

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
AUDIT & HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET REFORM COMMITTEE

February 04, 2003 Hearing Room 50
3:00 PM Tapes 16 - 17

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Ben Westlund, Chair
 Rep. Steve March, Vice-Chair
 Rep. Susan Morgan, Vice Chair
 Rep. Alan Bates
 Rep. Jeff Kruse
 Rep. Jeff Merkley

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Randy Miller

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Berkobien, Committee Administrator
 Kelly Fuller, Committee Assistant

ISSUES HEARD: Informational Meeting - Invited Testimony
 Jean Thorne, Director of Department of Human Services
 “Department of Human Services and Relationship of Services to the Oregon
 Health Plan”

These minutes are in compliance with Senate and House Rules. Only text enclosed in quotation marks reports a speaker's exact words. For complete contents, please refer to the tapes.

APE/#	Speaker	Comments
APE 16, A		
01	Chair Westlund	Calls the meeting to order 3:12pm introduces Jean Thorne of the Department of Human Services and asks the committee administrator to go over items presented at the Dais and opens the informational meeting.
<u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
10	Rick Berkobien	Gives a presentation of material at the dais.
25	Jean Thorne	Department of Human Services, gives an overview of who she is and what she will cover today. (EXHIBITS A, B, C, D)
52	Rep. Kruse	Asks if most of these other Federal grants capped.
58	Thorne	Responds about the cap on Federal grants.
70	Berkobien	Asks if she could please describe maintenance of effort.
75	Thorne	Gives description of maintenance of effort.
02	Rep. Bates	Asks questions on matched funds, and what the general fund money looks like.
29	Thorne	Reiterates question as she understood it and states she will get the information for the members later.
40	Berkobien	Asks questions about Medicaid eligibility.

45	Thorne	Answers questions about Medicaid eligibility.
95	Rep. Kruse	Asks if she has you seen the detail of the proposal and asks if we could see them.
01	Thorne	Yes, we can get that for you.
APE 17, A		
03	Chair Westlund	Asks the members to hold their questions for the end of the session.
07	Thorne	Continues presentation.
01	Chair Westlund	Asks if she could elaborate about what she means about developing policy.
06	Thorne	Discussed that she will get to that question on the next page. Continues presentation.
56	Rep. Morgan	Asks if those in the Citizen Alien Waived Emergency Medical (CAWEM) category, stay on that for very long.
74	Thorne	Answers about the citizen alien waived emergency medical category.
79	Rep. Morgan	Asks if the 18,700 is a high, medium or low number of people that were involved in this last December.
31	Thorne	Responds to the number involved.
33	Rep. Kruse	Asks if this is a separate pot of money from other Medicaid funds.
35	Thorne	Yes, it is required.
37	Rep. Kruse	Comments that anyone who meets these Federal requirements and presents we do.
39	Thorne	Responds that it has to be classified as an emergency.
92	Rep. Kruse	Asks if it is the Federal definition of emergency.
95	Lynn Read	Gives information about definitions of Federal emergencies.
00	Chair Westlund	Asks if they present with or without the CAWEM (Citizen-Alien-Waived-Emergency-Medical)funds, is a Federally funded hospital going to treat them under any circumstance.
05	Thorne	Yes, hospitals have an obligation to perform on an emergency.
APE 16, B		
01	Rep. Bates	Makes comments to Thorne and the other members about cost shifts and emergencies.
12	Rep. Anderson	Asks if in the CAWEM category if it mostly women.
15	Thorne	Responds yes, that 75-80 percent are labor and delivery costs, and we do not cover prenatal care in CAWEM.
74	Chair Westlund	Asks what on these pages on (EXHIBIT A) is mandated.
75	Thorne	Responds with the items that are mandated.
76	Rep. Kruse	Comments that there is a Medicaid mandate, but it is for re-construction right.
78	Thorne	Comments this is full benefit, but there is only 64 women in this.
32	Rep. Anderson	Could you please go over the numbers on the last two pages. (EXHIBIT C)
38	Thorne	Goes over the numbers.
01	Rep. Merkley	On the Oregon supplemental income program, second bullet on Medicare, on those two items the levels 15–17, asks if they were eliminated during the E-Board process.

14	Thorne	Answers questions about items eliminated and elaborates on cuts.
17	Rep. Merkley	The impact on the homes that we have heard about, asks if that is an issue that DHS is immersed in.
20	Thorne	Replies that it is more of a reimbursement issue and gives more detail.
47	Rep. Merkley	On the medically needy, asks if that was a House Bill 5100 decision also.
49	Thorne	Responds yes.
52	Rep. Morgan	Asks if some people qualify for more than one of these categories.
59	Thorne	Answers yes it is correct to some degree and elaborates.
59	Rep. Morgan	How many individuals are covered in these programs.
71	Thorne	Responds.
73	Rep. Tomei	When you gave us the these figures asks if this is the average monthly case load.
78	Thorne	Responds that it was the December 2002 case load.
83	Berkobien	The qualified Medicare beneficiaries, asks isn't there a payment to the Medicare as part of that, what benefits do they get.
97	Thorne	Answers questions and continues presentation.
81	Rep. Morgan	Asks why there was such a large growth in TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) and Oregon Health Plan.
92	Thorne	Answers the question about the areas of large growth.
28	Rep. Morgan	Asks if all the people that were receiving the drug and alcohol counseling are in this category.
35	Thorne	Answers question about drug and alcohol counseling being in the category.
52	Chair Westlund	Asks if in 1999-2001 we were pushing the envelope as to the definition or lack there of, of maintenance of effort, which pushed more into TANF.
55	Thorne	Comments.
71	Rep. Kruse	Looking at the growth in the medically needy, one would assume that a huge portion of those folks are there for mental health drugs, asks if there is any coalition.
79	Thorne	Comments that half of the drugs in this expenditures are for MH drugs.
92	Rep. Kruse	Asks if this is where a lot of this growth is, because this is the only place some of the folks end up.
01	Thorne	Continues comments
APE 17, B		
07	Rep. March	Asks if this category is where the anti rejections and AIDS drugs are.
12	Thorne	Responds about the category of anti rejection and AIDS drugs. Continues presentation.
16	Rep. Anderson	The Federal government picks up \$.62 out of each dollar, and yet the providers are paid less in this State than in others.
25	Rep. Bates	Comments that Rep. Anderson is correct, but is talking about Medicaid and elaborates.
35	Rep. Monnes Anderson	Asks how our numbers compare per capita to other states.
50	Lynn Read	Comments about how we compare with other states.
80	Thorne	Refers to Lynn Read from the audience to answer the question.

07	Rep. Kruse	Asks how we compare with other states in Medicare.
11	Thorne	Will see if she can get that information for us.
12	Rep. Merkley	The E-Board's action that reduced or eliminated mental health coverage this summer, asks if that was a part of the medically needy program.
15	Thorne	Answers about the eliminated coverage this summer.
35	Rep. Merkley	Had folks that thought they were going to lose their medically needed medication asks is that true.
37	Thorne	Comments about he cuts eliminated in January. Continues presentation.
00	Chair Westlund	Questions one of the last statements and elaborates.
10	Thorne	Agrees with what he said and continues.
35	Chair Westlund	Could we get what the federal requirement is in regards to meeting the poverty level and what we actually fund to, and what the actual case load would be if we took it down to the Federal minimum.
37	Thorne	Responds to the questions and assures she will give him the information in a couple of days.
53	Rep. Merkley	Mentioned 3 questions and would like answers on Thursday.
55	Rep. Anderson	Asks about a comment said earlier about the Federal Government moving toward Managed Care, what was the context to that statement, did I hear that right.
59	Thorne	Responds to the questions about the Federal Government moving toward Managed Care.
22	Chair Westlund	Appreciates Rep. Anderson's question and elaborates.
35	Rep. Anderson	Asks if patients are accessing care in OHP and from the Veterans Administration, how much duplication is there.
40	Thorne	Perhaps Lynn can get the answers for that question.
50	Rep. Bates	Has questions that could be answered Thurs.
33	Chair Westlund	Comments and talks about tomorrow agenda.
	Chair Westlund	Calls meeting to close and adjourns at 4:58pm

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – Informational – DHS, Medicaid Cost Containment Report 1, Jean Thorne, 22 pp

B – Informational – DHS, Medicaid Cost Containment Report 2, Jean Thorne, 60 pp

C – Informational – DHS, Presentation Packet, Jean Thorne, 28 pp

D – Informational – DHS, Overview of funds Legislature adopted, Jean Thorne, 7 pp