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Assembly

HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 18, 1973

MEMBERS PRESENT: BENNETT, CRADDOCK, MCNEEL, WITTENBERG, GETTO, FRY

MEMBERS ABSENT: HICKEY

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bennett at 8:15 a.m. for the purpose of continuing the discussion of <u>AB 959</u> which started Monday, April 16th.

Dr. Chuck Dickson, Division of Mental Health & Mental Retardation, resumed his discussion of the bill. The intent of <u>AB 959</u> and suggested amendments thereto is to give more humane care to patients and protect their rights by treating them at different levels and with less restrictions. They are also trying to set a definite fee schedule which is fair by having to receive approval from the Board as well as Director of the Department.

Dr. Dickson discussed the client's rights provided by the bill - allowing him to have the same things he had at home such as personal belongings, advising him of the treatment he is to receive, paying a minimum wage for services rendered, etc.

One of the amendments proposed requires the whole section on sterilization (Section 56, page 10) to be deleted.

Dr. Dickson further explained various sections of the bill (See <u>exhibit C</u> to April 16, 1973 Minutes) and answered questions of the Committee regarding confidentiality of records; change of residency requirements, admissions, etc.

Committee action AB 959: Mr. Getto moved "Amend and Do Pass as Amended". Second by Mr. McNeel. All members present voted "aye". Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Dunne, Secretary

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