

MINUTES

Assembly

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE - NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 57th SESSION

February 6, 1973

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mello at 8:00 AM in the Ways and Means Committee Room.

Present: Mello, Dreyer, Prince, Robinson, Howard, Smith, Hafen, Capurro and Schofield.

Also Present: John Dolan, Randy Webb, Ron Sparks, and Ed Shores.

Present from Department of Health, Welfare & Rehabilitation:

Roger Trounday, Director of HWR
 George Miller, Administrator, Div. of Welfare
 Gloria Handley, Family & Children Services
 William LaBadie, Deputy, Program Services
 David T. Tomlinson, Eligibility & Payment
 Minor Kelso, Medical Services

Also Present:

Sister M. Carole Hurray, Las Vegas
 Maya Miller, Coalition for Alternatives to Welfare
 Kate Butler, League of Women Voters
 Nancy Gomes, Welfare Rights

Motion to accept the Minutes of the meeting of February 2, 1973, was made by Mr. Howard. Second by Mr. Smith. Passed unanimously.

Request was made by Maya Miller for an opportunity to speak before the Committee at a future hearing date on the Welfare Budget, in particular the portion dealing with Aid to Dependent Children.

Presentation made by John Duarte, Management Services, Department of HWR, Division of Welfare, of the following programs:

Medical Care Unit, pages 295, 296 and 297. Increases in the budget are due mainly to the introduction of HR-1 and the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment phase of Medical Care. Explanation was given of Title XIX. This is a program which is offered to all recipients of welfare and categorical grants. Provides all treatment a person may need from a medical standpoint to meet his medical needs.

New positions: Social Service Specialist: For Early Periodic Screening, develop programs, necessary paperwork, follow-up and records. The other position requested would be to provide in-service training to central and field office personnel to enable them to handle the increased case load according to projections.

Medicaid Services Examiners: In actuality these are nurses. One additional nurse for Reno and two for Las Vegas. Essential to cover planning, additions, coordination of discharges of patients into various types of facilities.

Senior Clerk Typist: Support staff.

Auditor: Auditing load increasing in Title 19 budget because every proprietary nursing home in the State is audited.

Management Analyst: To help the Specialists develop systems in regard to Early Screening and to help in the overall Title 19 program.

Contractual Services: Used mainly for outside services from medical people when case load becomes too great for staff.

Legal Court Expense: For an Attorney General. This position has been moved to the Support Staff Budget.

SAMI Costs: Cost to fiscal agent (Blue Shield). Per bill paid item. 86¢ per paid bill estimated cost for processing of bills.

Explanation of Title XIX estimates as per figures on page 298.

Aid to Dependent Children, page 299. Explanation as outlined on page 299.

Old Age Assistance, page 300. Explanation as outlined.

Aid to the Blind, page 301. Explanation as outlined.

Child Welfare, page 302. Explanation as outlined.

Homemaking Services, page 303. Explanation as outlined.

Work Incentive, page 304. Explanation as outlined. Noted by Mr. Miller to be a mediocre failure in Nevada. But as compared to other states it is a success, due mainly to cooperation between Welfare and the Employment Security Department.

Break taken at 9:05 for 10 minutes.

U.S. Indian Service, page 305. Explanation as outlined.

Federal Cuban Refugee, page 306 and 307. Explanation as outlined.

Eligibility & Payments, pages 308, 309 and 310. Explanation as outlined. Note; further explanation given by Mr. Trounaday during review of the Director's Office budget.

Social Services, pages 311, 312 and 313. Explanation as outlined.

Support Staff, pages 314, 315, 316, 317 and 318. Explanation as outlined.

In further explanation of the last three portions of the budget, existing positions have been taken and split into what their job functions were. Funding varies for each program: for eligibility and payments, is 50-50 (eligibility workers and direct chargeable support staff to these eligibility workers); social services, is 75-25 except for family planning, which is 90-10, services to families and children that are on public assistance; support staff, is 60-40; under the Office of the Director of HWR; staff and operating expenses for all welfare programs.

It was requested that the Committee be furnished a breakdown as to recipients per case worker, per program.

Food Stamp Program, page 552. Explanation as outlined. Dept. of Agriculture chart given to Committee, see attached. This is actually a pilot program in Clark County only. Although, the final decision has not been made as to whether they want the program or not.

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Regional Plumbing Boards, page 437. It was requested that the hearing of this budget be set aside until a representative can appear before the Committee. Hearing is now scheduled for February 8, 1973. Representing the Board will be Richard Lockie.

Carson City Taxes, explanation given by Senator Archie Pozzi. See page 542. Request for payment of Carson City Taxes by the State of property owned in excess of 17%.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20.