

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

March 26, 2003
1:00 pm

Hearing Room B
Tapes 29 - 30

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. Bill Fisher, Chair**
 Sen. Bill Morrisette, Vice-Chair
 Sen. Kate Brown
 Sen. Ginny Burdick
 Sen. Bev Clarno
 Sen. Charles Starr

STAFF PRESENT: **Marjorie Taylor, Administrator**
 Saranelle Allen, Committee Assistant

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD: **Informational Meeting – Annie E. Casey Foundation**

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<u>TAPE/#</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Tape 29, A		
009	Chair Fisher	Convenes meeting at 1:10 p.m. and opens an informational meeting.
<u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING – Annie E. Casey Foundation</u>		
012	Gary Weeks	Director of Administrative Services, former director of the Annie E. Casey Foundation (EXHIBIT A).
	Jerry Waybrandt	Interim Program Manager – SDA #6 in Roseburg. Conferenced in on the phone.
030	Weeks	Gives an overview concerning the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Explains that the Casey foundation was developed by Jim Casey, who was a founder of United Parcel Service, and the foundation was named for his mother, Annie E. Casey. The foundation has grown into several other areas of health care, but is one of the top foundations on child care with assets near \$3 billion.
188		Explains his tenure with the foundation while in Baltimore and that the foundation primarily has to do with children and families and has a strong commitment to communities as well.
210	Ramona Foley	Assistant Director of the Department of Human Resources in Children, Adults and Families. Explains the Family-to-Family program and how Oregon got started with the program. Relates several programs that are unique to Oregon; mediation in parental rights issues and open adoption. States information on Oregon's data base was also an asset.
275	Foley	Reviews the foster care placement system. Advises that in the fall of 2002, the pilot program was implemented in three counties in Oregon; Klamath, East Multnomah and Jackson.
	Foley	Explains that Oregon has been selected as the host city for this summer's (2003) nationwide Foley conference.
358	Tony Peterson	Deputy, Assistant Director for Children, Adults and Families.

		Reviews how the program strategies work, and gives details on a team decision making approach, and training programs for foster parents.
410	Peterson	Explains the role of the community in support of foster parents and the birth parents. States that positive outcomes are being seen.
	Dr. Daniel Webster	Researcher and Associate of the Casey Foundation, thru UC Berkley. Explains accomplishments of the foundation's work over the past 2 years.
Tape 30, A		
040	Webster	Explains the evaluation process and gives specifics on self-evaluation testing. Advises it is an internal process, evaluating internal data to measure specific outcomes and is what drives the decision making.
081		Explains the accomplishments made in the Oregon programs. Advises that the support network has been highly successful utilizing the data system.
155	Webster	Explains the ability to monitor the team meetings being held on the 24-hour requirement at the front end. States there is room for improvement, and the next few months are critical to success.
172	Peterson	States that some expansion is being made to enlarge on the programs done in the pilot program.
210	Chair Fisher	Expresses concern that any expansion might be perceived as a forced program instead of being done like a pilot program.
	Peterson	Replies that the training of staff is ongoing and should keep this from occurring.
	Weeks	Clarifies the intent of these programs, and that they wouldn't be forced on any group.
	Chair Fisher	Asks if we are seeing improvements in the use of our monies.
	Webster	Advises there has been a positive effect in the pilot branches, but no real information on dollars has been available yet.
Tape 29, B		
040	Sen. Clarno	Reviews the differences between being a foster parent in a rural area vs. an urban area.
	Chair Fisher	Asks if we will be asking for an additional grant to cover the whole state, or what do we need to do from here.
058	Weeks	Expresses the hope of building the family-to-family program throughout Oregon.
072	Foley	Advises the improvement in the state, and wants to continue to promote the way we do business in the child welfare area.
123	Foley	Gives more information on the increase and availability of foster parents. Speaks on changing the philosophy on handling child welfare.
	Chair Fisher	Concurs. Asks how the legislature could offer support.
148	Foley	Advises just having the support would be a good thing.
	Weeks	Advises that a letter from the committee endorsing Ramona's work on the family-to-family program might be sufficient to promote us to the Casey Foundation.
177	Chair Fisher	Asks Jerry Waybrandt if he has any comments (on line via conference call).
	Waybrandt	Thanks chair and committee for being included in the discussion and meeting.
	Chair Fisher	Expresses hope that we could get this program going further into

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the state. Expresses thanks to the committee for their support and hopes some of the House members will join in to write a letter of support to the Casey Foundation.
Adjourns meeting at 2:24 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A – Informational packet on the Annie Casey Foundation and Family-to-Family grant, Gary Weeks, Ramona Foley, 40 pp.