

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Senator Floyd R. Lamb was in the Chair.

PRESENT: Senator Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman
 Senator James I. Gibson, Vice-Chairman
 Senator Warren L. Monroe
 Senator B. Mahlon Brown
 Senator William J. Raggio
 Senator Clifton Young
 Senator Lee E. Walker

OTHERS: Orville Wahrenbrock, Department of Human Resources
 Wayne Bartels, Probation Subsidies
 Judge John Mendoza, Probation Subsidies
 Jim Carmody, Probation Subsidies
 Dr. Charles Dickson, Division of Mental Health
 and Mental Retardation
 Dave Edwards, Division of Mental Health and
 Mental Retardation
 Jack Middleton, Division of Mental Health and
 Mental Retardation
 Howard Barrett, Budget Office
 Cy Ryan, UPI
 Ron Sparks, Fiscal Analyst

PROBATION SUBSIDIES

Mr. Wayne Bartels said that at the end of 1974, commitments were reduced by 68 to the State schools.

Senator Lamb said that population has greatly increased at State schools and he needed more proof of success. Mr. Bartels said that from 1970 to 1975, there has been a statewide increase in crime.

Mr. Orville Wahrenbrock said that a meeting was held with the probation officers from the nine Judicial Districts where it was decided on a redistribution of funds for 1975-76, as follows:

		<u>Budgeted 1975-76</u>
Judicial District	I	\$ 24,556
Judicial District	II	96,000
Judicial District	III	15,000
Judicial District	IV	20,000
Judicial District	V	15,000
Judicial District	VI	20,000
Judicial District	VII	19,196
Judicial District	VIII	286,504
Judicial District	IX	29,744
		<u>\$508,000</u>

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PROBATION SUBSIDIES (Cont.)

Mr. Wahrenbrock said that for 1976-77, the distribution will be done by the formula derived from school enrollments.

Senator Raggio asked if there were special education programs in the Districts. Mr. Bartels said there were in District VI and in Clark County.

Senator Brown asked how much of the Department's budget goes to administration of this program. Mr. Wahrenbrock said the Governor recommended \$38,000.

Senator Gibson asked how the money was distributed. Mr. Wahrenbrock said the funds were distributed quarterly.

Senator Gibson asked if the District programs were audited. Mr. Wahrenbrock said all but two were audited.

CLARK COUNTY

Judge John Mendoza explained his handout that showed that the number of commitments has decreased:

1970-71	-	224 Commitments
1971-72	-	176
1972-73	-	172
1973-74	-	203

Judge Mendoza said that the Governor recommended an increase in cottages at Caliente and Elko, but he feels the half-way houses in community locations would be more effective. Judge Mendoza said that this would eliminate extensive stays at institutions. Judge Mendoza said that beds can be bought on a contract basis; and the Spring Mountain facility will be run by Clark County. Judge Mendoza said that decrease in 247 commitments saved \$1,647,000 in State monies.

Senator Raggio asked why the population at the Institutions is still high. Judge Mendoza said that commitments were high the first five months he took the bench, due to the backlog of cases.

Senator Walker asked about the types of juvenile prescriptions available. Jim Carmody said the juveniles can be placed in the following situations:

- 1) Alternate living along with probation subsidies.
- 2) If there is a place for them to live, they can return to their community.
- 3) Psychiatric care, or special education can be recommended.
- 4) Placed in a coping center (especially for girls on the street).

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CLARK COUNTY (Cont.)

Mr. Jim Carmody said that it only costs \$1,400 per year, per youth, to live in a foster home, as compared to the cost of \$11,000 at a State institution. Mr. Carmody said that each case is individual, but they try to recommend subsidy, and if that fails then the youth is sent to an institution.

Senator Young asked Mr. Carmody the number of youth under him at Clark County. Mr. Carmody said that there were 113.

Senator Lamb asked how many people work for Mr. Carmody. Mr. Carmody said that there were 250 totally, and three work in Probation Subsidy.

Judge Mendoza said that the courts are seeing more youths, as there were 2,835 dispositional hearings in 1974.

Senator Lamb asked about the Spring Mountain facility. Mr. Carmody said that there are 80 beds for young men that are generally narcotics, and the facility is currently running full.

Senator Raggio asked what their total budget for Clark County amounted to, excepting the subsidies. Mr. Carmody said \$3.8 million. Mr. Wahrenbrock said for Washoe County it is approximately \$750,000. Mr. Carmody said that the Institution budget is the highest, and the probation is probably only about a third.

Judge Mendoza said that the reason there will be a change in the formula for District fund distribution, is due to a new statute.

MENTAL RETARDATION

Dr. Charles Dickson said that this budget is for both the Northern and Southern Mental Retardation Centers, and their administrative costs. Dr. Dickson said that the three new positions are to provide a full-time Psychology Social Worker in both areas (currently there is one for both), and a clerk for each area.

Dr. Dickson said that the facilities' population has declined as follows:

1970	-	155
1971	-	150
1972	-	137
1973	-	136
1974	-	129 (Up until time of budget preparation)

Dr. Dickson said that the cottage programs can be considered as an asset in this reduction.

Dr. Dickson remarked that based on last months utility bill, the agency request for utilities will be \$23,498 for 1975-76, and \$27,000 for 1976-77.

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DESERT DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

Dr. Dickson explained that this is a program for Las Vegas for Clark County residents currently housed in the Sparks institute.

Senator Lamb asked why have two programs (Desert Developmental Center, and Southern Mental Retardation Center), instead of combining. Dr. Dickson said that there will be one administrator over both centers.

Senator Raggio asked what will happen to the Sparks facility when the transfer occurs. Dr. Dickson said that the building in Sparks will be torn down.

Senator Gibson asked about the transfer of staff. Dr. Dickson said that not all the staff will be transferred, and next session the Institute will be asking for additions for Sparks. Dr. Dickson said that the cost will be the same, whether the Southern center acquires new staff, or if staff is transferred, and new staff is added in Sparks at a later date.

Senator Gibson asked if the State will be expected to continue funding for extensive staffing in order that accreditation may be attained. Dr. Dickson said that the Institute does not expect the State to fund in order to reach accreditation.

Senator Raggio said that he understood that the trend is to de-stigmatize, and separate severe cases from the less severe, so why the co-centers in the Southern area. Dr. Dickson said that ideally the centers would be separated, but the least expensive venture was to build on this state owned land now available.

Senator Brown asked why the patients should be moved if there is no chance for them to rehabilitate. Dr. Dickson said that the mothers could best answer this question, but the extreme cases aren't the only areas that this Center will be dealing with, and hopefully there will be many expanded programs.

Dr. Dickson said that they propose to have 61 staff members who will serve both the new and existing facilities. Dr. Dickson said to Senator Raggio that a staff-patient ratio for accreditation can be reached in the Desert Developmental Center, but not at the Sparks Institute. Dr. Dickson said that the accreditation evaluators have criticized the living conditions of this group of severe cases at the Sparks Institute, and the cost of upgrading that building would be about \$2 million. Mr. Dave Edwards said that 55 people will be sent to the D.D. Center, and 50 will remain in Sparks. Mr. Edwards said that the importance of accreditation could be reflected monetarily as the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals has indicated that if

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their standards are not met within five years, there might be a cancellation of all Federal funds.

COMMUNITY TRAINING CENTER FUND

Dr. Dickson said that this program is directed toward persons six years old and younger, and eighteen years and above in the smaller communities.

Senator Lamb asked if this program really alleviated any problems. Dr. Dickson said that this is aimed to prevent entrance into a State Institution, and prevent returns.

Ormsby County

Mrs. Sally Landis spoke in behalf of the Ormsby Association for Retarded Citizens and asked for a higher funding than has been recommended by the Governor for the coming Biennium.

Mrs. Landis said that the Association may not even receive the last six months of their \$250.00/month appropriation.

Mr. Jack Middleton said that the money was spent in six months due to the great increase in enrollment in the program.

RESIDENT PLACEMENT

Senator Raggio asked how long the program has been in existence. Mr. Middleton said one year since last December.

Senator Raggio asked about the age-group of the people in this program. Mr. Middleton said that this is for both children and adults, and fees are collected from individuals under 21 years of age.

COMMUNITY RELEVANT PLANNING

Dr. Dickson said that this is exclusively a Federal non-matching grant, (Title I).

COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROJECT

Dr. Dickson said that this is also a Federal non-matching grant.

Senator Raggio asked what the target date for the Rand Study is projected to be. Dr. Dickson said, September, 1975.

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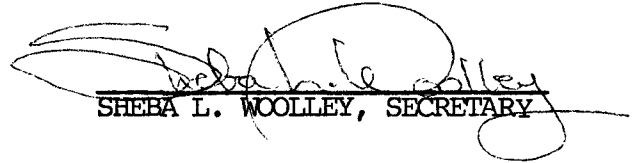
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Senator Gibson asked Mr. Barrett to look into the funding of the Senior Account Clerk for the Henderson Mental Health Center, as he understood this position would aid in third party monies, (insurance). Mr. Barrett said that he would do so.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


SHEBA L. WOOLLEY, SECRETARY

APPROVED:


FLOYD R. LAMB, CHAIRMAN