

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

January 21, 1997 Hearing Room HR D

1:00PM Tapes #1 - 2

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Rep. Liz VanLeeuwen, Chair

Rep. Kitty Piercy, Vice-Chair

Rep. Bob Jenson

Rep. Jeff Kruse

Rep. Dennis Luke

Rep. Schrader

Rep. Simmons

**MEMBER EXCUSED:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Janet Carlson, Administrator

Berri Sellers, Administrative Support

**MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:**

Organizational meeting

Adopt model rules

Introduction to Children and Families Systems.

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.

Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 1, A		
004	Chair VanLeeuwen	Calls Meeting to Order at 1:03pm
027		* Introduces herself, staff and her agenda as the Chair of the House Committee on Children and Families.

036		* Members introduce themselves
075		* Members continue
<b>Committee Rules</b>		
104	Chair VanLeeuwen	<b>MOTION: MOVES TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED COMMITTEE RULES (EXHIBIT A) DATED 01-21-97</b>
104		<b>VOTE: 7-0</b>
	Chair VanLeeuwen	<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
		<b>Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.</b>
<b>OVERVIEW OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SYSTEMS</b>		
127	Janet Carlson	<b>Committee Administrator for the House Committee on Children and Families, worked with Marion County, performed analysis of Marion County Systems for children and families.</b>
168	Carlson	<b>Introduction to profile of Marion County</b>
192		<b>* References quote on (EXHIBIT B-Page 2)</b>
222	Chair VanLeeuwen	<b>Question to clarify the number of programs and agencies across the state relating to children.</b>
244	Carlson	<b>(EXHIBIT B-Pg. 5) Programs that are working for the good of children and families.</b>
272		<b>* (EXHIBIT C) The Asset Approach, evaluating the benchmark system.</b>
307		<b>* Early Childhood system (EXHIBIT B- Pg. 7)</b>
332		<b>* Serving 10% with these state programs, having to rely upon these other informal supports.</b>
362	Carlson	<b>Child Care System (EXHIBIT B-Pg. 9)</b>
<b>TAPE 2, A</b>		
023	Rep. Kruse	<b>Explanation of how benchmarks are determined.</b>
046	Chair VanLeeuwen	<b>Discussion about benchmarks</b>
054	Carlson	<b>Continues testimony, explains chart on (EXHIBIT B-Pg.12)</b>
080		<b>Explains health system chart on (EXHIBIT B-Pg.13)</b>
100	Rep. Luke	<b>Question as to the usefulness of the charts and graphs</b>
122	Chair VanLeeuwen	<b>Requests that committee review publication from southern Oregon.</b>

132	Rep. Schrader	Question about work experience for youth in urban versus rural communities.
154	Carlson	Reviews chart on health services (Exhibit B-Pg.14)
184	Rep. Luke	Discussion of dentists who do free dental work in Deschutes County.
191	Chair VanLeeuwen	Continued discussion about free dental services.
203	Carlson	Resumes testimony about health system
213		Prenatal chart on (EXHIBIT B-Pg.15)
230	Chair VanLeeuwen	Discussion of benchmarks for prenatal care.
244	Rep. Kruse	Question about benchmarks as they relate to employment/education figures.
250	Carlson	Resumes testimony/answers questions
268	Vice-Chair Piercy	Discussion about charts.
286	Carlson	Continues discussion about charts/benchmarks.
298	Rep. Luke	Discussion of prenatal care
316	Carlson	Continues testimony
320		References (EXHIBIT B-pp. 16 and 17)
331	Rep. Simmons	Discussion of Union County and their programs.
341	Rep. Luke	Discussion of Prenatal care and adoption.
357	Chair VanLeeuwen	Discussion of adoption
371	Rep. Kruse	Question about counties and their relationship with Healthy Start.
383	Rep. Luke	Deschutes County example
402	Carlson	Continues testimony/substance abuse
425		Continues with mental health system
463	Rep. Luke	Question/comment about youth and substance use.
<b>Tape 1,B</b>		
043	Carlson	Continued discussion with child protection system, (EXHIBIT B-Pg.21)
075		(EXHIBIT B-Pg.24) Vulnerability levels determined by Services to Children and Families.
082	Rep. Luke	Questions about levels
084	Carlson	Description of levels of child protection
096	Rep. Simmons	Definition/questions about Level 7 on the vulnerability scale.
094	Chair VanLeeuwen	Discussion about vulnerability levels

113	Rep. Simmons	Questions about criteria for abuse and neglect
129	Rep. Piercy	Discussion of Level 7, clarification that this level includes runaways and abused children.
135	Rep. Schrader	Question about why sex abuse is level five and six.
148	Rep. Piercy	Discusses challenges for Services to Children and Families.
166	Carlson	Continues testimony/current juvenile system
200		Continues on abuse and neglect reports
227	Rep. Luke	Question as to how migratory population in some communities affects these numbers.
253	Carlson	Continues testimony/child abuse and neglect
264	Carlson	Referencing (EXHIBIT B-Pg.25)
285	Rep. Luke	Discussion of juvenile system in Deschutes County.
320	Rep. Luke	Comment on juvenile court system and their relationship to family
330	Chair VanLeeuwen	Comment on family court system
355	Carlson	Continues testimony on juvenile system
Tape 2, B		
010	Carlson	Continues testimony about the proposed system for juvenile action.
017	Carlson	System #9 teen parent system, (EXHIBIT B- Pg.28)
047	Rep. Luke	Question about why older men are not in jail for having sex with young girls. Would like district attorney to appear before committee.
056	Vice-Chair Piercy	Discussion about teen pregnancy.
067	Rep. Luke	Continued discussion about laws regarding teen pregnancy and people having sex with minors.
082	Vice-Chair Piercy	Comment about care for youths in these situations.
090	Chair VanLeeuwen	Discussion of the importance of fathers. Copy of the Reader's Digest article.
097	Carlson	Continued testimony about teen pregnancy
114		Testimony on welfare (EXHIBIT B- Pg.30)
141	Carlson	Testimony on resource directories
150		Discussion about the big picture and how to improve the system.
200		Continued testimony
231	Carlson	References quote (EXHIBIT B-Pg.32)
252	Rep. Schrader	Comment/question about how to focus the resources.

263	Chair VanLeeuwen	Describes goals of Committee
285	Carlson	Ends her testimony
300	Chair VanLeeuwen	Discussion about agenda for the next meeting.
360	Chair VanLeeuwen	Adjourns meeting at 1:50pm

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**EXHIBIT SUMMARY**

**A -Committee Rules, Staff, Rules, 2pp.**

**B - Briefing on Children and Families services in Oregon, Janet Carlson, 32pp.**

**C - The Assett Approach-The Search Institute, Janet Carlson, 4pp.**