

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

January 23, 1997 Hearing Room HR B

1:00P Tape 3-5

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Liz VanLeeuwen, Chair

Rep. Kitty Piercy, Vice-Chair

Rep. Dennis Luke

Rep. Jeff Kruse

Rep. Kurt Schrader

Rep. Mark Simmons

Rep. Bob Jenson

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Janet Carlson, Administrator

Berri Sellers, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Historical Overview

Children's Care Team/HB 2004-Former Speaker Larry Campbell and Craig Campbell

The Wellness Model-Don Lengacher

Care Team Member Perspectives-Sen.Gene Derfler and Rep. Bob Repine

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Tape/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 1, A		
005	Chair VanLeeuwen	

		Calls meeting to order at 1:05 and recognizes students from the Monroe Program in Portland, OR, who are visiting the committee.
023		Introduction of the Children's Care Team/HB 2004
029		Introduces Larry Campbell, former Speaker of the Oregon State House of Representatives who was instrumental in organizing the Children's Care Team and developing HB 2004. Also, introduces Craig Campbell.
CHILDREN'S CARE TEAM/HB 2004		
039	Larry Campbell	Begins testimony and welcomes guests from the Monroe Program in the audience.
069		* Developing a passion as a legislator.
075	Campbell	* How many of the people in the group have been affected by alcohol and drug abuse?
100		* Statistics from 1992 relating to child abuse and neglect
143		1991 Children's Care Team was assembled (EXHIBIT A, pg.1)
163		Talks about study done with leaders from across the nation, ordered copies for panel. Study from the Legislator Leaders Foundation.
180		Care Team consisted of 30 people, Republicans, Democrats and representatives from various community groups.
192		Business people on the Care Team.
207		Children's advocates as a part of the Care Team.
242		Task force consisted of six major teams.
277		(EXHIBIT A-pg.1) Too Little Too Late
295		Development of baby within first nine months.
315		Cycle of problems beginning with teen parents.
339	Campbell	Providing services to children and families at the local level.
376		Ignoring the foundation of human development is cumulative.
398		Introduction to the Healthy Start program. Women at risk were identified. Those who participated in the program returned with a 2% abuse rate, whereas those who didn't had a 24% abuse rate.
TAPE 2, A		
020	Rep. Luke	Discussion about attitude of agencies towards preventative services.

027	Campbell	* Continued discussion. Talks about Governor's budget as it relates to spending on the issue of children and families.
053		* Discusses the issue of children and families as it lends itself to non and bi-partisan support.
075	Sen. Dwyer	Member of Children's Care Team. Discussion of money as it relates to services. "If we recognize it as a problem and we don't give it the resources then it's rhetoric."
102	Campbell	Acknowledging Sen. Dwyer's comments and speaking to the issue of resources as they relate to services.
125	Craig Campbell	Coordinator for Children's Care Team and Chief of Staff in the Speaker's office. Responsible for shaping HB 2004.
137		* Problem with access to services.
163		* Integration-families of the 90's generally require many needs. Families having to go to several different agencies.
167		* Services are crisis-driven.
178		* Services are child-focused and problem-based. Look at deficits in families and not strengths.
193		* Cultural bias
205	Campbell	* Lack of accountability
216		Discussion of Benchmarks as they relate to current system.
223		How changing social realities are affecting the system and services that are needed.
230		Strengths of existing system that were identified by the Children's Care Team.
260		Focus on maintaining and attaining a child's full potential.
277	Campbell	Discussion of focusing on the strengths of families and how that relates to providing services.
289		Services need to be delivered as close to the family as possible.
314		If a program is not successful we need to get rid of it.
324		Stripe Family Model (EXHIBIT A-pg.2) Families having to go to many different places to access services.
349		Introduction of Family Resource Center/Family Service Center ideas. Centers would provide low level, high frequency services.
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		Families would be assigned a single caseworker. Family Service Centers would provide more intensive service.
387	Rep. Luke	Deschutes County/Family Court system,
406	Campbell	Funding for family courts and other services.
415		How to get the community actively involved, find body at the state level and discuss policy matters.
428		Create State Commission on Children and Families
434		Create Local Commissions on Children and Families
450		Comprehensive local plan.
TAPE 1,B		
042		Discussion of Community programs
065		Ends Testimony
069	Campbell	Discussion of " <u>A Positive Future for Oregon's Children and Families.</u> "
092	Vice-Chair Piercy	Expresses appreciation for work on HB 2004 and discusses makeup of children and family advocates.
182	Chair VanLeeuwen	Introduction of Don Lengacher and the Wellness Model.
THE WELLNESS MODEL		
205	Don Lengacher	Retired businessman and inventor of the Wellness Model, (EXHIBIT-A,Pg.6)
218		Would they as a group be the advocates for prevention or the advocates for treatment.
250		Development of children as market places.
283		If the child can stay well then development is inevitable.
315	Lengacher	Development was the inevitable outcome as a continuum of things that could be expected in the future.
365		Make a plan that would make children into healthy citizens.
403	Vice-Chair Piercy	How does the wellness model affect the outcome when you miss a piece of it.
453	Vice-Chair Piercy	Personal contribution
TAPE 2, B		
074	Lengacher	Keep the state informed as to what is going on with the kids. "We know what we need to do and we need to get on with it."
082	Rep. Luke	Went from a community to a state system.

107	Chair VanLeeuwen	Introduction of Senator Gene Derfler, Majority Leader in the senate and the Chair of the Children's Care Team, one of the authors of HB 2004.
CARE TEAM MEMBER PERSPECTIVES		
126	Sen. Derfler	Care Team consisted of 12 legislators, six business people and six providers.
139		Spending all of the resources on crisis rather than prevention.
180		Not referring families to local commissions.
199		Reference to Governor's budget, give money to local commissions
208	Vice-Chair Piercy	Question about where to spend money, understands early childhood concerns, but don't take it all away from the older children.
230	Sen. Derfler	Answers questions about where to focus the state's resources.
270	Rep. Schrader	Question about the local communities and what kind of expertise they need.
281	Chair VanLeeuwen	Talks about her commission
285	Rep. Kruse	Discussion of the types of expertise available in the local communities.
311	Rep. Luke	Combining local and state expertise.
328	Vice-Chair Piercy	Discussion of how to focus resources and the ages of children who need services.
351	Chair VanLeeuwen	Utilization of the many services that people have in their local communities.
357	Rep. Repine	Discussion of state and local commissions. Member of the Children's Care Team.
378		Comparison of risks and services
408		Difficulty in measuring outcomes until after the first 4-18 years.
437	Rep. Repine	Discussion of the "Birth to Three" program
463		Discussion of state commissions and their problems
TAPE 3, B		
183	Sen. Derfler	Discussion on spending resources during children's younger years.
201	Vice-Chair Piercy	Question about mission of State Commission on Children and Families
224	Sen. Derfler	

		Comment about Governor's office as it relates to the local commissions.
255	Rep. Repine	Comment about the Local Commission in his area.
297	Chair VanLeeuwen	Adjourns Meeting at 3:00pm

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Too Little Too Late, The Stripe Family Model, Staff, pp.30