

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE

Minutes of Meeting -- March 23, 1971

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Members present: Chairman Walker
 Senator Hug
 Senator Young

Absent: Senator Hecht
 Senator Herr

Guests: Timothy Moore, NSRT
 Sister M. Carl
 Helen M. Heiderman, NSRT
 Pat Mikawa, Washoe Co. Advisory Board
 Anne Roberts, League of Women Voters
 John Osse, American Taxpayers, Inc.
 John J. Gibbons, American Taxpayers, Inc.
 Charles A. Jacobi, RT
 Ramon B. Pence, RT So. Nev. Memorial Hosp.
 E. Phillips, RT, Washoe Medical Center
 Dan Walsh, Nevada Chiropractic Asso.
 Richard Wafield, NSRT
 Sharon Green, Nevada Hospital Association
 Jack Lee Glu , Comprehensive Health Planning
 Wilma Stevens
 Dr. Otto Ravenholt, Clark Co. Health Dept.
 David Brandsness, Sunrise Hospital
 David Hoy, representing Nev. St. Board of Podiatry
 William Mendes, Carson Valley Meat Co.
 Bill LaBadie, Dept. Administrator of Welfare
 Dr. Thorne Butler, State Board of Health
 Dr. Eugene M. Scrivner, Chiropractic Physician

S.B. 148 Proposed by Senator Walker
 Authorizes establishment of community mental health centers

Pat Mikawa passed out suggested amendments to the bill. (copy attached). Senator Hug asked about the money required. Mrs. Mikawa said money would be needed and submitted the budget to Senator Walker. Senator Walker said this bill would not include any money that a separate bill would be submitted to appropriate the money for Washoe County since they were the only ones ready to move ahead at this time.

S.B. 323 Proposed by the Committee on Health and Welfare
 Establishes minimum standards for licensing radiologic technologists and certifying schools of radiologic technology.

Senator Walker read a telegram from Dr. Crucilla, Administrator of Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital: "As President of the Nevada Hospital Association I feel that SB 323 should not be passed at this session of the Legislature."

John Gibbons appeared again and brought Raymond Pence before the Committee also to testify for the bill. Mr. Gibbons offered proposed amendments to the bill: page 3, line 7 to read "Designate an exofficio employee of the department," He said the Director of Health and Welfare wanted it. Page 3, line 28 wanted to delete "banks or savings and loan associations" and insert "Treasury of the State of Nevada." On page 10, line 2 he wanted to change the amount of the fee from \$10 to \$20. On page 11, line 2, delete the semicolon and add "cause to be."

They also assured the Committee that they could operate on the license fees without any assistance because of the rate of growth in Nevada and the increasing number of radiological technologists.

David Hoy, an attorney representing the Nevada State Board of Podiatry said he thought the bill was premature. He objected to no representation by the Podiatry Board. He said the podiatrists would like to be treated as dentists and excluded because they x-ray only the foot.

Dan Walsh submitted proposed amendments to the Committee if they decided to pass out the bill. He also presented an article to the Chairman pertaining to the origin and sponsorship of the bill.

At 1:55 p.m. Chairman Walker called a recess until 4:30 p.m. the same day.

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The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. by Chairman Walker.

SB 373 Proposed by the Committee on Health and Welfare
Includes meatpacker on state board of health.

Mr. Mendes with Carson Valley Meat Co. discussed the bill briefly with the members but it was decided to hold the bill for further information.

SB 412 Proposed by the Committee on Health and Welfare
Provides exception to prerequisite qualifications for taking examination to practice chiropractic.

Dr. Eugene Scrivner testified on behalf of the bill, and explained the intention. Senator Hug moved "Do Pass," seconded by Senator Hecht and carried.

SB 415 Proposed by Senators Close, Hug and Walker
Prohibits welfare division from decreasing grants to recipients based solely upon increase of social security payments.

Mr. LaBadie from Welfare testified in opposition to the bill. He says the bill would not really be worth much because the federal government issues a mandate to the State on just how much of an increase is to be passed on. Senator Walker brought out, though, if an increase is granted by Social Security, the State deducts this and spreads it around to all the

recipients in the State.

Mrs. Anne Roberts asked that the position of the League of Women Voters be included in the record. (Attached).

The Committee decided to hold the bill for further information.

AB 226 Proposed by the Committee on Judiciary
Permits minors to donate blood without parental consent

Chairman Walker read a letter from V.A. Salvadorini, M.D., Nevada State Medical Association in support of the bill. (Attached).

Dr. Thorne Butler, also supporting the bill, felt that younger people are a better source because it is usually free from problems such as hepatitis. He said it would give a broader source of donors as well as allow college students to donate blood for fellow students. The potential problem of repeated donations for financial gain was discussed. Dr. Butler felt the tests they are required to give would show if the donor's blood count was not right. Also, he pointed out there are only two centers in Nevada, one in Reno and one in Las Vegas and repeated donations would show up anyway.

The Committee decided to hold the bill for further consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40.

Approved _____

SB-148 Suggested Amendments

SEC. 2. Change to:

The governing body of any county may establish, by ordinance or resolution, a community mental health center to provide community mental health services, which shall be governed by a board of directors.

SEC. 3. Addition of sentence under 2.

2. In counties not having a local mental health advisory board, the governing body itself shall directly appoint members to the board of directors.

Change 4. to:

4. The board of directors shall appoint a director to serve as chief executive officer of such center.

436.110 Under 2. change to:

2. To promote the improvement and, if necessary, the expansion of already existing services which help to conserve the mental health of the people of Nevada. It is the intent of NRS 436.100 to 436.3??, inclusive, and sections 2 and 3 of this act, that services to individuals shall be rendered only upon voluntary application.

436.160 Change to:

The governing body shall appoint a local director of mental health services or the board of directors of the community mental health center shall appoint a director of the community mental health center who shall be a qualified mental health professional. Applicants for such position need not be residents of the county or state and may be employed on a full- or part-time basis.

436.170 Change 1 and 2 as follows:

1. Serve as chief executive officer of the community mental health services or center accountable to the advisory board or the board of directors of the community mental health center.

2. Exercise administrative responsibility and authority over mental health services and facilities furnished, operated or supported, and over services to the mentally retarded.

436.240 Change to:

436.240 The community mental health services provided under NRS 436.100 to 436.3??, inclusive, and sections 2 and 3 of this act shall include:

1. Inpatient services.
2. Outpatient services.
3. Partial care services such as day care, night care, weekend care.
4. Emergency services available at all times.
5. Consultation, education, information, and referral services available to the general public, community agencies and professional personnel.

436.250 Under 2. make the following change:

...,for reimbursement upon determination by (the local governing body) the local advisory board or board of directors that such services shall be subject to and administered under...

436.260 Make the following change:

...in accordance with the regulations of the (administrator) division whether incurred by direct or joint operation of such...

436.270 Under 1., delete entire paragraph and substitute:

1. Subject to appropriations therefor, the state shall pay to each county 70 percent of the amount raised and budgeted by the county, the community mental health center, the local director of mental health services or the director of the community mental health center on account of expenses subject to reimbursement by the state pursuant to NRS 436.230.

436.290 Under 1. delete the present (e) entirely and substitute the present (f) as the new (e), AS:

(e) Such other expenditures as may be approved by the administrator.

Under 3. make the following change:

3. Reimbursement may not be made to any county or counties which employ a physician in the local mental health service who (is not a citizen of the United States) who has not declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States.

Sec. 24, Sec. 25, Sec. 26, and Sec. 27 Delete entirely and replace with:

The division shall administer NRS 436.100 to 436.3?? inclusive, sections ~~2~~ and 3 of this act, and shall adopt guidelines for local mental health services and centers and rules and regulations necessary thereto, but such standards, rules and regulations shall be adopted only after consultation with and approval of the division's advisory board and the director of each local mental health service or center being so administered. Such standards, rules, and regulations shall be intended to support and maximize local responsibility for and control of community mental health services and centers within the framework of general state guidelines. The division shall be subject to administrative supervision of the director of the department of health welfare and rehabilitation.

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MEMORANDUM RELATING TO S.B. 323,
SUBMITTED BY NEVADA CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATION

TO: COMMERCE COMMITTEE, NEVADA STATE ASSEMBLY

FROM: DANIEL R. WALSH

At the last hearing on S.B. 323 before the Senate Commerce Committee, the Nevada Chiropractic Association called Dr. Appa L. Anderson, D.C., of Portland, Oregon to testify concerning the impact of S.B. 323 on members of the Chiropractic profession in the State of Nevada. Dr. Anderson has been the Director of the X-ray Department and a faculty member at Western States Chiropractic College in Portland since 1953. She has been a diplomate of the American Board of Chiropractic Roentgenologists since 1960.

Dr. Anderson's testimony was designed to illustrate two serious problems that would directly affect Chiropractors in the State of Nevada by the passage of S.B. 323 in its present form. 90% of the Chiropractors practicing in Nevada rely on the use of X-ray equipment. However, under the present language of S.B. 323, Chiropractors would have little or no representation on the Board that would license X-ray technicians employed by Chiropractors and that would certify the schools that could train such technicians. No Chiropractic school could be recognized because of lack of affiliation with a hospital. Consequently, Chiropractors could not train their own technicians, no matter how well qualified to do so. As a practical matter, this could eliminate the use of qualified X-ray technicians by Chiropractors. The following amendments to S.B. 323 are submitted to correct this problem:

1. Under Section 34, an applicant for a Radiologic Technologists license must successfully complete a 24 month course at a school certified by the Board or approved by the Counsel of Medical Education of the American Medical Association. This section should be amended to add the words "or approved by the Counsel on Chiropractic Education of the American Chiropractic Association."

2. Under Section 28, a school could not be certified unless it is affiliated with one or more hospitals, which, in the opinion of the Board, adequately provides requisite clinical experience. Chiropractic schools, it is commonly known, are not affiliated with hospitals. They are affiliated with clinics, which in themselves, provide the requisite clinical experience to their students. We, therefore, submit that Paragraph 2 of Section 28 be amended to

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include the words "or clinics" after the word "hospitals".

3. Under Section 23 the Board is to consider the standards of several described professional groups in adopting those standards. None of these groups relate to Chiropractic. Section 23(2) should be amended to add paragraphs 5 and 6 as follows:

(5) The Counsel on Chiropractic Education of the American Chiropractic Association.

(6) The American College of Chiropractic Roentgenology.

4. Section 16 describes the members on the Board that would conduct the licensing of X-ray technicians and certify schools. However, little or no representation is provided through the Chiropractic profession. Section 16(2)(a) provides that 5 members would be Radiological Technologists who are certified by the American Registry of Radiological Technologists. These proposed technologists are to be certified by members of a registry whose members are sponsored by Medical Radiologists who are MDs. These technologists are generally employed by MDs and hospitals, and have no connection with Chiropractic.

Paragraph b provides for two physicians and surgeons, one of whom would be certified by the American Board of Radiology or the Osteopathic of Radiology, and shall be representative of the hospital practice of radiology. This language is deceptive in that there is no Osteopath in the State of Nevada who could qualify, since no member of this profession practices in a hospital. We therefore wind up with two MDs under this language. Paragraph c provides for a Radiation Physicist qualified in the use of physics in the practice of medicine. In other words, another MD. Only in paragraph d would a member of the Chiropractic profession be even considered.

It is therefore submitted that a specialized, qualified and representative board could consist of 5 members as follows:

1. One Radiological Technologist
2. One Physician and Surgeon
3. One Radiation Physicist
4. One Doctor of Chiropractic
5. One Osteopath or Podiatrist

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If these provisions are to be included within the scope of the bill, Section 19 would have to be amended accordingly.

5. Section 14 defining "Radiologists" does not include a qualified Chiropractor. We therefore request that the words "or American Board of Chiropractic Roentgenologists" be added to Section 14.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel R. Walsh, Esq.

League of Women Voters
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The League of Women Voters commends you for allowing time for interested parties to comment on SB 415. We feel that this bill presents very positive legislative action that will strengthen and uphold the intent of the Social Security Act.

The Social Security Act of 1935 marked a federal commitment to provide for the general welfare by, among other things, enabling the states to provide more aid to selected categories of needy persons. Social Security was designed as a program to sustain living standards when wages cease. In cases where the Social Security grant falls below a minimal figure in specific aid categories, a person is eligible to receive welfare assistance. The total of both Social Security and welfare assistance meets less than 50% of estimated need. Under these circumstances, it is indeed punitive to even suggest a cut in assistance equal to a raise in Social Security. This has been done in the past under our welfare administration.

Increases in Social Security grants should not be allowed to be negated by a decrease in assistance grants. We strongly recommend that this committee give SB 415 a "do pass".

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The Honorable Lee E. Walker, Chairman
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Dear Senator Walker:

For your Committee's consideration I would like to offer the following comments in support of A.B. 226:

1. By allowing 18 year olds and over to donate blood without parental consent, a broader source of donors, which is needed, would be made readily available.
2. This Bill would allow college students to serve as replacement donors for the fellow-students, or to contribute to worthwhile donation programs.
3. Similar legislation exists in several states, for example, California, Arizona and South Dakota.
4. Through the National Clearing House replacement donations can be made in Nevada for almost everywhere in the United States.
5. The Nevada State Medical Association is in favor of A.B. 226.

If I can be of further assistance please feel free to call upon me at any time.

Respectfully submitted,



V. A. Salvadorini, M.D., Chairman
Legislative Committee