

MINUTES

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE - 60th SESSION

February 14, 1979

Chairman Mello called the meeting to order at 7:00 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: Dennis Hall, Community Training Center; Jack Middleton, Mental Retardation; Dr. Ray Holmes, Southern Nevada Mental Retardation Services; Dr. Ralph DiSibio, Department of Human Resources; Dr. Bing Oberle, Division of Mental Health Institute; Dr. William Rueff, Mental Retardation; Mrs. Susan Haase, Nevada Association of Retarded Citizens; Mrs. Sherry Gamble; George Miller, State Welfare; John Duarte, State Welfare; Garth Winckler; Verla Davis; Carolyn Ream; Jean Dunn; Dorothy Pharis, Elderport; Corrine Shumway; Alice L. Smith; Floyd Speelman; and Joe Shulman, Nevada Health Care Association.

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

FAMILY SUPPORT

Dr. Oberle stated that this program is a prevention program run by the Division of Mental Health and Mental Retardation as a result of a 3-year grant, which will expire June 30, 1979. Dr. DiSibio said that other kinds of funds are actively being sought to keep this program alive.

GENETICS

Dr. Oberle stated that this is a major prevention program of the Division and provides genetic screening and counseling for parents of disabled children.

Mr. Bremner asked about the number of people served by this program. Dr. Oberle replied that about 10 to 15 families per month could be served. Mr. Bremner asked if any fees are charged for this program, and Dr. Oberle replied that there are not.

Mrs. Wagner asked if this program is available to people who are already clients. Dr. Oberle replied that this program is available to all Nevadans. Mrs. Wagner then asked if there was a duplication of effort with the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health. Dr. Oberle stated that this program does genetic testing of blood samples to determine the possibility of genetic diseases being inherited and if siblings or parents can have a child or children with the same or similar disability.

Chairman Mello requested that a list of total expenses for 1977-1978 and 1978-1979 be prepared and distributed to the Committee.

Mr. Glover asked if clients were merely provided with information or if recommendations were also made. Dr. Oberle said that alternatives would be laid out for the client, but it is primarily informational. Dr. DiSibio interjected that a third component of genetic education is the D.D. Council.

Assembly

DESERT DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

Dr. Oberle addressed the Capital Improvement Project 79-28, which would provide a residential building for non-ambulatory, multi-handicapped persons.

Chairman Mello introduced Dr. Ray Holmes, Clinic Director, Southern Nevada Mental Retardation Services.

Dr. Holmes stated that the programs provided by the Center include a residential and interim care facility and community services.

Mrs. Wagner asked what the requirements are that must be met in order to obtain JCAH accreditation. Dr. Holmes replied that with the existing staff and changes in JCAH standards, JCAH accreditation cannot be obtained.

Mr. Middleton, Associate Administrator for Mental Retardation, said that the 26 new positions are tied totally to Title XIX reimbursements with 83% of the residential clients eligible for Title XIX. In order to continue participation in this funding process, it was necessary to request, from the Department of Administration, these 26 positions on an emergency basis. Even with the emergency positions, there will be substantial reversions of excess Title XIX collections to the General Fund. Mr. Middleton said that it is requested that these 26 positions and the 14.5 positions to the Sierra Development Center budget be continued so as to continue participation in the Title XIX program. He indicated that at some point the JCAH and Title XIX standards would probably merge.

Chairman Mello asked if the 26 positions are filled, and Dr. Holmes replied that all were filled with the exception of one or two Mental Health Technician positions. Chairman Mello then asked Dr. Holmes why he did not tell the Committee that they were filled. Dr. Holmes said he had not attempted to mislead the Committee.

Mr. Mann asked how many more people are being served with the additional 26 positions. Mr. Middleton said that no more people are being served, but the program is at capacity and providing quality care.

Chairman Mello pointed out that 41 positions were asked for and 26 were granted. He asked if the 26 positions were made permanent, would the agency attempt to get the difference between the 26 and the 41. Dr. Holmes said that the agency would not, unless the additional positions were needed to continue eligibility for receipt of Title XIX monies.

Mr. Bible asked why the budget did not have more Title XIX reimbursements. Mr. Middleton indicated that the current \$45.00 per day reimbursement would probably be changed as a result of an audit and that there would, because of this higher reimbursement rate, be reversions in the future.

Mrs. Wagner asked what the extra people were requested for. Dr. Holmes said that they care for additional programs to put the center in the position to meet accreditation standards.

Mr. Bremner asked if food was supplied on a contract basis with the Food Service Center, and Dr. Holmes replied that it was and the agency was charged for raw food and preparation costs.

SIERRA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

Dr. Oberle addressed Capital Improvement Project 79-16, which would provide an in-patient training facility for 12 retarded persons.

Chairman Mello introduced Dr. William Reuff, Nevada Regional Director of Mental Retardation.

Dr. Reuff stated that the function of the Sierra Developmental Center parallels that of the Desert Developmental Center, and serves about 78 in-patient and approximately 140 individuals in community placements. He pointed out that the 14-5 new positions were put on board in January for the same reason as the positions were put on board at the Desert Developmental Center.

Chairman Mello pointed out that during the last session, approval was given for 74.5 mental health technicians and there are now 67.5. He asked for an explanation, and Jack Middleton said that last session it was the instruction of the Department of Administration that none of these positions were to be transferred to Las Vegas with the clients and that these staff were to be reclassified to get the programs in line with what was needed. When the Center transferred out of the Mental Health Institute, only mental health technicians, nurses, and a couple of social workers were transferred. Mr. Middleton said that this was presented to both Committees and Mr. Barrett's office two years ago. Chairman Mello asked what the Committees did, and Dr. Reuff said they approved the budget.

Chairman Mello asked if a Mental Health Technician III was reclassified to an Administrative Secretary, and Mr. Middleton said that this was one of six reclassifications. Dr. Reuff outlined the additional reclassifications as a Mental Health Technician to a Psychologist; a Mental Health Technician to a Senior Research Analyst; a Mental Health Technician to Custodian; a Psychiatric Nurse to Medical Records Technician; and a Psychiatric Nurse to a Psychologist.

Chairman Mello asked about the reclassification of the Mental Health Technician to a Research Analyst. Mr. Reuff indicated that this was done for supervision of the Accounting and Maintenance functions. Mr. Alastuey pointed out that the Desert Developmental Center also has a Business Manager.

Mr. Vergiels asked how the reclassifications came about. Mr. Middleton said they are reviewed in the Budget and Personnel Divisions.

Mr. Webb asked what would happen to the Title XIX monies if the positions are not funded, and Mr. Middleton replied that the agency would lose the Title XIX funds.

Mr. Hickey asked for a copy of the letter on accreditation. He also asked if the salaries were important for receipt of Title XIX monies, or just the positions. Mr. Middleton said that bodies have to be provided, but the salary is not important, although the positions cannot be filled with lower salaries.

COMMUNITY TRAINING CENTER

Chairman Mello introduced Mr. Dennis Hall, Coordinator, Community Training Center.

Mr. Hall stated that this program is designed to aid private, non-profit organizations and provide community training for retarded persons in Nevada not served by existing programs. There are currently 14 centers in the State.

Mrs. Wagner asked if legislation is forthcoming to mandate education for handicapped children, and Mr. Hall said that it is his understanding that there is no legislation pending. Dr. DiSibio interjected that this legislation will be introduced by the State Board of Education. In the event that such legislation is not forthcoming, there would be a pre-school program initiated. Dr. DiSibio said that it seems that it is incumbent upon the Community Training Center to offer a compromise so that a particular portion of the population would not be excluded. In the event another agency would pick up this program, the money

should then revert.

Mr. Barengo asked what agencies are served by this program, and Mr. Hall listed them as outlined on Page 367 of the Executive Budget.

Chairman Mello introduced Mrs. Susan Haase, Executive Director of the Nevada Association of Retarded Citizens, who spoke in support of the Community Training Center. Mrs. Haase's comments are attached as Exhibits "A" and "F". Mrs. Haase also read prepared texts from Mr. Frank Weinrauch (Exhibit "B") and Mr. Clem Bernier (Exhibit "C"), and provided a handout (Exhibit "D") showing service needs for retarded children and adults. Mrs. Haase then introduced Mrs. Sherry Gamble, Board Member of the Elko County Association for Retarded Citizens, whose prepared comments are attached as Exhibit "E".

COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROJECT

Mr. Middleton stated that this project is grant program which provides additional service staff to the mental retardations programs. The summer camp program which has been funded by the Fleischmann Fund will not be continued by the foundation, and Mr. Middleton stated that the Governor has given approval for the agency to solicit funds to continue the summer camp program.

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM, SENIOR COMPANION, AND RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM.

Mr. Middleton addressed these three programs collectively, and stated that the older American programs receive Federal action dollars. The Foster Grandparent Program provides senior citizens to work with handicapped children, and there are currently 90 foster grandparents working with 180 children. The State provides money for 14 foster grandparents and a project coordinator.

The Senior Companion Program provides senior citizens to work with senior citizens in nursing homes and the Mental Health Institute. There are currently 16 positions.

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) provides senior citizen volunteers in private, non-profit organizations. These senior citizens only receive travel and lunch money, if requested, and occasionally receive a stipend of \$1.75 per hour.

RESIDENT PLACEMENT ACCOUNT

Mr. Middleton stated that this fund was established by the legislature for non-institutional placement or community placement of mentally retarded. Revenues are obtained through Title XX, SSI (if the client is placed), third party collections, and State appropriations of approximately \$100,000. The average payment rate now is \$345 per month per client, and Mr. Middleton projects an 8% increase for each year of the biennium.

Mr. Barengo asked Dr. Oberle for a list of all positions in the Division created in the interim but not approved the the legislation.

WELFARE ADMINISTRATION

Chairman Mello introduced George Miller, Director, State Welfare, and John Duarte, Financial Manager for State Welfare.

Chairman Mello asked why Mr. Miller asked for 118 new positions in the first year of the biennium and 35 in the second year. Mr. Miller replied that it was projected on the basis of the Welfare Administration taking over Childrens' Protection and Abuse in Clark County. That program was cut out, and the budget was presented prior to the cut. There was also a projected change in the Food Stamp Program, reflected in these budget requests.

Mr. Rhoads asked why the Welfare Department would get involved in child abuse. Mr. Miller stated that the Welfare Department is already involved by law, and the Department is attempting to get into the area of prevention. Mr. Rhoads asked for a copy of the referenced law, and Mr. Miller said he would provide it to the Committee.

Mrs. Wagner asked Mr. Miller to address the reduction of 35.5 positions recommended by the Governor based on a decreased budget level. Mr. Miller responded that the average caseload has gone down, but ADC applications have gone up 50%. Mr. Miller stated that it takes the same amount of manpower and time to deny a case as it does to approve it.

Chairman Mello asked about the legal and court expenditures. Mr. Miller replied that one deputy position had been cut.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Mr. Duarte reiterated Mr. Miller's statement that although caseload is down, applications for ADC have increased. Mr. Duarte stated that an average of 902 cases are handled each month.

Mrs. Wagner asked what the agency's status is concerning grants for ADC. Mr. Duarte stated that Nevada is currently 37th in the nation.

Mr. Glover asked the status concerning ineligibles, and Mr. Duarte replied that Nevada is number one in the nation in keeping ineligibles off of the rolls and has been for five years or better.

ASSISTANCE TO AGED AND BLIND

Mr. Bremner asked how one qualifies for assistance to the aged, and Mr. Miller explained that the Federal government processes the SSI application, while the State processes the application for medical benefits. Mr. Bremner asked if the Department makes this program known to the general public through community education or other means, and Mr. Miller said that SSI makes them aware of the program.

Mr. Joe Shulman, representing the Nevada Health Care Association, commented that the current \$333.50 Adult Group Care grant is inadequate. An 8% increase is projected each year, and past increases have been 1 or 2% under the inflation rate.

CHILD WELFARE

This program provides for assistance in subsidized adoption cases and assists mothers who are not eligible under any other existing program. Mr. Duarte stated that this is a 100% State dollar program, and also includes programs for handicapped children.

MEDICAL CARE UNIT

Mr. Duarte explained that a 15% increase is recommended for aged, blind, and disabled care.

Mr. Alastuey commented that the county contribution is scheduled to be eliminated as part of the Governors tax proposals with the entire non-Federal share being borne by the State.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

Mr. Duarte said that the budget was set without knowing the impact of recent Federal law changes in the program. Mr. Miller said that more conclusive figures would be available when the subcommittee meets.

PURCHASE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Mr. Duarte stated that this budget reflects the transfer of Title XX social services monies to the Welfare Department, other agencies, and public and private programs.

Mr. Bible commented that the program narrative indicates that the State is going to receive \$7.6 million but the budget is only expensing a little over \$6 million. He asked what plans there are for the excess funds. Mr. Duarte said that the budget does not include any private or public budgeting and includes only funds used by the State.

Chairman Mello introduced Garth R. Winckler, representing the Board of Directors, United Way of Soughern Nevada, whose prepared remarks are attached as Exhibit "G". Chairman Mello then introduced Jean Dunn, Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County, who spoke on day care services and who distributed a handout (Exhibit "H"); Carolyn Ream, who spoke on transportation for senior citizens and (Exhibit I); Dorothy Pharis, Director, Elderport Services of Washoe County, whose comments are attached as Exhibit "K."

Additionally, Corrine Shumway spoke briefly on the "Meals on Wheels" program; Alice L. Smith commented generally on senior citizens; and Floyd Speelman spoke briefly on the Elderport service.

Dr. DiSibio referred to the 100 positions originally requested by Welfare, and stated that this request was based on Clark County Court action. In order to comply, it would have been necessary for Welfare to start a program for abused and neglected children with Title CC funds. In a compromise situation, some Title XX funds have been obligated to Clark County for a similar program and that has left a smaller balance that would normally have been left for all non-state agencies -- \$1.6 million per year. A number of decisions now have to be made, one of which is how many State divisions in the Department of Human Resources need exactly how much money. The decision must be made as to how this money is distributed. Dr. DiSibio said that, hopefully, a number of these non-state programs will be funded as usual and each agency can be dealt with on a personalized basis. Dr. DiSibio pointed out that monies to take care of neglected and abused children in Clark County were not put in the budget.

CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Duarte explained that this program locates absent parents to secure child support payments. Of the collections, ADC retains 50% and the remaining 50% is divided between the Federal government and the district attorneys.

Mr. Bremner asked how well this program works, and Mr. Miller replied that it works very well, and the caseload has gone down substantially. It also saves money in other areas.

HOMEMAKING SERVICES (Exhibit J)

Mr. Duarte explained that the purpose of this program is to provide homemaking services so that individuals may remain in their homes rather than be institutionalized.

Mrs. Wagner asked how many requests there were for these services in the last biennium and Mr. Miller replied that there were 897, and the agency has been able to serve everyone that has applied.

Chairman Mello asked about the \$25,000 reserve in the work program. Mr. Miller said that it was placed in the budget by the last Legislature in the event it was needed to maintain services, but now it appears that cut-backs will have to be made.

Mrs. Wagner asked if the services cannot be provided, would the individual ultimately be institutionalized, and Mr. Miller said that this is what would happen.

Mr. Bremner asked if the Governor's recommendation is enough money to keep the program, and Mr. Miller replied that it is really not enough.

FEDERAL CUBAN REFUGEE PROGRAM

Mr. Duarte explained that this program had been 100% Federally funded and that the State phase-out of the program last year.

Mr. Mann asked if State money is involved in the program, and Mr. Duarte replied that there has been no State money involved.

INDO-CHINESE PROGRAM

Mr. Duarte explained that this program was scheduled for phase-out, but Congress has kept it in with 100% Federal funds. The State is not obligated to continue the program, but all recipients would be eligible under other State supported programs, such as ADC.

WORK INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Mr. Duarte stated that this program to assist those on ADC in becoming more eligible for employment. The recommended funding is 90% Federal and 10% State.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM

This program was not recommended by the Governor.

CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM

This program provides emergency and day care, transportation, home-making services, and some training for the 15 small counties of the State.

TITLE XX DAY CARE

Mr. Duarte explained that this program authorizes the State \$569,000 in Federal funds and at present is 100% Federally funded.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

DATE: February 14, 1974

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SUSAN HAASE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEVADA ASSOCIATION ^{FOR} RETARDED CITIZENS

CHAIRMAN MELLO AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE MYSELF AND THE THREE SPEAKERS REPRESENTING THE NEVADA ASSOCIATIONS^S FOR RETARDED CITIZENS' POSITION ON THE CTC BUDGET YOU'RE REVIEWING TODAY.

I AM SUSAN HAASE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NEVADA ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS, A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION DEDICATED TO THE WELFARE OF MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN AND ADULTS. OUR MEMBERSHIP IS STATEWIDE AND COMPOSED OF ^{PARENTS,} PROFESSIONALS, NEIGHBORS AND CONCERNED FRIENDS. I WORK FOR A VOLUNTEER BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THREE OF WHOM WISH TO SPEAK TODAY.

THE FIRST SPEAKER WILL BE FRANK WEINRAUCH FROM FALLON. IN ADDITION TO BEING A PARENT ~~OF~~ A MENTALLY RETARDED TEENAGE SON, AND MY IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT, MR. WEINRAUCH IS ALSO A BOARD MEMBER OF THE FALLON ASSOCIATION WHICH PROVIDES WORK TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT FOR ~~MORE~~ ~~THAN~~ TEN RETARDED ADULTS.

THE SECOND SPEAKER IS CLEM BERNIER, VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HACIENDA HOTEL IN LAS VEGAS. MR. BERNIER IS PRESIDENT OF OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE ARC, A TRAINING CENTER SERVING 150 MENTALLY RETARDED ADULTS IN CLARK COUNTY.

OUR THIRD SPEAKER WILL BE MRS. SHERRY GAMBLE FROM THE ELKO ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS. SHE IS A PARENT AND THE PAST-PRESIDENT OF THE ELKO ASSOCIATION WHICH OPERATES A SCHOOL FOR

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MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN, A TRAINING CENTER, AND A RESIDENTIAL FACILITY FOR ADULTS.

EACH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WOULD LIKE A FEW MINUTES OF YOUR TIME AND THEN I WILL TRY TO SUMMARIZE THEIR REMARKS.

EXHIBIT A 373

FRANK WRAUCH: Past President of the Nevada Association of Retarded Citizens, and parent of a handicapped child.

CHAIRMAN MELLO AND MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE:

FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO PUBLICLY THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN MELLO, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS, FOR THE SUPPORT YOU GAVE US TWO YEARS AGO WHEN YOU INCREASED THE COMMUNITY TRAINING CENTER BUDGET 5% OVER GOVERNOR O'CALLAGHAN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET. YOUR WISDOM AT THAT TIME WAS SUPPORTED BY THE FACT THAT EVEN WITH THE INCREASE OUR STATEWIDE PROGRAM REQUIRED A ~~REALLOCATION OF TITLE XX MONEY~~ ^{REALLOCATION OF TITLE XX MONEY} ~~SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION~~ FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES OF AN ADDITIONAL ~~\$120,000~~ ^{100,000} DURING THE LAST ~~QUARTER~~ BIENNIUM, OR WE WOULD HAVE HAD TO SHUT DOWN OUR OPERATION.

WHILE YOU ARE REVIEWING THE BUDGET FOR THE COMMUNITY TRAINING CENTERS, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO A PROBLEM WHICH DEEPLY TROUBLES ME, AS WELL AS ALL OF THE PARENTS OF MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN IN NEVADA, AND I'D LIKE TO ASK FOR YOUR GUIDANCE AND SUGGESTIONS.

IN 1978, THE DIRECTORS OF THE NON-PROFIT TRAINING CENTERS MET TO DISCUSS THEIR PROGRAMS AND NEEDS. THEY AGREED THAT PERHAPS THE MOST URGENT ISSUE NEEDING RESOLUTION WAS THE LACK OF A TOTAL DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES IN NEVADA.

THE LACK OF A TOTAL DELIVERY SYSTEM -- WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO A PARENT? IT MEANS THAT 17 YEARS AGO WHEN MY SON WAS BORN WITH DOWN'S SYNDROME, AND AGAIN LATER THIS WEEK WHEN A NEW PARENT WILL BE TOLD HIS BABY IS MENTALLY RETARDED, THAT PARENT AND I WILL HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON. I ASKED THEN, AS HE WILL ASK TOMORROW:

"WHAT CAN HIS MOTHER AND I EXPECT?" "WHO CAN HELP US?"

AND THE DOCTORS WON'T KNOW NOW, AS THEY DIDN'T KNOW 17 YEARS AGO, BECAUSE NEVADA HAS NO UNIFIED SYSTEM FOR DELIVERING THESE SERVICES.

I HAVE GIVEN YOU A TWO PAGE SHEET LISTING SERVICES NEEDED BY MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN AND ADULTS, AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE COLUMN ON THE RIGHT LISTS THOSE AGENCIES IN NEVADA WHO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES. YOU WILL SEE THE MASS OF CONFUSION AND DUPLICATION WHICH CURRENTLY EXISTS AND I HOPE YOU WILL UNDERSTAND WHY THE DOCTORS CAN'T ANSWER THAT PARENT'S SIMPLE QUESTION, AND PERHAPS YOU WILL IN SOME SMALL MEASURE UNDERSTAND THE DEFEAT AND DESPAIR THAT I SHARE WITH EVERY PARENT WHO FINDS HIMSELF OR HERSELF CONFRONTED WITH THIS PROBLEM.

THE COMMUNITY TRAINING CENTER DIRECTORS PUT CONSIDERABLE EFFORT INTO DRAWING UP A PLAN FOR A COORDINATED SYSTEM THAT WE NEED SO BADLY. THEY PREPARED A PACKAGE DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATION, AND ITS WASTE OF CURRENT TAX DOLLARS. IT WAS ALSO DESIGNED TO PROVIDE RETARDED CHILDREN WITH QUALITY HELP AND TRAINING EARLY ENOUGH THAT ALL BUT THE MOST SEVERELY IMPAIRED COULD BE EXPECTED TO ENTER THE LABOR MARKET AS YOUNG ADULTS.

WHAT THEY DID, IN SUMMARY, WAS DESIGN A TOTAL DELIVERY SYSTEM WHOSE IMPLEMENTATION WOULD HOPEFULLY ELIMINATE OR LESSEN THE NEED FOR TRAINING CENTERS IN THE FUTURE, AND THUS SAVE FUTURE DOLLARS AS WELL.

AS THE NON-PROFIT SECTOR IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET NEGOTIATIONS, THE DIVISION OF MH & MR ACTED AS OUR SPOKESMAN AND PRESENTED THIS DELIVERY SYSTEM PROPOSAL TO MR. BARRETT'S OFFICE. RECOMMENDATION OF A PORTION OF THE PROPOSAL IS REFERRED TO ON PAGE 367, BUT UNFORTUNATELY NO DOLLARS WERE ALLOCATED TO IMPLEMENT ANY OF IT.

A CONCRETE DELIVERY SYSTEM IS TOO IMPORTANT TO JUST LET IT DIE THIS WAY, AND THIS IS WHERE WE NEED YOUR GUIDANCE!

WE NEED TO KNOW WHETHER OR NOT IT IS APPROPRIATE TO BRING THIS PROBLEM TO WAYS & MEANS. IF NOT, I HOPE YOU WILL FORGIVE ME AND SUGGEST

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WHERE WE SHOULD DISCUSS IT.

SECONDLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE BE APPOINTED TO STUDY THE DELIVERY SYSTEM PROPOSAL THAT HAS BEEN PREPARED, IF NOT DURING THIS SESSION, THEN PERHAPS AFTERWARDS, DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD.

I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ATTENTION.

NAME: Clem Bernier, President of Opportunity Village in Las Vegas and
2nd Vice-President of Nevada Association for Retarded
Citizens

Chairman Meillo and Members of the Committee:

THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET NARRATIVE ON PAGE 367 RECOMMENDS THAT PRE-SCHOOLERS BE SERVED BY SPECIAL CHILDREN'S CLINIC AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS OF FISCAL YEAR 1980, AND THE BUDGET AMOUNTS RECOMMENDED ON PAGE 368 WERE PREPARED WITH ONLY THE ADULT POPULATION IN MIND. THE SNAG OCCURS WHEN YOU REALIZE THAT NEITHER SPECIAL CHILDREN'S CLINIC NOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WAS ALLOCATED STAFF OR RESOURCES IN THEIR BUDGETS TO SERVE THESE CHILDREN. AS A CONSEQUENCE, IT APPEARED THAT MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO AGE 6 WOULD BE WITHOUT SERVICES OF ANY KIND.

THE DIVISION OF MH & MR IS PROPOSING THAT PRE-SCHOOLERS COULD BE PUT BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY TRAINING CENTER BUDGET PROGRAMS WITHOUT ALTERING THE BUDGET IF SUCH PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS ARE FUNDED AT A LESSER AMOUNT THAN THE ADULT SERVICES. THE NEVADA ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS IS OPPOSED TO THIS SUGGESTION. WE AGREED THAT PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN COULD BE BEST SERVED BY SPECIAL CHILDREN'S CLINICS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, BUT AS THAT APPEARS UNLIKELY TO HAPPEN, WE FEEL THEY SHOULD RECEIVE THE BEST PROGRAM A COMMUNITY TRAINING CENTER CAN OFFER AND SHOULD RECEIVE THE SAME FUNDING AS THE ADULT PROGRAMS.

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IN ORDER TO DO THIS, AN ADDITIONAL \$13,320 WOULD BE NEEDED THE FIRST YEAR, AND \$14,760 WOULD BE NEEDED THE SECOND. IT'S A PROVEN FACT THAT THE EARLIER WE CAN HELP A CHILD, THE GREATER ARE HIS CHANCES FOR SUCCESS. WE HOPE YOU'LL AGREE WITH OUR POSITION THAT CHILDREN DESERVE THE BEST WE CAN OFFER AND SHOULD BE FUNDED AT THE \$504 PER QUARTER LEVEL RECOMMENDED FOR THE ADULTS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

EX HIBIT C

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As supplied by:
The Department of Health, Education and Welfare

EXHIBIT D

I. Services for infants and pre-schoolers

- A. Special nursery and pre-school classes
- B. Home training
- C. Home nursing
- D. Trained babysitter pool
- E. Parent group
- F. Professional parent counseling
- G. Foster care
- H. Child welfare services
- I. Medical management

Definitions:	Responsible Agencies:
A. Day care, training and remedial programming for developmentally delayed children from 0-5 yrs/age.	Special nursery and pre-school classes, Special Children's Clinic, Community Training Centers, Dept. of Education.
B. Provision of training techniques to be used by parents in the home environment.	Public health nurses and Special Children's Clinics.
C. Provision of paramedical and medical assistance in the home environment.	Public health nurses, and fee agencies.
D. Available group of babysitters qualified to care for handicapped children.	(not available)
E. Discussion groups with parents of developmentally delayed children.	Community Training Centers and Special Children's Clinics
F. Counseling geared to assist parents in coping with the needs & demands of developmentally delayed children.	Special Children's Clinics, Rural Mental Health Clinics, Reno/Las Vegas Mental Health Systems.
G. Provision of family care in other than the natural home.	Nevada State Welfare and Division of MH/MR
H. Protection, financial assistance and resource referral for developmentally delayed children and their families.	Nevada State Welfare.
I. Medical intervention and follow-through by qualified professionals.	Special Children's Clinic, Northern & Southern Developmental Centers, public health nurses.

Services for school-age children

- A. Special classes for educable and trainable children.
- B. Day care for severely or multiply handicapped children.
- C. Psychiatric care
- D. Religious education
- E. Homemaker services
- F. Scouting programs
- G. Recreation and camping
- H. Speech therapy
- I. Foster home care

A. Formal remedial classroom instruction for children between the ages of 6 and 18.	Department of Education.
B. Special provision of classes in remedial programming to accommodate the needs of this population group.	Department of Education.
C. Professional counseling under the direction of a qualified psychiatrist.	Children's Behavioral Services, and private practitioners.
D. Family preference instruction in religious doctrine.	Local family option.
E. Family assistance in the home of handicapped children.	Private fee agencies.
F. Boy or Girl Scout of America programs officially designed to accommodate the mentally retarded.	Offered in some local communities.
G. Programs especially designed around the limitations of the mentally retarded.	Local community option.
H. Professional evaluation and treatment of identified speech problems.	Department of Education.
I. Family care in other than the natural home.	Nevada State Welfare.

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III. Services for adolescents

- ___ A. Counseling at puberty
- ___ B. Pre-vocational programs
- ___ C. Vocational evaluation and training
- ___ D. Sheltered workshops
- ___ E. Activity centers
- ___ F. Youth groups, recreation and social clubs
- ___ G. Pre-marital and genetic counseling

A. Professional counseling geared towards unique needs of the pubescent mentally retarded.	Rural Mental Health Clinics, Reno/Las Vegas M.H. Centers, private practitioners
B. Programs designed to assist the individually obtained basic skills necessary for vocational endeavors.	Department of Education.
C. Specially designed programs for the mentally retarded to determine their vocational potential and to provide them with appropriate job skills and job training.	Department of Education. and Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation
D. Work environments designed to meet the vocational needs of those mentally retarded individuals unable to function in the competitive job market.	Department of Education and contract with Community Training Centers.
E. Day care centers designed to meet the needs of those mentally retarded individuals unable to function in a sheltered workshop environment.	Department of Education and contract with Community Training Centers.
F. Specially designed programs to meet the needs of mentally retarded adolescents.	Local option in some communities.
G. Professional services geared to meet the needs and limitations of the mentally retarded.	Planned parenthood agencies, Special Children's Clinic, local practitioners.
A. Professional services designed to assist the mentally retarded achieve their optimal level of vocational functioning.	Vocational Rehabilitation and contract w/ Community Training Centers.
B. Specially designed programs for the mentally retarded to assist them in acquiring the appropriate social and communication skills necessary to function in the mainstream of society.	Community Training Centers.
C. Vocational environments designed to meet the needs of mentally retarded unable to function in competitive employment.	Community Training Centers, and Goodwill Industries in Las Vegas.
D. Specially designed programs to meet the needs and limitations of the adult mentally retarded.	Community Training Centers.
E. Professional services geared toward the unique needs of the mentally retarded in order to protect their individual and personal rights.	Nevada Center for Law and the Mentally Retarded, Legal Aid, Developmental Disabilities Protection & Advocacy Office.
F. Qualified personal assistance designed to assist the mentally retarded adult to function in society.	(System currently being designed.)
G. Qualified assistance to help the retarded to function on a day-to-day basis; areas to include meals and homemaking.	Northern & Southern Regional Developmental Services, private fee agencies.
H. Supervised or semi-independent housing for mentally retarded adults.	Northern & Southern Regional Developmental Services, some Community Training Centers

IV. Services for the adults

- ___ A. Vocational evaluation, training and placement
- ___ B. Training in social habilitation
- ___ C. Sheltered employment
- ___ D. Recreation and social activities
- ___ E. Legal counsel
- ___ F. Guardianship
- ___ G. Supportive services
- ___ H. Community living facilities

EXHIBIT

SHERRY GAMBLE: PARENT AND BOARD MEMBER OF THE ELKO COUNTY ASSOCIATION
FOR RETARDED CITIZENS AND THE NEVADA ASSOCIATION
FOR RETARDED CITIZENS

CHAIRMAN MELLO AND MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY WAYS AND MEANS:

I WOULD LIKE TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE LINE ITEM ENTITLED PROGRAM
ADMINISTRATION ON PAGE 368. ALTHOUGH ELKO HAS A PROUD HISTORY OF
OPPOSING ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, I'M ASKING THAT YOU FUND THIS ITEM AT A
HIGHER LEVEL THAN THE GOVERNOR IS RECOMMENDING. WHEN YOU HEAR MY REASONS,
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHY.

AN ADDITIONAL \$21,240 THE FIRST YEAR AND AN ADDITIONAL \$23,754 THE SECOND
YEAR IN THIS CATEGORY WOULD ENABLE THE COMMUNITY TRAINING CENTER COORDINATOR
TO ESTABLISH A FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF SPECIAL SERVICES. THIS WOULD BE
EXTREMELY HELPFUL TO THE SMALL, RURAL CENTERS LIKE OURS IN ELKO. IT WOULD
ENABLE US TO BE ABLE TO PAY A SPEECH THERAPIST, FOR EXAMPLE, TO COME TO
OUR CENTER AND TRAIN OUR TEACHERS HOW TO CARRY OUT A PROGRAM FOR OUR CLIENTS
WITH SPEECH PROBLEMS.

THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS I'VE MENTIONED WOULD ALLOW FOR THE CONTRACT PURCHASE OF
SPECIAL SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED ONE HOUR PER CLIENT PER MONTH AND NOT TO
EXCEED 20 HOURS PER CENTER PER MONTH AT \$10 PER HOUR. YOU CAN SEE THAT IT'S
A MODEST REQUEST AND NOT ENOUGH TO PAY A PROFESSIONAL FOR WORKING WITH A
CHILD ON A WEEKLY BASIS. HOWEVER, IT WOULD AT LEAST BRING THE PROFESSIONAL
INTO THE CENTER TO TRAIN OUR STAFF WHO COULD THEN WORK REGULARLY WITH THE
CLIENT. WE REALLY NEED THIS ASSISTANCE.

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SHERRY GAMBLE

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WE ARE KNOWN FOR OUR CONSERVATIVE WAYS IN ELKO, AND I FEEL THIS IS A CONSERVATIVE REQUEST. IN THE PAST, WE'VE HAD TO SEND AN INSTRUCTOR AND CLIENT TO RENO FOR TESTING AND PROGRAM DESIGN. IT WAS COSTLY AND INEFFICIENT. OUR PROGRAM WAS WITHOUT A STAFF PERSON, THE CLIENT WAS AWAY FROM HOME AND FAMILY, AND THERE WAS GENERAL DISRUPTION EVERYWHERE.

PLEASE GIVE THIS ITEM YOUR SERIOUS ATTENTION. IT WOULD ENABLE US TO UPGRADE OUR EMPLOYEES' COMPETENCE, PROVIDE BETTER TRAINING TO THE CHILDREN AND ADULTS WE SERVE, IT WOULD ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR DISRUPTION OF PROGRAMS AND LIVES, AND SAVE THE STATE MONEY AT THE SAME TIME.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

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SUMMARY:

CHAIRMAN MELLO AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

MR. WEINRAUCH HAS ASKED FOR YOUR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING HOW WE SHOULD NOW PROCEED WITH OUR PLAN FOR A SERVICE-DELIVERY SYSTEM. AS HE EMPHASIZED, THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH A SYSTEM IS A CRITICAL ISSUE TO PARENTS.

MR. BERNIER HAS REQUESTED THAT YOU CONSIDER ADDING \$13,320 AND \$ 14,760 TO ENABLE THE TRAINING CENTERS TO CONTINUE THEIR PROGRAMS FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT BEING HELPED BY ANYONE ELSE. ONLY IF THESE DOLLARS ARE ADDED CAN WE FUND CHILDREN'S SERVICES AT THE SAME LEVEL AS THOSE FOR THE ADULTS, AND WE FEEL THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.

MRS. GAMBLE HAS ASKED YOU TO INCREASE THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION ITEM BY \$21, 240 AND \$23, 754. THIS WOULD GIVE EVERY TRAINING CENTER THE ABILITY TO PURCHASE MODEST ANCILLARY SERVICES TO INCREASE THE QUALITY OF THEIR PROGRAM AND THEIR ABILITY TO MEET THEIR CLIENTS' NEEDS.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT WE ARE REQUESTING AT THIS TIME IS \$1,131,264 (FY 80) AND \$1,294,220 (FY 81). THIS REPRESENTS A DIFFERENCE OF \$34,560 AND \$38,514 OR A TOTAL OF ~~\$~~73,074 FOR THE BIENNIUM OVER THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

IN SUMMARY, I'D LIKE TO ADD THAT THE \$504/CLIENT/QUARTER FIGURE PROPOSED FOR FY80 IS ONLY AN 8% INCREASE OVER THE \$467 THE CENTERS ARE NOW RECEIVING. THE ARC HAS NOT ASKED YOU TO INCREASE THIS AMOUNT BUT THEY HAVE ASKED ME TO EMPHASIZE TO YOU FOR THEM THAT THEY CAN ONLY CONTINUE PROVIDING SERVICES AT THIS LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD.

~~TO GIVE YOU SOME SPECIFICS, IN 1977 IT COST OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE ALMOST \$726,000 MORE THAN THE STATE PAID TO TRAIN, EMPLOY AND PLACE THE 113 CLIENTS THEY SERVED THAT YEAR.~~

THESE NON-PROFIT CENTERS ARE DOING A TERRIFIC JOB FOR THE STATE. IN 1978, THEY TRAINED AND PLACED 48 MENTALLY RETARDED PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY JOBS. THAT TRANSLATES TO 48 PEOPLE NO LONGER COLLECTING ABOUT \$100/MONTH IN SSI BENEFITS, OR ANYWHERE FROM ¹2-400/MONTH IN WELFARE PAYMENTS, BUT EARNING MONEY AND PAYING TAXES, INSTEAD. OF COURSE, THE ABILITY TO LIVE AND PRODUCE WITH DIGNITY IS A PRICELESS ITEM.

THIS IMPRESSIVE EFFORT WAS ALSO NOTED BY ASSEMBLYMAN (NOW SENATOR) KOSINSKI'S SUBCOMMITTEE. ^{In Rec. #16,} THEY RECOMMENDED THAT THE LEGISLATURE SHOULD CONSIDER A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR THE NON-PROFIT CENTERS BECAUSE OF THE QUALITY OF THEIR EFFORT AND THE FACT THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DUPLICATE BY ANY OTHER GROUP.

IF SPITE OF THIS COMMENDATION AND OUR SUCCESS IN PLACING OUR TRAINEES, HOWEVER, WE SEE ONLY A COST OF LIVING INCREASE SUGGESTED AND A REDUCTION IN THE STATE DOLLARS APPROPRIATED TO SUPPLEMENT THE PROGRAM. THE SIZEABLE INCREASE IN TITLE XX PARTICIPATION HAS LED THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO CAUTION THE CENTERS THAT THE PRIVATE CONTRACTS THEY HAD IN THE PAST MAY NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE. IF THIS IS TRUE, OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE IN LAS VEGAS, FOR EXAMPLE, WILL ACTUALLY HAVE FEWER DOLLARS WITH WHICH TO OPERATE IN FY80 THAN THEY HAVE NOW.

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CENTER THAN THEY RECEIVED FROM THE STATE. IN 1978, THAT DIFFERENTIAL INCREASED. YOU CAN SEE THAT THIS SITUATION CANNOT CONTINUE. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS AT THE \$504 LEVEL WITH YOUR UNDERSTANDING THAT A MORE EQUITABLE FUNDING SYSTEM MUST BE DEVELOPED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THANK YOU!



United Way
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COMMUNITY PLANNING

T E S T I M O N Y

DATE: February 14, 1979

PRESENTED TO: Nevada State Assembly,
Ways and Means Committee

SUBJECT: Purchase of Services Budget, Welfare Division,
Executive Budget, Pages 404 and 405.

PRESENTOR: Garth R. Winckler, Associate Executive Director
Representing the Board of Directors,
United Way of Southern Nevada

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

The United Way of Southern Nevada is asking the State Legislature to restore Title XX funding for purchase of Social Services from the local governmental and non-profit sectors. The budget now before you recommends that no direct funding contracts be written with private non-profit and local governmental providers. While, we recognize that the Welfare Division would be free to utilize uncommitted Title XX funds to purchase services, we feel that this budget instructs that federal social service funds be used for state agencies first irrespective of what service needs may exist in Nevada.

We commend the State of Nevada and particularly the Welfare Division for developing expanded social services programs over the past few years. When Congress initiated Title XX in 1975, they mandated states to develop formal social service plans to meet service needs. Services were not restricted to "welfare recipients" and the intent was that state governmental, local governmental, and private non-profit agencies should all be used to provide a balanced program aimed at meeting a cross section of social service needs.

While Nevada's initial efforts with Title XX have followed Congressional intent, the current plan as set forth in this budget does not. By cutting out the private non-profit and local governmental sectors, Title XX now becomes a "state-agency" program wherein the state bureaucracy grows and direct services to people suffer. Services totaling in excess of \$1.5 million dollars scheduled to be terminated include: services to the mentally retarded; transportation for senior citizens; home delivered meals and homemaking services for homebound individuals; and many others. The loss of these services would be devastating to

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thousands of individuals in both Northern and Southern Nevada.

The United Way of Southern Nevada is in the unique position of being both a provider and funder of services under Title XX. Approximately \$70,000 of the \$1.7 million raised by our organization in 1978 to support social services was donated to the State of Nevada as seed money to attract an additional \$210,000 of Title XX funds for contracting with non-profit organizations. We are very pleased at this relationship and would like to see our participation continue and grow. Unfortunately, neither the agency request or the governor's recommendations will provide us with that opportunity.

What makes this situation worse, is that most services scheduled to be terminated are currently being provided at no cost to the State of Nevada. Our estimates are that third-party, county, and provider match monies account for more than \$1 million of social services annually. The only state costs for these services are for program administration. (The United Way is operating under a administrative support services contract which helps reduce state administrative costs.)

We feel that contracting for services to qualified local providers is a much more fiscally sound process than state agency growth because:

- As exemplified above, many social services can be provided without any state appropriations.
- Non-profit agencies (which are supported by volunteers, pay lower salaries, and have lower overhead costs) generally provide services at a lower cost rate. For example Henderson Mental Health charges Title XX \$45 per hour of service while Family Counseling Services, Inc. charges Title XX \$30 per hour. (Please note that the governor has recommended 5 increased social work positions for Henderson Mental Health while Family Counseling would be eliminated.)
- Some services scheduled for cutback cannot be provided directly by state agencies - Senior Transportation, Home Delivered Meals, Sheltered Employment, Day Care, and Family Planning Service to name some. Whenever sub-contracts are used to provide these services an added layer of bureaucracy and management costs is created.
- The action of allocating all Title XX funds outside of the planning process prescribed in the regulations could create class action suits in behalf of affected population groups which could severely affect all Title XX funding.
- Should the Title XX funding level ever be cut back, it is far easier and cheaper to terminate a contract for services than it is to terminate public employees. One only needs to look at the current CETA program to understand what happens when agencies become too dependent on federal funding.

The legislature is faced with an opportunity to chart the future course for social service programs. We urge you to restore the funding being cut from the non-profit and local governmental sectors and to clearly set aside funds to be used for direct contracts with qualified service providers. In so far as Title XX funds remain available, we urge you to instruct the Welfare Division to develop contracts with non-profit and local governmental units where the need is clear and the provider is capable.

GRW:jm

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February 13, 1979

Mr. Don Mello, Chairman, and Members
Ways and Means Committee
Nevada State Assembly
Carson City, Nevada

It is our understanding the Department of Human Resources budget request shows a "0" recommendation for continued Title XX support of several critical social services. These services are designed to enable Nevadans achieve and maintain self-sufficiency and reduce their dependency.

It is also our understanding that Agency's recommendation provides for the expenditure of approximately \$6,000,000 in Title XX federal funds; however, \$7,000,00 has previously been utilized and continues to be the amount available to Nevada from the federally funded Title XX.

At a time when the Nevada Legislature is thinking in terms of curtailing funding of "new" social services, it would seem unreasonable to not continue accepting the full allocation from the federal government. This particularly in view of the fact, matching funds primarily come from the private-agency sector and cost to the State of Nevada is minimal.

Our present priority concerns relate to Senior Transportation and Day Care, two services identified in Clark County as critical needs without which a number of low income would conceivably have to apply for "welfare assistance". For several years private non-profit agencies in Washoe and Clark Counties have developed successful delivery systems of these services, benefiting hundreds of people in each area. In both counties the non-profit agency has been able to provide the required match prior to receiving a contract from the state.



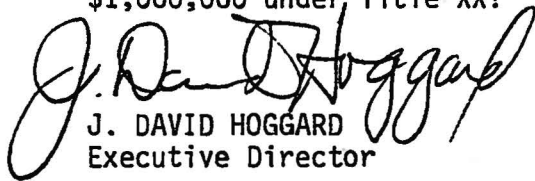
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Can we rest on your assurance you will direct the legislative action necessary for support of these ongoing services with the remaining \$1,000,000 under Title XX?



J. DAVID HOGGARD
Executive Director

JDH:ch

Transportation services for Senior Citizens were started in Clark County in July, 1975. Funds were available from the Department of Transportation to purchase vehicles, with the understanding that operational funds must come from other sources--both local and federal.

An Older American Act grant and CETA-funded positions were the first source of federal funds to pay for operation of the system, along with in-kind support from the Clark County Commission. These first resources made it possible to provide approximately 3000 rides per month.

By July, 1976, Title XX funding and several local reimbursement contracts provided additional support, and by six months later the number of rides were doubled to a 6000 monthly total.

The need was great--as you probably know--transportation is identified consistently as the No. 1 problem of senior citizens, and particularly those who are non-ambulatory--in a wheelchair, or a walker, and need special help to get to the Doctor's office or other critical service.

Use of Title XX funds continued to increase and became the support for requesting additional vehicles from the federal government. The program now has 26 vehicles and funding support for operations at a level of \$345,000. This serves now 10,000 rides a month going to 2000 individuals. The need is still much greater, and we're continuing to seek other sources. The plea to the State Legislature is not for any additional support--it is rather that you insure that the Title XX support now earmarked for Senior Transportation statewide continue to be used for that purpose and that you do not allow it to be transferred for use in another area.

T I T L E X X . N S W

The allocation of Title XX funds in the proposed NSW budget, indicates only those allocations made to programs which are conducted directly by the Nevada State Welfare Division.

There is no indication of what Title XX funds will be available for essential services provided through purchase of service agreements with local government entities and non-profit organizations. The legislators considering the proposed budget should be aware of what impact a change in purchase of service agreements will have upon the citizens of the State as a whole and upon the constituents in the areas they represent.

As an example, the Homemaker Home Health Aide Service in Clark County currently has a Purchase of Service Agreement for FY 78/79 for some \$152,325 in Title XX funds. In order to compensate for growing inflationary costs and to meet the needs of the senior population in the county, it was planned to ask for \$180,000 for FY 1979/80. It is the goal of this program to provide in the home services and personal care to prevent institutionalization and avoid increased burdens on the taxpayers. At the present time the program has a waiting list for services which is longer than the list of clients being served.

It was planned to serve 300-375 clients with the funds requested for FY 79/80. Loss of Title XX funding will leave the burden of caring for these clients on the State Welfare Homemaker Program or on the taxpayer, in many cases, for institutionalization.

JH/VMD:cc

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NAME: Dorthy Pharis, Director
Elderport Services of Washoe County

DATE: February 14, 1979

COMMITTEE: Ways & Means

Mr. Chairman, and Members of this Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to discuss the impact which the State Welfare Division's budget will have on Elderport Services, the senior transportation program for senior citizens in Washoe County.

First off, Title XX federal funds are administered by the Welfare Division. We currently are reimbursed by the Welfare Division at the rate of \$3.25 per eligible senior citizen per day after we provide the senior with transportation. The State Division for Aging Services transfers State matching funds to the Welfare Division to provide for this federal funding.

We understand that it may now be necessary for the State Welfare Division to divert these federal Title XX funds from Elderport into a training center in Clark County for social workers who will deal with child abuse and neglect problems.

Elimination of Elderport's Title XX funding would not only leave the senior citizens out in the cold, but would place our State Division for Aging Services in a hopeless situation. Federal regulation limits Title III funding to just three years, and Aging Services has already received special extensions for Elderport funding for the past two years. The State Aging Services Division helped begin Elderport, and because the transportation service for seniors is so essential it just naturally receives high priority for funding from whatever sources Aging Services can help develop. In the past this of course included Title III - but the federal government most certainly won't allow any further extensions of Title III for Elderport. What is Aging Services and Elderport to do?

There seems to us to be only one solution: Do not take Title XX funds from senior citizens in Washoe County and appropriate them to Clark County for youth services. We must continue Elderport, an essential senior transportation program. Discontinuance of Title XX funding for Elderport will end transportation services for more than 4,500 senior citizens and handicapped people, cutting them off from community resources available to all other members of this society. I implore you to assure the continuation of Elderport for senior citizens - it is the only right and fair thing to do.

Thank you.

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