget with a breakdown between costs of administration and services delivered. Robin Arnold-Williams, Executive Director, Department of Human Resources, explained the department's challenge in complying with this intent language and how they defined the costs in the two categories. This report is included in the Budget Analysis book. She stated her department is the largest state department, with 5200 employees, and serves the people of the state from birth to death.

Co-Chair Steele asked her to introduce her key staff members who were present, including Mark Ward, Deputy Director; Mark Payne, Superintendent of State Hospital and Acting Director of the Division of Mental Health; Sue Geary, Director, Division of Services for People with Disabilities; Helen Goddard, Director, Division of Aging and Adult Services; Emma Chacon, Director, Office of Recovery Services; and Janetha Hancock, Director, Office of Legal Compliance & Legislative Affairs. Rep. Saunders requested a roster of staff be prepared, together with e-mail addresses, for committee members.

Co-Chair Steele introduced representatives from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget: Kim Hood, analyst for the Department of Health and Steve Jardine, analyst for the Department of Human Services.

6. Department of Human Services Budget Overview

The Analyst is recommending a basic continuing budget from last year with a few minor adjustments. At Rep. Hogue's request, the Analyst explained the TANF program changes. He highlighted various budget concerns for the Division of Human Services. There will be a legislative audit that may change the amount recommended for adoption assistance, some federal funds will be decreasing and H.B. 47 may have an impact on the waiting list.

Ms. Arnold-Williams distributed a Department of Human Services Budget by Agency report based on the 2001 budget. She drew attention to a report in the Budget Analysis book on the waiting list and unmet needs information as required by intent language. Helen Goddard and Joyce Smith, Davis County Division of Aging Services, discussed how information for the report was compiled in different areas of the state.

Ms. Arnold-Williams discussed employee turnover, stating the three main reasons were compensation, the "burnout" factor" and retirements or terminations. She said attracting good employees is not a problem but

retaining them is a problem. She stated her department is making a good faith effort to do the right thing for the citizens of this state.

MOTION: Rep. Throckmorton moved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Minutes reported by Norda Shepard, Secretary.

Sen. David Steele
Committee Co-Chair

Rep. Jack A. Seitz
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