

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 7, 1975

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Senator Lamb was in the Chair.

PRESENT:

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

OTHERS:

Dr. John Carr, State Health Officer
Lillian Bergevin, Chief Management, Budget &
Personnel Section, Dept. of Health
George Miller, State Welfare Director
John Duarte, Chief of Management Services,
Welfare Department
Roger Trounday, Department of Human Resources
Ruby Duncan, Spokesman ADC from Las Vegas
Mya Miller, Spokesman ADC from Carson City
Diane Axley, Clark County Health Services
Ron Sparks, Fiscal Analyst
Howard Barrett, Budget Director
Cy Ryan, UPI

Senator Lamb introduced Ms'. Duncan, Miller and Axley,
who gave testimony on Aid to Dependent Children Program.
(See attached)*

Senator Lamb, referring to the ADC testimony, asked Mr. Miller
"if more money was put in ADC where children would have better
care would it cut down in other areas".

Mr. Miller said yes. These recipients receive a grant which is
61% of the "standard of need". However, I agree with her (Ms.
Duncan).

Senator Raggio asked if the need standard was \$329.

Mr. Miller said yes. We have not updated the need standard to
\$375'- \$380. I would agree with her (Miss Duncan) figures; we're
only paying 61% of the need.

Senator Raggio asked who established the need standard, and when
was it established?

Mr. Miller said the need standard of \$329 was established in '70.

* Not included with minutes.

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Senator Raggio asked if the request of 100% of need was taken from this standard of \$329.

Mr. Duarte said no it would be going up between \$375-\$380.

Senator Raggio asked if the agency request of 100% of need standard based on augmented need standard.

John said yes at \$379. Mr. Miller said it would be 70% of it.

Miss Axley said it will still be 61%.

Senator Lamb asked Mr. Miller if he thought the need standard is \$379.

Mr. Miller said yes, if you were going to get 100% it would come in at \$72.

Senator Brown said "the full need standard of \$380 - would you be increasing the grant."

Mr. Miller said no.

Senator Lamb asked for a handout based on the \$379.

Mr. Duarte said "it would have to be the update."

Senator Brown asked if the women's handout figures would be correct at \$375 for a family of four.

Senator Raggio asked if it went to 100% of identified need how many recipients would that add?

Mr. Duarte said about 5 to 6,000.

Senator Raggio asked what impact that would have in dollars on the Title 19 program.

Mr. Duarte said about \$37.00 per recipient.

Senator Raggio asked how many people that would be.

Mr. Duarte said we're talking about an additional \$2,500,000 impact on Title 19.

Senator Brown asked if the women had any percentage figures of mothers there were working in motels and hotels.

Miss Duncan said no.

Senator Lamb asked the women if they knew of any people going hungry today.

Ruby said "yes we do."

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HEALTH DIVISION

Dr. John Carr said for contractual services the actual is \$16,000. The agency request of \$18,500 went for a Deputy Attorney General.

Senator Gibson asked if there was a new position.

Ms. Bergevin said a new clerical position has been added.

Senator Gibson referring to the \$10,817 in the revenue section for the WIC program (food supplement) asked how the food is bought.

Ms. Bergevin said the overhead costs are on Page 274.

VITAL STATISTICS

Senator Gibson asked "what is a bio-statistician and what does he do?"

Dr. Carr said he will become the administrative head of the Vital Statistics program and be responsible for development of a health management information system.

Senator Raggio asked why the amount for in-state travel increased from \$1,000 to \$4,500.

Ms. Bergevin said he would be traveling to every county in the state.

Senator Raggio asked for the need of such an officer in Washoe & Clark Counties.

Dr. Carr said it is mostly convenience. It may take us weeks to get needed information from the county's and if we have it at our disposal it will be valuable.

DENTAL HEALTH Page 263

Dr. Carr said one new position of a senior clerk typist has been added to be placed at the clinic in Clark County, to eliminate the Dental Hygienist doing clerical work.

Senator Raggio asked the definition of the Topical Fluoride Program.

Dr. Carr said it was a placement on teeth by hygienists.

Senator Gibson remarked that there was a large increase in the rent figure.

Ms. Bergevin said this is due to the Health Division's moving into the new state-owned health building in Las Vegas.

Mr. Barrett said the total rent for the building is \$229,322. of which janitorial, maintenance, etc. is paid.

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Senator Young asked if Dr. Carr felt they were meeting the needs of the children.

Dr. Carr said yes.

Senator Walker asked the difference between children inspected and children examined.

Ms. Bergevin said that the Inspections were done by the hygienist and the examinations are done by the Dentist. Last year under Title XIX we collected \$93,000 for services.

MEDICAL LAB CERTIFICATION

Dr. Carr said we are requesting one new position that of clerk typist.

BUREAU OF HEALTH FACILITIES

Dr. Carr said the bureau is involved in licensing and certifications.

Senator Gibson asked if they were cutting back on Hill-Burton.

Dr. Carr said yes.

Senator Gibson asked Mr. Barrett if they would put a position in the Fire Marshal's Office.

Mr. Barrett said no. We have a Life - Safety Code Specialist recommended to survey and inspect health facilities for compliance with the State Life-Safety Code.

FAMILY PLANNING PROJECT

Ms. Bergevin said this program provides medical expenses for the clinics in the rural areas.

Senator Gibson asked "How does this tie in with the \$55,000 on Page 349?"

Mr. Barrett said that is social services money 90% federal and 10% state.

Senator Gibson speaking of the birth rate, asked "how do you evaluate something like this? what are your goals?"

Dr. Carr said our goal is to assist in areas where there is a high illegitimacy rate.

Senator Walker asked if devices were provided and pills distributed.

Dr. Carr said yes.

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Senator Walker said "I hear IUD's are causing cancer," what is the liability rate?"

Dr. Carr said the liability status is up in the air. We haven't had a case.

Senator Gibson asked what part of the time is the Attorney General used. (percentage wise)

Mr. Trounday said 30 to 35 percent of the time.

Senator Raggio asked how far the agency would go on counseling on abortion.

Dr. Carr stated "we do provide counseling."

Senator Raggio asked if the department furnished abortions if the individual requests it.

Dr. Carr said it depends where the individual wants to go. Some want to go to Sacramento. Some are done through advice of Planned Parenthood.

Senator Raggio asked ~~if that~~ was a state agency.

Dr. Carr said it is a service agency.

Senator Raggio asked if someone could have an abortion paid for by the state.

Dr. Carr said yes. ADC recipients can.

Senator Gibson speaking of not reporting them, asked Dr. Carr if he quit keeping statistics on abortions.

Carr said he would check on it.

Senator Young asked the number of abortions in the state.

Dr. Carr said the national average is one of four births per abortion; Clark County has one in five; Washoe has one in seven and outlying county's have one in thirteen.

Senator Gibson said the last report he heard was 30%. "Is 30% live births?"

Mr. Trounday said they have a report from the bio-statistician which would be given to the committee.

BUREAU OF LABORATORY AND RESEARCH

Dr. Carr said "we have approval for new positions. That of Lab Assistant II and Lab Assistant I."

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Senator Gibson asked "what is your new lab."

Dr. Carr said it is a one-time appropriation.

Mr. Barrett said in the Capital Improvement Budget they also have \$438,000 for a lab in Reno.

Dr. Carr explained that is a match with Hill-Burton money for a building on the Reno Campus of University of Nevada.

Senator Raggio asked Dr. Carr if he had the results of the study the committee authorized.

Dr. Carr said I have a five page report. There is a definite demand for increase in services. James L. Verdi, Phd conducted the study.

WIC FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM

Ms. Bergevin said this program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture provides food to women, infants and children. By April 1 there will be programs in Lyon, White Pine, Mineral County's and possibly one EOB in Washoe County. The total number of recipients authorized statewide are 1,208 women, 500 infants, 825 children for a total of 2,533.

Senator Raggio asked if the usual ADC recipient be eligible for this.

Miss Bergevin said yes.

Senator Raggio said, "does that mean an ADC recipient family would receive an additional \$14 above ADC money per person?"

Ms. Bergevin said the categories for this is a pregnant woman, an infant from 0 to 1 years of age and a child from one to four years of age.

Senator Brown said "this seems like alot of money for this program."

Miss Bergevin said proposals for an infant can go as high as \$25.

MATERNAL, CHILD, SCHOOL AND SPECIAL CHILDREN

Dr. Carr said we received permission for two new positions. A principal clerk stenographer in Carson City, and a child development specialist in Las Vegas. We operate two centers - one in Reno and one in Las Vegas.

Senator Gibson asked about the rent.

Dr. Carr said the rent currently is for offices in Reno and Las Vegas.

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Miss Bergevin said we were not paying rent in Las Vegas, we were housed in a school.

Senator Gibson asked where the well-baby clinics were located.

Dr. Carr said Stead at Sutro and in Carson City.

MILK INSPECTION REVOLVING FUND

Miss Bergevin said that inspection is done in California, Utah and Arizona.

Senator Lamb asked if there was a conflict with the Dairy Association.

Miss Bergevin said no.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABLED CHILD

Dr. Carr said this is a federally funded program designed to promote the maximum development of the handicapped child's potential.

BUREAU OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Dr. Carr said we recommend two new positions that of institutional nutritionist to enable the Bureau to provide food and nutrition surveys to all health and child care facilities, and that of senior clerk typist to provide the necessary clerical services for the nutrition section of the Bureau.

Senator Gibson asked if the tuberculosis program was stabilized.

Dr. Carr said we had 10 cases this year ahead of last.

HEALTH AID TO COUNTIES

Ms. Bergevin said this program is intended to provide funds for full time established county health programs. The funding is both state and federal. The State funding portion is intended to provide matching funds so that the counties can obtain more federal funds.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Dr. Carr said this program is currently funded through the federal Mountain States Regional Medical Program and General Fund monies. The goal is to develop a system for the delivery of medical services in emergent conditions that will reduce victim morbidity and mortality.

He said the recommendation has been added for two field representatives to the existing staff to be located in the rural areas of the State.

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GONORRHEA SCREENING PROJECT

Dr. Carr said this program is funded by the Public Health Services Act, and is designed to reduce the prevalence of gonorrhea in the State.

Senator Young asked "how successful is this program."

Dr. Carr said very successful.

IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM

Dr. Carr said the Immunization Program is federally funded and it will be reduced 22%. The immunization level is 45% in Clark County, 55% in Washoe County and rural areas 85 to 90%.

Senator Raggio asked if this was for the 15 rural county's.

Miss Bergevin said this would provide vaccine to the entire state. Clark and Washoe have their own project with the federal government, but we supply the vaccine.

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Dr. Carr said this has been lifted out of the Environmental Health Budget.

Miss Bergevin said the other portion of it will be called Environmental Protection which is a water pollution, air pollution and solid waste.

Senator Lamb asked "what is the job of the Public Health Engineer II?"

Miss Bergevin said "he will provide more complete and timely engineering and technical assistance in the areas of subdivisions and water supplies.

Senator Lamb asked "what is your job for meat inspections in the stores?"

Miss Bergevin said there is minimal surveillance in the retail stores. We have no responsibility in the wholesale stores.

Senator Lamb asked "do you label meats as to good, bad, etc?"

Dr. Carr said our primary concern is with cleanliness and lab with testing.

Senator Lamb said "a housewife doesn't know what kind of meat she is buying unless it is labeled."

Dr. Carr said "it's not allowed to have more than 15% fat."

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Senator Lamb asked if the meat couldn't be labeled so the consumer would know what kind of meat she was buying. "Can't this be done in conjunction with your department?"

Senator Young asked if they had anything to do with water pollution in the Washoe River.

Mr. Trounday said that is the split off of Bureau of Consumer Health Protection and Bureau of Environmental Health. It is in the budget of Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

CANCER SCREENING PROJECT

Dr. Carr said this is a federally funded project designed to increase the diagnosis of Cancer.

Senator Gibson asked if this included breast cancer.

Dr. Carr said no.

SILICOSIS PROGRAM

Miss Bergevin said a person having silicosis has a screening every six months.

Mr. Barrett said this budget does have a 10% increase.

RENAL DISEASE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dr. Carr said a feasibility study has been recommended and the budget request would refund the Advisory Committee.

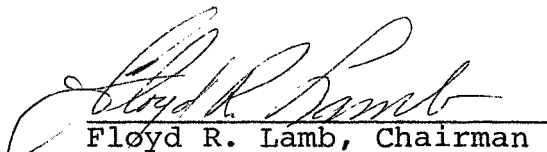
SENator Lamb asked what the committee did.

Dr. Carr said they have met regionally and statewide and they feel that Nevada does not have the resources for a program like this. This is why they want to have this independent study.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED


Betty Lou Papola, Sec.

APPROVED BY:


Floyd R. Lamb, Chairman