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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

January 28, 1997 Hearing Room B

3:00PM Tapes 7 - 9

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Bill Fisher, Chair

Sen. Jeannette Hamby, Vice-Chair

Sen. Lenn Hannon

Sen. Marilyn Shannon

Sen. Susan Castillo

Sen. Thomas Wilde

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Anne E. Tweedt, Administrator

Sandy Thiele-Cirka, Administrative Support

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Informational Meeting:

*** Overview of Douglas County Family Court Services Integration**

Hon. Ronald Poole

*** Overview of the Oregon Health Plan**

Barney Speight, Administrator, Oregon Health Plan

Hersh Crawford, Director, Office of Medical

Assistance Programs

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 7, A		
005	Chair Fisher	Calls meeting to order 3:14pm.
		Announces the field trip to Fairview Training Center, February 6, 1997, during committee time period. Announces Barney Speight is ill today, committee will reschedule his testimony.
<u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
<u>OVERVIEW OF DOUGLAS COUNTY FAMILY COURT SERVICES INTEGRATION</u>		
020	Chair Fisher	Comments and introductions.
028	Ronald Poole	Circuit Judge, Douglas County, (EXHIBIT A). Begins overview of court structure. Defines and discusses family court. Comments on 50 percent of caseload involves abused and neglected children; public law 96-272 (adoption assistance and child welfare act), 1980; and the juvenile dependency process and players.
		Continues with child representation, everyone should

080	Poole	have legal counsel.
120	Poole	Continues detailed outline of dependency cases, emphasizing the importance of judicial oversight of custody cases from the early stages.
144	Sen. Shannon	Thanks the judge for attending the meeting and questions if in his court agency representatives are required to take an oath?
156	Poole	Explains that it depends on the issue, context, and players.
165	Sen. Shannon	Comments on personal courtroom experience. Questions if Judge Poole sees a need to correct the law giving the judge more power?
178	Poole	Responds affirmatively. Continues with hearing process. Addresses the role of the caseworker.
220	Poole	Continues with temporary placement and the standard for review. Expresses desire to change the current statute ORS 419B.349, to include what is in the best interest of the child.
245	Poole	Comments on the cooperative efforts among players. Continues with child protection and family unity.
280	Poole	Continues with adequate representation for children, services for the families, and funding.
310	Chair Fisher	Comments on the witness's presentation to the House Committee on Children and Families earlier today.
326	Don Mills	Court Administrator and Vice-Chair of Commission on Children and Families. Reviews goals of juvenile court system, pg. 5 (EXHIBIT A). Continues with changes needed to become a more effective system.
379	Mills	Continues with goals. Identifies the successes of the program.
420	Mills	Summarizes the strategy of the goals.
TAPE 8, A		
010	Mills	Continues presentation.
038	Gillian Nicolaides	Director of Douglas County Commission on Children and Families. Comments on the collaboration between the court, the agency and the child to strive towards solutions.
058	Nicolaides	Continues with the Commission's role and involvement in the process. Describes Commission-sponsored programs. Continues with Judge Poole's positive influence and involvement.
100	Chair Fisher	Opens for questions and answers.

105	Sen. Shannon	Comments on the issue of grandparents being involved in this process. Questions the option of having a family advocate.
114	Poole	Explains the agency family resource group. Comments on the parent/child relationship statute and impact on grandparents.
152	Vice-chair Hamby	Questions the long term assignment of juvenile judges to the court, rotation of judges, and the available network for judges.
169	Poole	Responds that support network is weak and expresses the need for a backup judge.
188	Vice-chair Hamby	Addresses #4 (EXHIBIT A), allocation of resources, and the present limitations for program expansion. Comments on #6 & #7(EXHIBIT A), praises Judge Poole on successes, CASA program.
224	Sen. Hannon	Comments on the CASA success. Questions the Citizens' Review Board, and its' anonymity.
241	Poole	Responds he is not involved with CRB meetings. Explains the county's role in case management and the importance of CRB's role in the process.
270	Sen. Hannon	Discusses constituent custody case, the roles of CRB and the judge in the final ruling. Suggests putting some teeth into the CRB.
306	Poole	Responds, suggests that the teeth need to be in the courtroom. Continues with alternative guardianships'.
348	Sen. Hannon	Comments on the juvenile court system and judges.
362	Chair Fisher	Questions the Level 4-6 children and their involvement with the court system.
373	Poole	Declines to address this topic, not qualified.
388	Chair Fisher	Continues with Level 7 children and vulnerability levels.
395	Nicolaides	Describes the funding stream, Second Step and other youth investment programs.
422	Chair Fisher	Questions the complaint calls received. How can these situations be improved with the current resources?
441	Vice-chair Hamby	Comments that Douglas County has their act together, and that they are responding to the Level 7 situations.
446	Nicolaides	Responds affirmatively. The present system has accommodated 4,500 cases, but with additional resources, services could be expanded. Responds on the Level 3-6 cases, this, too, is resource

		driven.
TAPE 7, B		
034	Mills	Continues with description of Children's Interagency Group, informal group of county and state agency directors network to discuss these types of issues.
050	Nicolaides	Continues with Commission's role in program development.
057	Poole	Readdresses the vulnerability issue.
063	Chair Fisher	Comments on the role of CASA personnel and responsibilities.
079	Poole	Comments on specific statute limitations and allowances. Continues expansion of agency representation, improvements in the juvenile court process, and case planning.
128	Chair Fisher	Questions feasibility of placing caseworker in the same position as CASA ?
131	Poole	Responds with concerns. Continues explanation of process.
152	Chair Fisher	Questions impact of Measure 11.
156	Poole	Comments that Measure 11 is creating problems, it has complicated juvenile issues.
176	Chair Fisher	Comments on current data, has there been a reduction in crime?
181	Poole	Responds that it has not served as a deterrent for juvenile crime.
184	Chair Fisher	Summarizes position of the presentation.
219	Poole	Responds to Sen. Hamby's earlier comments, requests the political system look for the best interest of children and families in the decision making process.
<u>OVERVIEW OF OREGON HEALTH PLAN</u>		
252	Chair Fisher	Introduces Hersh Crawford.
265	Hersh Crawford	Director, Medical Assistance Programs. Begins presentation (EXHIBIT B) reviewing the Oregon Health Plan and Medicaid expansion and reform.
302	Crawford	Continues with OHP eligibility requirements and benefit package (prioritized list).
365	Crawford	Continues with prioritized list, high versus low ranking, (744 conditions on list) cost, and role of legislature.

422	Crawford	Continues with conditions not covered, pg. 5 (EXHIBIT B).
TAPE 8, B		
018	Sen. Hannon	Questions the Emergency Board and the \$18 million deficit, are the changes in the list a reflection of this shortfall?
023	Crawford	Comments that it is a portion of it, the original proposed reduction was from 581 to 573.
029	Sen. Hannon	Questions the recommendation to reduce reimbursement by 5 percent to doctors, hospitals and pharmacists.
033	Crawford	Explains this reduction was targeted towards providers under fee for service, not managed care. It excludes dentists and it's only effective until June 30, 1997.
038	Sen. Hannon	Questions administrative rules for implementation.
040	Crawford	Comments on rules expiration and finalization.
049	Sen. Hannon	Requests a formal letter of explanation about these rules.
052	Crawford	Responds to request. Continues with outline and explanation of the four types of managed care plans, and the dental plan.
079	Sen. Hannon	Questions if funds have been reduced in the dental plan?
083	Crawford	Explains the Governor's budget and reductions.
090	Sen. Hannon	Questions the process of preventative dental care.
102	Crawford	Explains that preventative dental is covered.
108	Sen. Shannon	Questions the difficulty of receiving dental care, dentists are not accepting Oregon Health Plan members. What can individuals do?
113	Crawford	Comments on past situation, and explains the current expansion process. Continues explanation about the impact with separating physical and dental care. Continues mental health expansion.
148	Crawford	Continues with Phase I and II development and expansion of eligibility.
176	Chair Fisher	Questions the elderly and blind eligibility.
178	Crawford	Responds. Continues with results of expansion in June, 1995. Reviews charts pgs. 9-11 (EXHIBIT B). Continues addressing those eligible by county.

269	Crawford	Continues managed care outline and client satisfaction survey.
308	Sen. Hannon	Questions if reimbursements for providers have increased or decreased?
317	Crawford	Responds that Oregon has low rates of medical inflation, but believes reimbursements have increased slightly. Continues with OHP accomplishments.
379	Crawford	Continues with mental health demonstration, pg. 11 (EXHIBIT B).
394	Sen. Hannon	Questions the increase of 100,000 participants in the plan.
404	Crawford	Explains these numbers are unduplicated, if they leave and return, they are counted as one.
419	Sen. Hannon	Questions what has happened to the 100,000 - 200,000 individuals.
433	Crawford	Explains the different situations that would allow these individuals to move off of the assistance programs.
TAPE 9, A		
020	Sen. Hannon	Comments on the impact of minimum wage increase and the effect on the health plan.
025	Crawford	Comments that this information was available in the voter pamphlet, will make it available to the committee.
027	Chair Fisher	Questions Medicaid fraud. How is the problem being addressed.
035	Crawford	Responds with explanation of Secretary of State audit reviewing staffing in 94-95. Comments that recommendations from that audit have either been implemented or are being implemented. The 94-95 audit focused on the fee for service expenses, not managed care.
069	Chair Fisher	Questions the premium payments.
077	Crawford	Explains the premium payment process and exceptions.
115	Sen. Castillo	Questions the 100,000 increase figure.
120	Crawford	Explains these figures are part of the expansion group.
123	Chair Fisher	Questions the caregiver's loss when an individual is not enrolled.
131	Crawford	Explains that if an individual is not enrolled, no care will be received and no payment will be received by the caregiver.

138	Sen. Shannon	Questions how much under budget is mental health delivery system?
142	Crawford	Responds. Very close to being at budget.
146	Chair Fisher	Questions if any of the savings have been applied back to the Oregon Health Plan?
156	Crawford	Responds affirmatively.
170	Chair Fisher	Continues questions regarding the \$18 million savings.
177	Crawford	Explains the Medicaid 95-97 biennium budget figure of \$1.7 billion program, \$614 million is General Fund money.
187	Chair Fisher	Comments that the OHP has been beneficial in other areas, even with the budget shortfall.
193	Crawford	Responds affirmatively.
205	Chair Fisher	Adjourns meeting at 5:14pm.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - Douglas County Juvenile Dependency Process, Poole, 5pp.

B - Oregon Health Plan, Crawford, 11pp.