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

PRESENT: Chairman Mello, Mr. Bremner, Mrs. Brookman, Mr. Dreyer, Mr. Glover, Mr. Howard, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Weise and Mr. Wittenberg.

ALSO PRESENT: John Dolan, Bill Bible, Roger Trounday, John McSweeney, Jane Douglas, Mr. Wahrenbrock, Dr. Carr, Dr. Ravenholt and Dr. Gallagher.

Roger Trounday, Director of Human Resources, explained that there will be no change as shown in the Handout. The Environmental Protection will remain in the same department. The Budget for the Director's office shows one new position, a legal stenographer to help in the Attorney General category.

The CH Juv Community Services will be transferred to Youth Services.

The Out-of-State travel expenses are geared to major changes. This includes a trip to Washington, D.C. and several to the Regional office in San Francisco. The In-State expenses allows for visiting the program heads in Caliente and Elko. There are five persons doing this traveling.

Contractual Services provides for an evaluation to be done in any agency. It is felt that it is better to contract outside for these evaluations. This also provides for training sessions.

Office furniture appropriation allows for furniture for the one new position and also the replacing of typewriters.

The Legal and Court expenses provide for the salary package for the Attorney General. He stated that because they cannot have their own private practice, the salary must be supportive.

The One Shot was explained. They have reached a point where several agencies need a good deal of data processing. SB 156* would provide for the evaluation of the needs of Data Processing.

Mr. Trounday explained that there is a 50% increase in the budget for his salary because there are several positions in the 95% compaction category. They are unable to receive their grade salary because of this compaction.

Mr. John McSweeney explained the Aging Services provided and the different federal grants.

The \$75,000 One Shot would provide for the state to match federal dollars where the local match cannot be obtained. This money will be in reserve to match the federal funds that will be needed. Chairman Mello stated that this should not be a One-Shot because it is in the budget every session. Mr. McSweeney explained that this will be on-going. Chairman Mello stated that it should be built into the budget. Mr. Robinson asked that the basis of distribution be explained and what precisely it would be used for. Mr. McSweeney stated that he did not know specifically what it would be used for. Mr. Trounday stated that it provides a certain degree of matching and that if no new categories come along then it would not be used. Chairman Mello stated that money could not be allocated if the purpose was not explained. Mr. Dreyer asked for a copy explaining how the \$50,000 from the previous session was used. Mr. Weise stated that if the Department of Human Resources followed the federal guidelines, no one would get the money and felt that the Department was going out on the limb to provide these services

Mr. McSweeney explained the meals on wheels program and stated that two

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50 meal programs are provided on two Indian reservations. Also that the aging will travel to the meal sites. Mr. Howard explained that in Winnemucca the senior citizens have constructed their own facilities and prepared their own meals.

The Aging Services Out of State travel was explained. There were many meetings, conferences, workshops and seminars held in all parts of the United States. Mr. McSweeney stated that he would supply a copy of the Out of State travel trips and the In-State trips to the Committee.

Mr. McSweeney explained the Contractural Services. A Newsletter is printed quarterly to explain the different programs available. Mr. Dreyer stated that the new position of Information and Referral Officer would be providing this information and felt it was a duplication. Mr. McSweeney stated that the newsletter is printed quarterly and is not that lengthy and the position is in the Federal guidelines to make the people aware of the services to them.

Jane Douglas, Administrator of the Division of Child Care Services, explained that this is the smallest division of the Department of Human Resources. She stated that the budget remains the same with the exception of the Child Development Specialist. Mr. Trounday explained that SB99 would provide for the reorganization of placing this division into Youth Services agency. The Child Development Specialist would be 75% federally funded. This would provide for training for child care givers which would enable them to deliver proper services to children.

The Out of State travel expenses were explained. There are two Regional conferences that are held. Ms. Douglas acts as a liaison officer between the Regional office in San Francisco and the Department.

The Contractural Services would provide for a study which involves the culinary workers throughout the state and the possibility of industrial child care. Most of the money has not yet been spent as they are still in the feasibility study stage.

The Youth Services Agency was explained by Mr. Wahrenbrock. He stated that the Ch Juv Community Services would be transferred to this budget in an attempt to combine all activities dealing with Youth into one particular place. He stated that the Spring Mountain Youth Camp, the Home of the Good Shepard and the Outside Agency care funds, which are partially funded by the State, flow through this Agency. He stated there is a 7 person Advisory Board with representatives throughout the State. They meet quarterly and it costs \$2000 to bring the group together annually. He stated they are requesting one new position, a senior clerk typist because the inter-state compact work has become increasingly heavy.

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The Office of State Health Officer was explained by Dr. Carr and Lillian Bergevin. Ms. Bergevin explained that Title V, Part I is Maternal and Child Health Funds and Title V, Part II is the Crippled Children Services Fund. She stated that 314-D, \$36,000 applies to this budget and \$10,817 is for the anticipated overhead costs of the women, infant and children food supplement program operated through the Department of Agriculture. The Women, Infants and Children Funds might not be available. They have no way of knowing whether the funds will be available or not. They were notified on February 3, 1975 that they will not be available. If they are not, several programs would be affected: The office of the Health Officer, the Dental Health program, the Public Health Lab, the Home Health Nursing program, the Crippled Children and Community Health Services, etc. Mr. Bible stated that 314-D funds for this year's budget are \$379,700 and \$394,500 for the on-going years.

Mr. Carr explained that the position of Chief Bio-Statistician would be transferred to the budget of Vital Statistics because he also runs the Vital Statistics section.

The Malpractice Insurance would cover Health professionals which includes

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four doctors, sixteen nurses and 2 Psychologists.

The Contractural Services would allow an organization to look at the data system currently being used and make recommendations. \$2400 would be provided for a short term up-date of this service. Mr. Bible stated they are recommending operation of the existing system, while they are requesting a comprehensive data processing system. They need to provide much more health data to the public.

The increase of \$2000 for 1976-77 in Office Supply and Expenses was explained. They are required to photostat all marriages, divorces, births and death and the cost of this and the paper is very expensive.

They are requesting one new position in the Dental Health program of a senior clerk typist. She would provide receptionist duties and make appointments which is presently being done by the Dental Assistant. This would provide almost 50% in services. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has stated that they would provide their own Dentists.

Contractural Services is money paid to dentists who provide services to children.

Money received from services charged is put into the General Fund Revenues.

The Insurance in this budget is for the dental equipment and building, it does not involve any Malpractice Insurance.

The In-State travel has doubled. This provides for field clinics and portable dental equipment. The dentists in these field clinics are on the payroll and not contract.

Dr. Carr explained the Health Aid to Counties. There is a question about the level of funds available. They are trying to work out an agreement in which the State would provide \$1 per head. These state funds would provide money that the County or City cannot match. If for some reason the federal funds would disappear, they would have the funds provided by the State.

Dr. Otto Ravenholt, Clark County, stated that the County would be the provider and the State would be the backup. The cost of services are directly keyed to the population which has increased. The District Board shares the concept that the support should come on a \$1 per capita basis. As the federal dollars are being cut back, there would be some compensating dollars to keep the programs going.

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Dr. Gallagher stated that the State support is relatively stable; the County support has increased and the Federal support has declined. Dr. Gallagher explained the three Grade types (A, B, and C) for restaurants. He stated that Grade A is a comfortable and clean restaurant, Grade B is less acceptable and Grade C is even less. Dr. Ravenholt stated that Grade C is limited to ten days to bring their Grade up. Three inspections per year is the minimum and some are done on a monthly basis. Chairman Mello asked the frequency of examinations for TB. Dr. Gallagher stated that it is not done in Washoe County anymore as they have not found TB present in workers and Dr. Ravenholt stated that they now have 24 month checks rather than 12 month checks.

Dr. Ravenholt stated that the State Lab will be moving to new facilities. He stated that he was under the impression that the Lab operated in the District Health Center was well accommodated and ideally situated with the physician community located in that immediate surrounding area. He felt that the new location was too far removed to support the clinic operation and stated they would have to support new lab operations with money they do not have. Dr. Carr stated that he felt consolidating the Rehabilitation, Health and Welfare and the Special Children's facility was much better. Dr. Ravenholt stated that the relationship of the lab service to the youth was far more important than consolidating all the state agencies under one roof. He stated he felt this created a dollar and a functional relationship problem. Mr. Trounaday felt they needed to get the agencies together under one roof and have a sizeable lab to fit the needs of the people.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.