

Senate Finance Committee
Minutes of Meetings
February 16, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. Senator Lamb was in the chair.

PRESENT: Senator Floyd R. Lamb
Senator Warren L. Monroe
Senator B. Mahlon Brown
Senator James I. Gibson
Senator William J. Raggio
Senator Clifton Young

Earl Oliver, LCB Fiscal Analyst
Bob Tripp, LCB Deputy Legislative Auditor
Howard Barrett, Administrator, Budget Division
William Bible, Chief Assistant Budget
Cy Ryan, UPI

Fred Scarpello, Employees Management Relations
Board
John Crossley, Legislative Counsel Bureau
Eugene Walkama, "
Mike Medema, "
Bob Combs, Controllers Office
Don McGhie, Kafourey, Armstrong, Turner & Co.
Wilson McGowan, State Controller
George Miller, Welfare Division
D. T. Tomlinson, Welfare Division
Minor Kelso, Welfare Division

Others: Bob Gagnier, SNEA
Gary Gray, CCCTA
Richard L. Morgan, NSEA
Ed Baltis, NSEA
Robert Taylor, NSEA
Eloise Russell, CCWRO (Clark County Welfare Rights Org)
Susie Smith, CCWRO
Janis Webb, CCWRO
Erma L. O'Neal PPPT
Sylvia M. Leats, PPPT
Susan Johnson, WRO
Cookie Best Amonte, WRO
Ruby Duncan, CCWRO
Verna Johnson, EOB
Roxie Calborne, WRO

Schalla Cunningham, WRO
Hermine Franke, Coalition - Welfare
Judie Monk, Coalition to Welfare
Joe Braswell, ITCN Social Services Program
Gloria Handly, Chief Family & Children's Welfare
Betty Madison, Welfare Division
Eleanor E. Walker, NAACP
William Halvorson, Franciscan Center
Jack Anderson, Clark County Legal Services
Nancy Gomes, Welfare Coalition
Sister Carole Hurray, Franciscan Center
Maya Miller, Welfare Coalition

EMPLOYEES MANAGEMENT RELATIONS BOARD - Page 96:

Mr. Fred Scarpello said the increased number of hearings would require an increase in in-state travel. The \$10,000 for contractual services would provide legal services to the board. Senator Raggio asked why they couldn't use the Attorney General's office. Mr. Scarpello said they did use the attorney general's services but that he felt there would be a conflict of interest. He said he thought there might be times when they would have to ask Mr. List how to apply the law when it would work to the board's detriment.

CONTROLLER'S OFFICE:

Mr. McGhie said they made a study in October. He said the current budget would be depleted by March 1 and they were asking the legislature for a supplemental appropriation. (See supplemental appropriation and other material as attached.)

Mr. McGhie recommended four new positions, three accountants and one clerk. He said most of the increase requested was to continue the current operation and to get six items outlined in the supplemental appropriation attachment done. Mr. McGhie said that emphasis in the past had been on developing a computer program that would provide a wide variety of services. However, not enough thought and effort was given to gathering and developing the accounting work, and this was basically an accounting system. He said they did not have a sufficient accounting staff to go out to the agencies and gather needed material to put into the computer.

Mr. McGhie said there has been some talk that we could leave the system as it is and have it continue to be a check writing operation. However, there needs to be documentation of the programing because after awhile the knowledge will be dissipated and will be lost and

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no one will know what is in the computer or how it is programmed.

Senator Young asked if the request was approved would it get the accounting system started which was started in 1969. Mr. McGhie said, "There is a possibility they will get the accounting system." Mr. McGowan said they took on too big a task and they should have walked before running. He said the emphasis had been on computer programing and in developing this they have spent too much money to abandon it now. Now programs can be handled but the data has never been developed and they need to go out into the agencies, gather the accounting information and feed it to the computer.

They are going to try to close fiscal year 1971-72 by March 15.

MEDICAL CARE UNIT - Page 295:

This program is known as Title 19, medicaid, SAMI, etc. They are requesting two social service specialists, one to handle increased programs and develop methods of better care, and the other to handle early screening. This program processes over 1,000 children per month and this increases the screening workload. They deal with 20,000 children annually, providing hearing, vision, dental and immunization checks.

Nursing home costs have been controlled by this agency by an annual audit and in order to continue this control they now feel the need to audit twice annually. There are 11 homes.

They are asking for district office nurses, one nurse for Reno and two additional nurses for Las Vegas. Their duties would include daily visits to hospitals to review all Title 19 admissions, coordinate discharge planning and placement, involvement with each facility's utilization review committee. Each nursing home and ICF is visited weekly to evaluate patients and patient care and identify problems and provide on-going consultations for correction of deficiencies. There are home visits by nurses to evaluate patients and coordinate medical services for long-term high cost patients. They establish nursing care plans for patients receiving home health services and provide consultative services to welfare staff. This cuts costs and provides better services to recipients.

Mr. Miller feels inadequate staff cost the state over one million. He said better medical management would have

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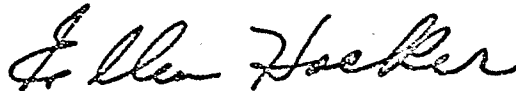
saved the state half a million with regard to kidney dialysis. A visiting nurse could have taught these people how to use the equipment and advised them when hospital treatment was necessary. With increased staff the nurses salary will pay for itself through early releases from hospitals and the recipients will receive more efficient attention on a one-to-one basis.

For fiscal year 1972-73 there was an authorization of funding of \$13,938,000 and the actual expenditures were approximately \$5,400,000. Senator Raggio presented these figures and was told that due to late billings of 60 to 90 days the thirteen million has been spent but they haven't paid all the bills yet.

The administrative costs in welfare have doubled and the welfare rolls have decreased by 7.5%. See page 298.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ellen Hocker, Secretary

APPROVED:


Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

1. DEVELOP REJECT REPORT AND CONTROL PROCEDURES
2. IMPLEMENT FUND STATUS REPORT
3. DEVELOP YEAR END PROCEDURES
4. IMPLEMENT MULTIPLE DISTRIBUTION VOUCHER
5. DEVELOP TAX DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
6. DOCUMENT SYSTEM



OFFICE OF
STATE CONTROLLER

CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89701

WILSON MCGOWAN
State Controller

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1973-74
Governor
Recommends

\$ 540,839

OVERSIGHTS IN GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:

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Controller's Requested Budget

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\$ 6,972

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