

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETINGS  
FEBRUARY 7, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 a.m. Senator Lamb was in the chair.

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

Earl Oliver, LCB Fiscal Analyst  
Bob Tripp, LCB Deputy Legislative Auditor  
John Dolan, Chief Deputy Fiscal Analyst  
Cy Ryan, UPI  
Lincoln Liston, Department of Education  
Roger Trounday, Director, Dept. of Health & Welfare  
Jay Gardner, Nevada Youth Training Center Elko  
Jay Miller, Nevada Youth Training Center Caliente  
Alex Forbes, Nevada Youth Training Center Caliente

DISTRIBUTIVE EDUCATION FUND:

Page 11 (see supportive material file #2) is the guts of the distributive plan according to Mr. Liston. The money is distributed through the development of this ratio. In the least densely populated school district, Esmeralda County, there is one teacher for every 9.3 students. In the most densely populated, Clark County, there is one teacher for every 24.9 pupils. There is a \$9,000 value per teacher allotment.

The state allots up to 75% of transportation costs for the school districts. The counties pay the remaining costs. There is not much difference operating a station wagon with five students than a bus for eighty because most of the costs are for bus drivers' salaries. The state paid 50/50, sharing transportation costs with counties up until 1971. In 1971-72 the state paid 60%, and in 1972-73 they paid 75%.

The state now calculates allotments according to daily enrollment rather than daily attendance and this varies 4.5% statewide.

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Mr. Liston said they were experiencing something unusual and that was that local wealth was increasing faster than pupil growth.

NEVADA YOUTH TRAINING CENTER - CALIENTE - Pages 337-339:

The population is currently 74 girls. Commitments to the Good Shepherd are up 100% and the commitments to the Youth Training Center in Caliente are down 45%. The average stay for girls at the Training Center is 8.6 months, while the stay at the Good Shepherd is 15.2 months. The rate of recidivism over the last four years has been 28.06% and nationwide it has been 42% for girls. In 1971-72 the recidivism rate was 31.7%. The 28.06% is the lowest or next to lowest in the nation.

It costs \$6,536 per length of stay (8.6 months) and an annual cost of \$9,228. California pays \$12,000 per year.

Both the agency in Caliente and Elko have a reserve fund to provide for expenses in the event of population increases. Both have a cottage vacant at the present time.

Mr. Miller said Caliente was a good location because there was a good deal of community involvement such as individuals offering employment or recreational facilities. He said they are no longer experiencing problems recruiting people and having them relocate to Caliente.

Mr. Miller stated they weren't experiencing violence or runaways and said most of the girls had records of being beyond parental control, runaways, or incorrigible truancy.

Mr. Miller said they follow the girls until they reach the age of twenty. He said they are having a 94% success. He said he would like to have a Ph. D. level psychologist.

Mr. Miller also asked that consideration be given to a gymnasium as most of their recreation activity is indoors during nine months of the year.

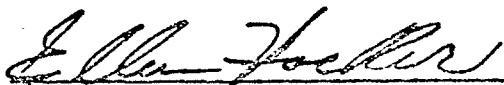
He said they were getting a much more difficult girl and courts have indicated they will be getting more severely disturbed girls than they have in the past.

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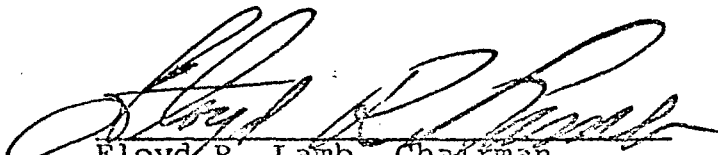
NEVADA YOUTH TRAINING CENTER - ELKO:

Mr. Gardner stated that twelve boys have attended the Elko Community College and that currently one boy is attending. He said their average tenure of residence is 7.8 months.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary

APPROVED:

  
Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman

HOME OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

July 1, 1971 to June 30, 1972

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY

Based on time spent of those girls paroled during period.

15.2 Months

RECIDIVIST RATE

Based on number of girls paroled as compared with number of girls returned or committed to the Nevada Girls Training Center.

Girls Paroled	22
Girls Returned	7
Recidivist Rate	31.8%

NEW COMMITMENTS

July 1, 1970 to June 30, 1971

Girls Committed:	
Clark County	8
Washoe County	<u>1</u>
Total	9

July 1, 1971 to June 30, 1972

Girls Committed:	
Clark County	20
Washoe County	<u>7</u>
Total	27

CALIENTE, NEVADA

MONTH END POPULATION FIGURES

	<u>1968-69</u>	<u>1969-70</u>	<u>1970-71</u>	<u>1971-72</u>	<u>1972-73</u>
JULY	48	74	100	98	74
AUGUST	44	67	85	76	61
SEPTEMBER	43	74	84	85	63
OCTOBER	46	78	80	84	61
NOVEMBER	46	82	75	84	66
DECEMBER	47	84	80	91	74
JANUARY	47	88	86	86	70
FEBRUARY	53	87	99	89	
MARCH	68	96	97	91	
APRIL	71	96	101	93	
MAY	76	96	92	98	
JUNE	75	92	86	72	
AVERAGE	55.3	84.5	88.8	87.2	67.0

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY

1969-70 - 8.5 Months  
 1970-71 - 8.6 Months  
 1971-72 - 8.9 Months

RECIDIVIST RATE

Based on number of girls paroled as compared with number of girls returned as parole violators.

1968-69

Girls Paroled 70  
 Girls Returned 16  
 Percentage 22.8%

1969-70

Girls Paroled 94  
 Girls Returned 25  
 Percentage 26.5%

1970-71

Girls Paroled 115  
 Girls Returned 36  
 Percentage 31.3%

1971-72

Girls Paroled 107  
 Girls Returned 34  
 Percentage 31.7%

Average percentage for period from July 1, 1968 through June 30, 1972:  
 28.06%