

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

February 11, 1997 Hearing Room B

1:00PM Tapes 17-19

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Liz VanLeeuwen, Chair

Rep. Kitty Piercy, Vice-Chair

Rep. Bob Jenson

Rep. Jeff Kruse

Rep. Dennis Luke

Rep. Kurt Schrader

Rep. Mark Simmons

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Janet Carlson, Administrator

Berri Sellers, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Invited Testimony

Adult and Family Services Division-Sandie Hoback, Administrator

Services to Children and Families-Kay Toran, Administrator, Caleb Heppner, Deputy Administrator

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 17, A		
003	Chair VanLeeuwen	Chair calls meeting to order at 1:04
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		Discusses focus of today's meeting on Services to Children and Families and Adult and Family Services.
ADULT AND FAMILY SERVICES		
017	Sandie Hoback	Administrator, Adult and Family Services. Discusses mission of their Department.
032		Helping families to work towards self-sufficiency.
057	Kay Toran	Administrator for Services to Children and Families.
072		Discusses forging partnerships with Services to Children and Families in order to assist families in the most efficient fashion.
090		Discusses success of Linn County's programs for children and families.
141	Rep. Luke	Question about percentages of welfare cases
147	Hoback	Answers question; continue to ensure that clients can avail themselves of this program.
172	Vice-Chair Piercy	Question about Jobs Plus program
178	Hoback	Answers question; individual would only qualify for Jobs Plus if he/she were already a candidate for food stamps.
188		Continues testimony on Jobs Plus program
201		Discusses teen parent program, ninety-three percent of teen parents in Oregon have either completed their education or are back in school.
209	Vice-Chair Piercy	Question about teen parents
212	Hoback	Responds: we are catalysts for teen parents programs around the state of Oregon.
228		Administration of child care program in Oregon
240	Rep. Kruse	Question about delinquent child care cases
246	Hoback	Responds; does not have specific number, but could provide more detailed information at a later date.
278	Rep. Jenson	Question about deadbeat parents and whose responsibility it is to collect funds
285	Hoback	Responds that; counties still have some responsibility in collecting these funds.
294	Rep. Luke	Comment about child care costs
310	Hoback	Comment in agreement, discussion of statutory problem.
331		Discussion of refugee program in Adult and Family Services.
369	Rep. Luke	Question about budget

374	Hoback	Responds that they have budgeted for 100,000 families.
385	Vice-Chair Piercy	Question about the food stamp program.
TAPE 18,A		
027	Rep. Kruse	Plans to switch to a debit card system in order to make the system more efficient.
036	Chair VanLeeuwen	Continued discussion about food stamps
040	Hoback	Continued discussion about food stamps
058		(EXHIBIT A) References diagram available to the committee.
092		How to turn people from welfare to work
095	Vice-Chair Piercy	Question about welfare to work
101	Hoback	Doing a good job of entry level opportunity, but the agency is having difficulty placing people in more than entry level positions. Family needs 14 dollars an hour in order to succeed.
126		Looking at the day care program to be a way of solving the problem.
133	Rep. Luke	Comment about subsidies
139	Hoback	Answers comment about subsidies
178		(EXHIBIT A) pg. 124 discussion of benchmarks
211	Vice-Chair Piercy	Observation about child care. As incomes go up and child care co-pay increases, then people can't afford to stay in the job market and might fall back into unemployment and welfare.
224	Hoback	Recognizes point and discusses what they are doing.
230	Janet Carlson	Comment about child care versus minimum wage increase
240	Rep. Luke	Additional comment about the minimum wage.
252	Hoback	Three percent a year increase to child care providers in the next biennium.
<u>SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES</u>		
275	Kay Toran	Answers question about who the children are that they are serving.
Video from Services to Children and Families about child abuse		
325	Toran	Continue discussion about child abuse

354		(EXHIBIT A) pg. 36 Report of the Children's Care Team
378		HB 2004, defining responsibilities of Services to Children and Families.
403		Discussion of the first initiative called Focus 90's
TAPE 17,B		
023		Discusses the strengths/needs based system of care.
043	Toran	Discusses Title IV-E dollars
052	Chair VanLeeuwen	Clarification question about IV-E dollars
056	Toran	Explains their ability to keep children in their own homes while still solving the child's problems.
063	Vice-Chair Piercy	Question about funds for foster care programs.
070	Toran	Because they have to be cost neutral, it does conflict.
072	Rep. Luke	Question about foster care
076	Toran	Answers questions about keeping the child at home or removing the child from their home.
098	Chair VanLeeuwen	Question about foster care, relationship between agency and parents
108	Toran	Answers question: minimal contact with relative
117		Discusses Portland State University's training of their staff and their parents who are involved in the program.
133		Development of the community safety network.
158	Chair VanLeeuwen	Question about HB 2004, where does Services to Children and Families come into the picture.
172	Toran	Discusses fragmentation of services.
180	Chair VanLeeuwen	At the county level who is responsible for the planning.
183	Toran	The local commission on children and families.
200	Rep. Simmons	Question about kinship programs, is there any screening that takes place before placing children with family.
209	Toran	Answers question that they absolutely do look at family members
219	Rep. Jenson	Question about adoptive services as they relate to this agency
236	Toran	Answers question about whether or not foster families can adopt. Forty-two percent adopted by foster families, seventeen percent adopted by families.
266	Rep. Jenson	

		If the assumption is that the family wants to adopt, factors can be complicated.
285	Caleb Heppner	Deputy Administrator for Services to Children and Families. References (EXHIBIT A)
319		Discusses the mission of Services to Children and Families and their strategies.
331	Rep. Luke	Clarification question about reviews.
364	Heppner	Discusses focus on goals for the Department of Human Resources. Six major goals.
390		* Goal to protect children
398		* Goal to provide permanency and preservation.
TAPE 18,B		
013		* Increasing the percentage of families actively involved in decision making.
025	Vice-Chair Piercy	Question about whether they use a customer satisfaction form on a regular basis
031	Heppner	They do a community satisfaction survey but there is no scorecard that each client fills out in the process of receiving services.
051	Chair VanLeeuwen	How do you balance the goal of keeping children safe in the home and the child's safety in the court?
061	Toran	Answers question in that there are a series of assessment questions that help them to determine their needs.
086	Heppner	Continues testimony about goals.
098	Rep. Luke	Asks about total of families that didn't get involved in decision-making meetings
104	Heppner	Cannot answer question but explains how they arrived at the numbers which they originally worked with.
114	Toran	Some families are an exception to the rule.
146	Rep. Luke	Clarification of graphs
161	Vice-Chair Piercy	Discussion of cost versus resources
228	Heppner	Explanation of (EXHIBIT A) graphs.
269	Rep. Schrader	Question about abuse rate in the last three years.
278	Heppner	Answers that line has remained static in the last three years pertaining to the issue of abuse.
327	Toran	Introduces Carol Weston and Don Probasco
334	Don Probasco	Branch Manager for Services to Children and Families in Deschutes County.
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		Services to Children and Families and law enforcement working together for child protection services.
398		Explains in detail the work that they do to protect children.
435	Rep. Luke	Responds to agency concerns
TAPE 19,A		
032	Probasco	Actively involved in changing the direction of Services to Children and Families to work with the folks in the community.
060		Looking at the needs of the child rather than the deficits of the parents
078		Partnership with the legislators
093	Chair VanLeeuwen	Family Access Network question
100		Services to Children and Families works with foster parents and the Family Access Network to provide the best possible outcomes.
102	Carol Weston	Adult and Family Services District Manager for Deschutes County.
128	Rep. Luke	Comment about how well agencies in Deschutes County collaborate with one another to provide efficient services.
153	Chair VanLeeuwen	Adjourns meeting at 3:03

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Adult and Family Services, State Office for Services to Children and Families, Joint Presentation, Sandie Hoback and Kay Toran, pp.58.