

MINUTES

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 60th SESSION

February 12, 1979

Chairman Mello called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Mello, Vice Chairman Bremner, Mr. Barengo, Mrs. Cavnar, Mr. Glover, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Mann, Mr. Rhoads, Mr. Vergiels, Mrs. Wagner, and Mr. Webb.

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Bible, Fiscal Analyst; Jean Ross, Budget Analyst; Myrl Nygren, Health Planning and Resources; John McSweeney, Aging Services; Dave Bash, Youth Parole; Shirley Wedow, Council on Children and Youth; Scott Wilson, Council on Children and Youth; Jim Pollard, Development Disabilities; and Dr. Ralph DiSibio, Department of Human Resources. (See attached Guest List.)

AB 219

Chairman Mello gave a brief presentation on AB 219, which makes an appropriation for restoration and refurbishment at the Governor's mansion. He explained that there is a small balance left in a 1973 appropriation for repair work at the mansion and suggested that AB 219 be amended to require that this balance be reverted on June 30, 1981. Mr. Webb moved to amend 219 to provide for the reversion, Seconded by Mr. Mann. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Mann then moved a DO PASS as amended on AB 219, seconded by Mr. Webb. Motion carried unanimously.

BDR 1600

Chairman Mello explained that this resolution provides travel for sub-committees. Motion to introduce this resolution as a Ways and Means Committee bill and DO PASS by Mr. Hickey; seconded by Mr. Vergiels. Motion carried unanimously.

BDR S-1274, BDR S-1271, and BDR S-1377

Chairman Mello referred to three BDRs which implement the budget. Motion to introduce these as Ways and Means Committee bills and refer back to Ways and Means Committee by Mr. Hickey; seconded by Mr. Mann. Motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

HEALTH PLANNING AND RESOURCES

Chairman Mello introduced Myrl Nygren, Administrator, Health Planning and Resources.

Ms. Nygren explained that this agency provides the following services: planned health care in Nevada; an annual state plan for the developmentally disabled; administration of the certificate-of-need program; continuing activity of the Hill-Burton program; and acts as a support staff to assist the Governor's office.

Mr. Vergiels noted that the Federal planning grant required a 25% State match, referred to the 1977-78 actual revenues of \$269,366 Federal and \$49,289 State and asked where the extra "match" funds came from. Ms. Nygren explained that the agency obtained some State match from sister agencies that conduct some health planning activities.

Mr. Bremner, referring to the 29-member statewide coordinating council, asked who determined the 29 members. Ms. Nygren replied that the council is a Federal requirement, based on certain proportions of members appointed from each agency and members appointed by the Governor. Mr. Bremner then asked if this council could be reduced, and Ms. Nygren stated that it could be reduced by two, at a minimum.

Mrs. Wagner asked for an explanation of the training for the council members. Ms. Nygren explained that 50% or more of the council members must be consumers, and some do not have much background in the area of health care. The training is to train these consumers to understand what is involved in health care, why certain pieces of technical equipment are needed, the treatment provided, and what kinds of facilities are needed.

Mrs. Wagner then asked Ms. Nygren what she felt the agency has done to restrain medical care costs. Ms. Nygren replied that the most important activity in restraining medical care costs is the certificate-of-need program. This program screens facility and equipment needs.

Mr. Glover asked what the Federal government's response would be if the legislature abolished this agency. Ms. Nygren stated that Public Law 936-41 provides that the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare cannot appropriate funds under three special acts--the Public Health Service Act, the Community Mental Health Services Act, and the Alcohol Abuse and Alcohol Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Act of 1970--unless there is a health planning agency.

Mrs. Cavnar asked if the agency is responsible for the professional standards review, and Ms. Nygren said that it is not.

DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES

Chairman Mello introduced Jim Pollard, Planner, Development Disabilities.

Mr. Pollard stated that this program plans services for developmentally disabled Nevadans.

Mr. Mann commented that the budget reflects protection and advocacy money, and asked that Mr. Pollard trace that \$28,000. Mr. Pollard answered that Federal law provides that each state have a planning and advocacy component. The law also stipulates that that component cannot be housed with the service-delivering agency. Mr. Mann requested that Mr. Pollard provide the Committee with a breakdown of how that money was spent.

Mr. Vergiels pointed out that the agency's council consists of 11 members, but the in-state travel request is for 15 council members. Mr. Pollard stated that the budget request was prepared prior to the reduction of the council to 11 members. He added that the travel request remained the same, however, as the fewer council members would be required to do more traveling.

Mr. Mann, referring back to the \$28,000, commented that the advocacy funds are not budgeted in the State Planning Coordinator's budget for the next biennium, and asked where the program would be placed. Dr. DiSibio responded that this decision has not yet been made.

Mr. Bremner asked Mr. Pollard for copies of Public Law 95-602 and the law which established the agency's council.

AGING SERVICES

Chairman Mello introduced John McSweeney, Administrator, Division for Aging Services, who read from a prepared text (Exhibit "A") dealing with the question of Aging Services, the funding and the requested budget.

Chairman Mello, citing from M.R.S. 232-340 concerning classified and unclassified positions, asked Mr. McSweeney if there is any Federal law or regulation that requires him to be classified. Mr. McSweeney responded that it is his belief that the Older Americans Act carries that provision.

Mr. Mann asked for an explanation of the ombudsman grant. Mr. McSweeney replied that the true title is "Advocacy Assistance." These positions are filled by contract services. Mr. McSweeney stated that one position is a Legal Services Developer and one is the Nursing Home Ombudsman. The ombudsman's role is to solve complaints that either have to do with a patient within a health care facility or complaints by friends or relatives of a patient. The Legal Services Developer's role is to promulgate the legal services available to older people.

Mr. Bremner asked if the agency has an advisory council or committee. Mr. McSweeney replied that the agency does have a mandated advisory committee consisting of 9 members. Mr. Bremner asked if the committee members travel on in-state travel funds, and Mr. McSweeney said that they do.

Chairman Mello pointed out an existing "Auditor Trainee" position and asked how the position was established. Mr. McSweeney stated that the workload had become too heavy for one person to audit all the programs of the agency statewide, and the Trainee position was requested from, and approved by the Budget office, to assist in their workload.

Chairman Mello asked for an explanation of the publications expense request. Mr. McSweeney stated that this is for publication of the State health plan, publication of public hearings on the plan, and revision of the information referral directory. Chairman Mello pointed out that no money is shown in the work program for 1978-79. Mr. McSweeney replied that there was no reprint of the information referral directory for that period.

Chairman Mello then asked about the Elderport program. Mr. McSweeney explained that the major portion of funding for this program comes from Title XX funds. Dr. DiSibio interjected that the basic concern of Elderport is the loss of Title XX funds and indicated that these monies are in the budget and will remain in the budget. Dr. DiSibio also said that funds for transportation services for citizens of the entire State will come as a bill.

Mr. Bremner asked if the "Vintage News" program had been developed. Mr. McSweeney stated that it was, but has not been in operation for the past two years. Mr. Bremner then asked what has happened to the \$6,840 appropriation for the "Vintage News", since it has not been published for two years. Mr. McSweeney said he believes that the money was split between training and the information referral directory. Further, he indicated that there was also a cookbook printed with these funds. Chairman Mello requested that a breakdown on the expenditure of these funds be supplied to the Committee.

Chairman Mello then requested of Dr. DiSibio that a letter to the Committee be prepared explaining, that for the coming biennium, the Elderport program will be continued at the same program level as now exists.

YOUTH PAROLE

Chairman Mello introduced Dave Bash, Supervisor, Youth Parole Services.

Mr. Bash stated that this agency commences with the commitment of a boy or girl to one of the youth training centers in the State, provides services for the institutionalized youths and their families.

Parole supervision is also provided after release from the training center. The primary function of this agency is to rehabilitate the youngsters, return them to their home or community whenever possible, and to normalize their lifestyle.

Chairman Mello pointed out that two positions are not recommended for funding--that of "Youth Parole Supervisor" and "Youth Parole Counselor." Mr. Bash said these two positions have been vacant for some period of time.

Mr. Barengo asked about the possibility of combining Probation and Parole agencies. Mr. Bash replied that this question has been raised, but there is no duplication of effort. The counties provide services prior to commitment and do not provide any services for youngsters after commitment. He further commented that a study has been requested concerning combining the Probation and Parole agencies.

Mr. Webb asked about the item identified as "Alternative placements." Mr. Bash explained that this is for reservations the agency would propose to make with the various treatment programs in the communities to reserve spaces so that youngsters released on parole would be provided with treatment and counseling.

Mr. Mann asked if the trend toward community placement versus institutionalization was primarily because of the cost savings. Mr. Bash replied that while cost savings is one factor; the main reason for promoting community placement is that troubled children are dealt with much better within the community.

Mr. Bremner asked for an explanation of the contractual services, since there is no dollar figure shown in the work program, yet there is a request for \$2,500 in 1979-80 and \$2,750 in 1980-81. Mr. Bash explained that the contractual services are for janitorial services in Las Vegas. For 1978-79, since there is no allocation, these services will have to be picked up in other areas.

Mr. Barengo asked about the out-of-state stipends and travel item. Mr. Bash explained that this is for conferences, conventions and training. Mr. Barengo then asked about the in-state travel, and Mr. Bash said this is for parolees, not the staff.

YOUTH PAROLEE FOSTER HOMES

Mr. Bash explained that this fund assists youth parolees in foster home placements. After questioning by Chairman Mello, he indicated that there is an error in the budget and the request should be for \$67,500 in 1979-80 and \$75,000 in 1980-81.

NEVADA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Chairman Mello introduced Shirley Wedow, Chairman, Advisory Council, who gave a brief presentation from prepared remarks (Exhibit "B") and provided budget request information, (Exhibits "C" and "D"). She in turn, introduced Scott Wilson, Vice Chairman, Advisory Council. Mr. Wilson spoke to the Committee on the benefits of the council, and his prepared text is attached as Exhibit "E." Young people who also spoke on the council were Robert Houston, Nevada Association of Student Councils (prepared text attached as Exhibit "F"); Danny Hittlet, Student Body President, Hug High School, Reno (prepared text attached as Exhibit "G"); Cindy Fowler, Douglas High School; and Buck Smith, member of the Advisory Council.

Mrs. Wagner asked Mrs. Wedow what the minimum amount of funds would be for the council to operate on. Mrs. Wedow said that the council has been managing on the \$3,000 appropriation, but that \$8-10 thousand would be more realistic.

Mr. Bremner asked about the cost of the Governor's Youth Conference booklet, and Mrs. Wedow replied that it was about \$1,500.

Chairman Mello directed the Committee's attention to the Minutes of January 29, 30, 31, and February 1, 1979. Motion to adopt the Minutes of January 29, 1979, by Mr. Mann; seconded by Mr. Vergiels. Motion carried unanimously. Motion to adopt the Minutes of January 30 and 31, 1979, and February 1, 1979, by Mr. Mann; seconded by Mr. Barengo. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

DATE: 1/10/60

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

GUEST LIST

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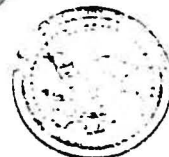
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ROBERT LIST
 GOVERNOR

MEMORANDUM

TO: DON MELLO, CHAIRMAN
 ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

FROM: JOHN B. McSWEENEY, ADMINISTRATOR
 DIVISION FOR AGING SERVICES

SUBJECT: OPENING PRESENTATION - 9:00 a.m. - February 12, 1979

The Older Americans Act of 1965 continues in force as the Older Americans Act of 1978 as amended under Public Law 95-478. The intent and purpose of the original Older Americans Act, in brief terms, was to provide assistance in the development of new and improved programs to help older persons through grants to the states to help establish services to older people in such areas as senior citizens centers, health programs, transportation, nutrition programs more commonly known as "Meals on Wheels", and a variety of programs that may be of added value in maintaining the dignity and independence of older persons nationwide.

Categorically, state agencies on aging are charged with planning, coordination, administration and evaluation as mandated by the Older Americans Act.

In briefly summarizing the difference between the Older Americans Act of 1965 and the new amendments of the Older Americans Act of 1978, the following may be noted. The new amendments of 1978 consolidated the old titles of the Older Americans Act into one Title III area of

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identity. As an example, the Older Americans Act of 1965 had a separate title for social services which was Title III, a separate title for multi-purpose centers which was Title V, and a separate title for nutrition programs which was Title VII. Under the new act, multi-purpose senior centers and nutrition programs will all be identified under one Title III of the 1978 amendments to the Older Americans Act.

Additionally, the new law redesignates Title IX, senior community services program, as new Title V.

Other major areas worth mentioning pertaining to the new amendments involve fiscal matters that directly relate to local program operation. As an example, under the old amendments, a nutrition program was allowed to use up to 20% of its funded allotment for social programs, however, the new act will not allow federal funds in the nutrition area for this particular use beginning in fiscal year 80-81.

Administratively, the new act authorizes increased expenditure for both state administrative operations as well as for expanded and new programs at the local level. However, it is a fact that although the new act shows a considerable authorized increase into federal allocation, Congress has yet to appropriate the additional monies noted in the new act.

Another major area of change concerns the sharing cost for program operation. Specifically, the act states that in FY 1981 the sharing costs for service will shift from 90% federal, 10% state and local to 85% federal, 15% state and local, with the state's responsibility for sharing the whole cost of the 5% decrease in federal funds. This amount in the second year of the biennium, based upon the present allocations

to the State of Nevada, mandates that I request approximately \$110,000 in additional funding. (Introduction of letter from Governor Dalton of Virginia and mailgram from Jack McCarthy, Regional Director, San Francisco.

I am passing out to you a copy of a letter from Governor Dalton of Virginia which addresses his concern in the area I have just mentioned. I am sure that Governor List will respond accordingly in concurrence with Governor Dalton's concerns.

In referring directly to the budget, I would like to address what I consider to be areas that are of prime concern to the Ways and Means Committee. The Governor has recommended a regular appropriation for fiscal year 1979 and 1980 of \$274,912. You will note that the figure is considerably less than the figure shown for the agency request of \$434,867. Because this agency has recommended the addition of six new positions of which the Governor shows concurrence, those monies were shown under agency request, however, the six new positions are solely based on additional Title III administrative monies allotted for state administration.

Presently the state receives the minimal allotment for state administration under Title III of \$200,000. The new act calls for a minimum of \$300,000, and under President Carter's budget submission to Congress the President has requested a supplemental appropriation of \$3.5 million in fiscal year 1979. If approved by Congress, this would allocate the additional \$100,000 for state administration.

Another \$100,000 was shown under the regular appropriation for use as local project match funds, so the Governor's recommendation of

\$274,912 did reflect the total of \$200,000 that I have just mentioned under state administration and local project match.

The Governor has recommended that local project match be held at the same level as the last biennium. Therefore, that local appropriation of \$50,000 has been added to the regular appropriation and, thus, the actual increase in the regular appropriation is \$3,541 of the present appropriation of \$221,374.

Under the present work program, \$50,000 is shown as advocacy assistance grant. That same \$50,000 is shown under the new biennium as model projects. In essence they are the same monies for the same identity, and at a later date concerning the next biennium, model projects should be shown as advocacy assistance grant. The advocacy assistance grant covers the programs of legal services developer and nursing home ombudsman.

Presently under nutrition, we have a total amount of \$1,237,500 of actual expenditure. As you will note, that amount is less than what is actually work programmed for this fiscal year. The reason for that difference is due to the fact that the Administration on Aging allowed forward funding of those monies for the nutrition program. AoA has since altered their procedure and forward funding is no longer allowable. The same procedure was used for federal Title III projects and thus the actual expenditure is \$757,350.

Monies under Title V for senior center projects, which will now come under the new Title III, are presumed to be expended at the same level as under the old Title V, senior center programs.

What is presently now Title IV-A training becomes Title IV under

the new amendments, and those funds are anticipated to be at the same level of \$30,000.

The State Aging Services again is anticipating to receive its share of senior community services employment program funds, which was formerly Title IX of the old act and now becomes Title V, of \$176,000.

Under USDA Foods program, we are anticipating a level of \$50,000 that goes toward supplementing the nutrition programs under the new Title III. As a matter of note, the State of Nevada opted to receive its share of USDA commodity foods on a 75/25 basis, that being a value of 75% in commodity foods and the balance in cash.

Most of the other categories within our budget are on-going maintenance expenditures and have basically been calculated on general cost increases due to inflation.

At this time, I would like to address any questions that you may have concerning the proposed budget for the next biennium.



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Office of the Governor

Richmond 23219

December 29, 1978

John N Dalton
Governor

The Honorable Mike O'Callaghan
State Capitol
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Mike:

I am writing each Governor to indicate my concern over a recent change in the provisions of the Older Americans Act which is set forth in the Comprehensive Older Americans Act Amendments of 1978 and cited in the Conference Report (to accompany H.R. 12255) dated September 22, 1978, passed by both Houses and now signed into law by the President as Public Law 95-478.

My administration continues to support efforts, such as many of those cited in the Older Americans Act, which assist older persons to remain active, contributing members of our society. I believe that our Office on Aging and the area agencies on aging throughout Virginia are helping to insure that our communities have the resources necessary to address local priority concerns, with many of these resources now provided through funds available under the Act. However, the new language contained in the Amendments requires, for the first time since 1965 when the Act was originally passed, state financial participation in support of community social services and nutrition services (under parts B and C of the Amendments), which is five percent of the total funds made available for such purposes. This provision is effective in fiscal year 1981 when the matching requirement for participation in the program will change from 90 percent federal share to 85 percent federal share, thereby changing the existing 10 percent non-federal share to 15 percent non-federal, with the additional five percent required from state sources.

I am opposed to the mandate of required state support of these programs, however worthy they may be. I am fearful that the initiation of such a change will cause an increase in state budget expenditures over which we can exercise little, if any, financial control short of abolishing the programs now in existence. Also, I am greatly concerned that as these provisions now stand, we will find reluctance on the part of both Executive and Legislative branches of government to develop our own programs for deserving elderly persons that rightfully are the duty and responsibility of the several states.

The Honorable Mike O'Callaghan
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It may be that there is a need to increase the resources available for the types of programs and services which are now provided through the Older Americans Act. If so, I would hope that such an increase would be at our initiative and discretion rather than one which requires states to participate without due recognition of the constraints we are all under to limit the growth of governmental expenditures.

I have contacted each member of Virginia's Congressional delegation and have detected support for an appropriate modification of P.L. 95-478. Realizing that it would take a concerted effort by a substantial majority of the states to bring about a change in a provision of such recent enactment, I would encourage you to support a proposal to amend P.L. 95-478, and to stress to your Congressional delegation the importance of this proposal to our states.

With all good wishes, I am

Very truly yours,



John N. Dalton

JND/mkr

cc: The Honorable Robert F. List
Governor-elect

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JOHN MCSWEENEY, ADMIN
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POSFO-214-073-02 DATED FEBRUARY 6, 1979
 I AM WRITING IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE
 INTENT OF SECTION 304(D)1(B) AND SECTION 309 (B)(2) OF THE COM-
 PREHENSIVE OLDER AMERICANS ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1978. THESE TWO
 SECTIONS REFER TO AN INCREASE IN THE STATE FUNDS REQUIRED TO MATCH
 THE FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED FOR TITLE III PARTS B AND C. THE
 AMENDMENTS STATE THAT FEDERAL FUNDS MAY BE USED IN FISCAL YEARS
 1979 AND 1980 TO PAY UP TO 90 PERCENT OF THE COSTS OF TITLE III
 PART B AND C NUTRITION AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN FISCAL YEAR 1981
 FEDERAL FUNDS MAY ONLY BE USED TO PAY UP TO 35 PERCENT OF THE
 COSTS OF TITLE III PARTS B AND C NUTRITION AND SOCIAL SERVICES.
 THE INCREASE IN MATCH MUST BE MET FROM STATE SOURCES. THIS PROVISION
 REQUIRES THAT, REGARDLESS OF THE LEVEL OF LOCAL MATCH, THERE
 MUST BE A 5% MATCH FROM STATE RESOURCES BEGINNING FISCAL YEAR
 1981 FOR THE TITLE III PART B AND C FEDERAL FUNDS. THE 5 PERCENT
 MATCH FROM STATE RESOURCES IS TO BE COMPUTED BY THE SAME ALGEBRAIC
 METHOD AS THE CURRENT MATCH LEVEL. YOU ARE ALSO REQUESTED INFOR-
 MATION ON THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT REGULATIONS SECTION 903.133(B)
 COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE LOCAL MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT RULE. P175-
 27 ISSUED IN APRIL 1975 STATED THE ADMINISTRATION ON AGING'S INTENT
 TO DELETE THE PROVISION FROM THE REGULATIONS. HOWEVER, WHEN THE
 REGULATIONS WERE REISSUED IN NOVEMBER, 1977 THE PROVISION (NOW
 RECORDED AS SECTION 1321.133(B) WAS STILL PRESENT. AS OF THIS TIME,
 THE CLARIFICATION THAT I CAN OFFER IS THAT IT IS THE ADMINISTRATION
 ON AGING POLICY THAT THE LOCAL MAINTENANCE EFFORT RULE IS NO LONGER

IN EFFECT. IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO
CONTACT ME OR MY STAFF.

JOHN F MCCARTHY, REGIONAL PROGRAM DIR., ADMINISTRATION ON AGING,
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Mr. Chairman; members of the Committee, my name is Shirlee Wedow. I appear before you once more as the Chairman of the Nevada Advisory Council on Children and Youth.

Each of you has received a packet containing material regarding this Council and its current need.

As Chairman, I will answer any questions pertaining to the history and background of this Council, but the main testimony today will be given by one of our youth members, Scott Wilson, who is Vice Chairman of the Council. Scott is 18 years old and a sophomore at the University of Nevada Reno. He was a student at Hug High School in Reno when he was first appointed to this Council by the Governor.

Before introducing Scott, I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Council and the children and youth in this state, to thank you for your support over the years. I want to point out to you that as your Council, we have responded with our concern, our time and our money. We assure you that if reinstated in the budget, we will respond with action. We are convinced we can make a lasting difference especially during this, the Year of the Child. I'm excited about the possibility of accomplishing great goals. Surely all of our enthusiasm and love for children will reverberate throughout the state and together we will discover that many wonderful things can happen.

NEVADA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CHILDREN & YOUTH

PROPOSED BUDGET

	<u>1979-80</u>	<u>1980-81</u>
Committee Meetings (travel & per diem)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
National Dues and participation in National Committee for State Councils on Children and Youth	2,000	2,000
N.I.C.	65	65
Postage	100	100
Telephone	300	300
Salaries	2,700	2,700
Stationery	150	150
Consultants		
<i>Conferences</i>	4000	4000
Chairman Expenses		
<i>Dues</i>	50	50
Other Travel		
TOTAL	<u>\$ 8,315</u> 12,365	<u>\$ 8,315</u> 12,365

NEVADA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

629 "J" Street
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February 8, 1979

Shirlee Wedow
Chairman

MEMORANDUM

TO:

FROM: SHIRLEE WEDOW

SUBJECT: BUDGET CONCERNS

As chairman of the Nevada Advisory Council on Children and Youth, I want to call your attention to the worth of and continued need for this Council. We believe, despite the Governor's decision to take us out of the budget this year, that there is an even greater need for this Council than ever before. Its minimal budget should be increased, not deleted.

We are appealing to each of you to take time from your busy schedule to become aware of this Council and some of its accomplishments. If zero-based budgeting is the ideal way to proceed, let me assure you this Council has, since its inception, provided an explanation for its expended budget and a rationale for the next biennium. We are pleased to do it again at the upcoming budget hearing on February 12 in Ways & Means.

We are most aware of the problems facing this Legislature relative to tax reform and loss of revenue. Nevertheless, we strongly believe that the people of the State of Nevada would not consider the funding of this Council as an unneeded, unwanted expenditure, but as an investment in the future of Nevada. It would be a shame to throw away the previous monies spent not only by the State, but by the many groups, organizations and agencies that have cooperated with us.

Please be assured that this Council's focus is not only on identifying the glaring deficiencies and hidden problems within our society as it relates to children, but we also are attempting to highlight the achievements of children. We want to glory in their accomplishments, recognize their abilities and stress all the positive things that are happening among our children and youth.

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We are excited and hope our enthusiasm can be conveyed to you about the possibilities of this, "The Year of the Child", and the upcoming "White House Conference on the Family". We are prepared, and had been assigned to take the Statewide leadership for coordinating efforts in these two programs.

In addition, we, the Council, take great pride in our last three successful annual Governor's Youth Conferences. We are providing you with a copy of the printed report of the 1978 Conference. This year's Conference is being tentatively planned for Carson City on April 5, 6 and 7. It is our hope that you can participate, or at least observe the youth in their serious deliberations. In addition, we have enclosed a brief legislative history of the Council, a list of the membership, a rationale for our advocacy position, a copy of our 1979 Legislative Recommendations, and a copy of the law mandating the Council.

We urge you to again give your support to the continued existence of this Council. We are counting on you to "Think Children" for today's children are our greatest assets to assure peace, prosperity and happiness in the world tomorrow.

Thank you.

Shirlee Wedow
Chairman

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Enclosures

NEVADA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

RATIONALE FOR BUDGET

The Advisory Council on Children and Youth hopes to continue small projects and its Youth Conference. We also feel that we need to expand some of our activities by:

1. Getting more exposure on the State level;
2. Becoming more aware of State and National programs and participating more;
3. Assuming the responsibility for the 1979 International Year of the Child;
4. Having the assignment responsibility for White House Conference on the Family that was given to us by Governor O'Callaghan reaffirmed by the next Governor and the Legislature.

Therefore, the rationale for the proposed budget, in keeping with the above needs, is as follows:

1. Committee Meetings (Travel and Per diem) - \$3,000 Per Year.

Over one-half of last year's Council budget was spent for travel and per diem. It is our hope that the Council can have 1-1/2 to 2-day meetings because we cannot finish all the business in one day. Also, we have found a need for one or more additional meetings. Then we must allow for inflationary costs.

2. National Dues to the National Committee for State Councils on Children and Youth - \$50, (To Be Increased to \$100 Per Year).

The other monies in this category would allow the Council to have representation at the National Board Meetings, the Annual Conferences. This kind of contact is essential to provide the State Council with an excellent contact at the National level -- primarily to work with and for the International Year of the Child and to prepare for the White House Conference on the Family.

3. NIC - \$65 Per Year.

Self-evident.

4. Postage - \$100 Per Year.

Even with assistance from the Department of Human Resources and other agencies, this is a minimum amount.

5. Telephone - \$300 Per Year.

The Chairman and members have been absorbing the cost of most phone calls. We would like to be able to reimburse people for such calls.

6. Salaries - \$2,700 Per Year.

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This year salaries were set at \$40 per meeting per person for three meetings -- one day each. If we are to increase the number of meetings and the number of days of each meeting, we will need this amount.

7. Stationery - \$150 Per Year.

This Council hasn't had official stationery printed since its first year of existence. It seems important that we have at least some stationery that identifies us.

8. Conferences - \$4,000 Per Year.

More money is needed for the Youth Conference in order to provide pre-conference research and information and to do follow up.

In addition, we hope to have: (1) A conference and report that is directed at involving the State of Nevada in the International Year of the Child; and (2) Two mini-conferences and a State Little White House Conference on the Family.

9. National Meetings, Travel and Per Diem - \$2,000 Per Year.

This money would provide for three trips per year to national meetings of the National Committee for State Councils on Children and Youth, and meetings in support of the 1979 Year of the Child and the White House Conference on the Family.

10. Total - Per Year.

\$12,365.00

Mr. Chairman, members of the Ways and Means Committee. We are all very aware of the circumstances that have brought us together this morning. At stake today is not only the funding of the Nevada Advisory Council on Children and Youth, but, in effect, the retention of the Council. If it can in any way be shown that the Council should be retained, then it must follow that the Council should be funded.

As one of the three youth members on the nine-member council, and as co-chairman, I have been involved with the Council for two years, and for two years I've come to know and fully support it. Now that there is a possibility that the Council will cease to exist because of lack of funding, every effort must be made to maintain it and the institution it stands for.

With previous funding the Council was only able to meet three times a year. Yet in only three meetings each year, the Council accomplished more and represented more than most opponents might lead you to believe. Many groups and organizations could not hope to achieve what we have in so little time. Some may take years to build a foundation like the one we have already established. You are asked now to allow us to continue building on what has already been laid down.

More than likely, you are aware of the annual Governor's Youth Conference, its success and the great achievement it represents. But let's briefly mention a few other areas in which the Council has been involved:

The Council co-sponsored the successful, " Have You Hugged You Kid Today? " bumper-sticker campaign and assisted in the implementation of a Community and Youth Affairs Crisis Card for Southern Nevada. The Council has current plans for a Crisis Card in Northern Nevada.

Former Governor O'Callaghan stated that he used recommendations from the Advisory Council and the Youth Conference as points of information when considering solutions to problems. We truly fulfill our purpose as Nevada's Advisory Council on Children and Youth. But the feather in our cap is definitely the Governor's Youth Conference.

Each year students from Boulder City, Battle Mountain, and Babbitt, from Sparks, Stateline, and Smith Valley come to the Conference sponsored by agencies ranging from the Truckee Meadows Boys Club to the Pahranaugut Valley P.T.S.A. But at the Conference delusions and prejudice of big schools and little schools fade as the North and South and East learn from each other, work together, and cooperate to arrive at the recommendations that enable the Governor and Legislators alike to learn the thoughts of the youth of Nevada.

A great empathy is built for and by Indians, Blacks, Whites, Handicapped, and everyone else that is lucky enough to attend. Each individual that leaves the Conference leaves with a better understanding of himself and of his peers throughout the state. Should accomplishments like these be so readily done away with?

1979 is the International Year of the Child and with the White House Conference for the Family coming soon, the Council and its concern for children and youth should definitely be retained to represent Nevada as no other council in this field can. But above all, funding must be appropriated to maintain that which has so amply shown its need to continue.

You are able and competent enough to make the right decision. Myself and hundreds of youth and adults that have benefited because of the Council know what our decision would be. Now, the decision is yours.

SCOTT WILSON

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

I am here to talk to you about the benefits of the Nevada Advisory Council on Children and Youth. In the State of Nevada, we need a youth representative council. The youth of Nevada should be encouraged to provide recommendations to Nevada's law makers on issues that affect them. The council encourages two ways for young people to express their needs: (1) through the meetings and individual members of the council; (2) through the annual Governor's Youth Conference on Children and Youth. The council is presently making an effort to have a student from each high school assigned to the council as a liaison contact. The success of the last three Governor's Youth Conferences show the need for the continuation to provide young people an opportunity to express their views and needs.

I have been fortunate enough to attend last year's conference at Tonopah and found it to be a fulfilling experience. I enjoyed the conference because it was run by the young people. It gave the young people the feeling of importance. As a delegate, I felt that finally my ideas would be heard.

So, as a youth consultant, I ask that you support this council for the youth of Nevada.

ROBERT HOUSTON

EXHIBIT "F"

Mr. Chairman, members of the Ways & Means Committee —

Today, I'd like to talk with you, instead of at you. In other words, I'm here not to debate, but to communicate. I'm here, also, to show you how far a little direction will go.

In 1971, The Governor's Advisory Council On Children And Youth was granted an opportunity, by you, to represent the youth of our state. And with this task came \$3,000 a year.

Now, in 1979, three successful Youth Conferences and eight years later, the significance of this council is again being questioned. Why? I don't know. But as a consultant to this council, I do know that the stand it is taking is a sound one. "Kids are people too" and they need to have a voice in the decisions that affect their lives. And the only way that the youth of Nevada can be guaranteed this right is by a concerted effort that is coordinated and overseen by one group: The Nevada Advisory Council On Children And Youth. They're the doers because they're the communicators.

DANNY HITTLET

EXHIBIT "G"

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