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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

February 18, 1997 Hearing Room B

3:00PM Tapes 19 - 20

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Bill Fisher, Chair

Sen. Jeannette Hamby, Vice-Chair

Sen. Lenn Hannon

Sen. Marylin Shannon

Sen. Susan Castillo

Sen. Thomas Wilde

MEMBER EXCUSED:

STAFF PRESENT:

Anne E. Tweedt, Administrator

Sandy Thiele-Cirka, Administrative Support

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:

Informational Meeting

Overview of Long Range Plan for Developmental Disability Services (Fairview Training Center)

- * Gary Weeks, Director, Department of Human Resources
- * Barry Kast, Administrator, Mental Health and Developmental Disability Services Division
- * James Toews, Assistant Administrator, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services
- * Tina Kitchin, MD, FAAP, Medical Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

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 19, A		
002	Chair Fisher	Calls meeting to order 3:08pm, opens informational meeting.
<u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
017	Gary Weeks	Director, Department of Human Resources (EXHIBIT A). Presentation of the long term plan for developmental disabilities services. Focuses on 2 goals: * closure of Fairview Training Center * placement of current residents into community-based homes
045	Weeks	Discusses budget concerns: * 30 percent of disabilities budget is consumed by 3 percent of the clients receiving these services * 3,500 families on wait list, many of these families have been on wait list for many years
066	Weeks	Discussion continues: * if community based services are to continue, investment is needed to maintain these services - increasing wages and salaries.

080	Weeks	<p>Summarizes 3-part proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * closure of Fairview * reinvestment of savings from closure into families on wait list * reinvestment of savings from closure into increasing wages
103	Barry Kast	<p>Administrator, Mental Health & Developmental Disability Services Division.</p> <p>Discussion focuses on choices that have to be made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * what is best for the state? * what is best for the client?
136	Kast	<p>Outlines current problems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * many disabled persons and their families receive no support services from the state * community programs are destabilized due to lack of funding * the continued increase of cost per patient while at Fairview
195	Kast	<p>Continues discussion and presents an alternative plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * help families provide care at home. * increase stability in the community service system. * finance cost increases through cost reductions.
238	Kast	<p>Continues with estimated cost, pp 5 EXHIBIT A. Addresses issues facing employees of Fairview.</p> <p>Summarizes long range plan and goals of Fairview closure.</p>
326	James Toews	<p>Assistant Administrator, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services.</p> <p>References pp 4, blue pamphlet, EXHIBIT A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * cross-comparison of Fairview residents versus community residents * the community wait list
TAPE 20, A		
003	Toews	<p>Refers to fact sheets in EXHIBIT A, covering sex offenders, client abuse, licensing and monitoring procedures, and quality</p>

		assurance plan results.
077	Toews	Continues with data collection procedure used for community residential programs and employment programs. Quarterly or semi-annual reports are available.
097	Sen. Hannon	Questions hourly salary of a Fairview employee?
102	Toews	Responds \$10 - \$11 an hour.
103	Sen. Hannon	Questions hourly salary of a community service employee?
106	Toews	Responds currently \$6.50/hour to be phased into \$7.50/hour.
111	Sen. Hannon	Questions number of state employees receiving \$7.00/hour that are at poverty level.
114	Weeks	Responds that that information is not available.
116	Sen. Hannon	Questions how the difference between \$11.00/hr to \$7.00/hr is going to be reinvested back into the community through the community service providers. Questions what additional benefits state employees receive.
132	Kast	Responds that state employees receive approximately \$1000.00/month in additional benefits compared to \$200.00/month in benefits to community service employees.
138	Sen. Hannon	Questions ability of the community non-profit to absorb the current Fairview residents.
141	Toews	Responds that there are not enough community homes to absorb these residents.
145	Sen. Hannon	Questions how soon community facilities could be ready.
148	Toews	Responds that if current timeline and plan are approved, first 9 months of the next biennium, three objectives would have to occur: * acquisition, rehabilitating or building of housing for current Fairview residents * negotiations with county governments and service providers regarding who would be placed where within the state * individual and family members support plan
162	Sen. Hannon	Comments on the dilemma facing the community. Questions if additional federal funds are available for establishing new community service providers.
180	Toews	Responds all Fairview residents are eligible for Medicaid.
187	Sen.	Questions what facilities are currently available in the state and

	Hannon	what incentives are included in the long range plan.
210	Toews	Explains that \$120 million currently being spent at Fairview, does not follow the residents as they leave, only \$60 million is available for community services. \$21 million will be reinvested into raising the wages of all community service workers.
231	Sen. Hannon	Asks if a \$100 million had to be reduced out of DHR's budget, where would adjustments be made.
235	Weeks	Responds that this would not be the place to find the money to cut. Continues comments that wages for community service workers still have to be increased, this increase not in Governor's budget.
270	Vice-chair Hamby	Comments on personal support of long range plan; states concerns about not meeting the needs of individuals on the wait list. Questions how the plan will meet the needs of remaining 60 percent of individuals/families that will remain on the wait list.
288	Weeks	Responds no plan is in place to address this issue.
299	Vice-chair Hamby	Comments on available resources.
305	Sen. Castillo	Questions rate of employee turn-over. What will the effect be on the clients.
316	Toews	Responds with two factors: labor demographics and Oregon's competitive economy.
339	Vice-chair Hamby	Questions sale of Fairview property and whether revenue will be received from that sale.
346	Kast	Responds that currently this type of property is disposed of and reinvested into real property belonging to the state.
363	Vice-chair Hamby	Questions if discussion has occurred regarding drafting a bill dealing with this issue.
366	Kast	The Division is working with Department of Administrative Services regarding disposition of property. Redresses wait list and community service wages.
397	Sen. Wilde	Questions turn-over rate between Fairview employees versus community service employees.
401	Kast	Responds that turn-over rate 70 percent in community service employees, 20 percent at Fairview.
413	Chair Fisher	Provides additional comments.
421	Kast	Agrees
TAPE 19, B		

003	Chair Fisher	Comments on individual costs of Fairview residents versus community service cost. Concerns directed towards dollar figures not agreeing.
036	Sen. Shannon	Comments on 1995 expansion of security cottage. Questions how individuals requiring stricter security will be placed in the community setting.
050	Toews	Responds that individuals that pose this type of risk have not been taken into Fairview for some years. Homes for high-risk individuals are equipped with full alarm systems and some require constant one on one supervision.
079	Sen. Shannon	Questions staff- to-patient ratio of group home toured.
083	Toews	Responds that community home residents do not pose security risk.
091	Sen. Shannon	Questions how community will be notified of risky individuals
095	Toews	Discusses adjudication process. Emphasizes the minority of cases that fall into this category. State and federal laws prohibit public notification.
114	Kast	Comments on present condition of individuals currently living in the community.
145	Sen. Shannon	Expresses concerns regarding difficult cases and additional costs to community.
156	Sen. Hannon	Questions how individuals are sent to the forensic center.
162	Toews	Explains process of developmentally disabled individual being brought through the judicial system, and the Psychiatric Security Review Board.
175	Sen. Hannon	Comments that the forensic center is providing a security service for high-risk individuals.
179	Toews	Responds and expands further on Fairview's responsibility to the individual to provide other forms of support.
192	Sen. Hannon	Discusses concerns about salary differential between Fairview employees versus community service providers.
205	Weeks	Responds
208	Sen. Hannon	Continues with concerns and outlines areas of personal concern: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * adequate facilities within the community * adequate salaries for employees * support for the patients and their families
229	Chair	Responds to Sen. Hannon's position and concerns.

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286	Sen. Hannon	Addresses financial picture being created by presentation.
309	Chair Fisher	Comments on financial dilemma facing the communities and committee. Summarizes committees position in addressing the long term plan
398	Tina Kitchin	Physician, Medical Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services. Presentation focusing on residents medical needs.
TAPE 20, B		
005	Kitchin	Continues presentation, providing data used for mortality rates (EXHIBIT B).
092	Kitchin	Explains quality of medical/dental services, housing costs, and large congregate care settings.
138	Kitchin	Continues data presentation of health care survey.
151	Sen. Shannon	Questions how survey was collected.
153	Kitchin	Responds, group home staff questioned.
164	Chair Fisher	Comments on physician orders and providers responsibility for accommodating those orders.
173	Kitchin	Responds, continues presentation covering mortality review.
198	Sen. Shannon	Questions how many deaths were investigated last year?
193	Kitchin	Responds, 3 deaths out of 56 in 1996 were investigated.
205	Kast	Addresses committee regarding the family concerns and anxiety surrounding the closure of Fairview.
250	Chair Fisher	Comments on committee direction.
264	Sen. Castillo	Comments on goal of everyone's interest in this issue.
279	Chair Fisher	Adjourns meeting at 4:47pm.

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A -Long Range Plan for Developmental Disability Services, Gary Weeks, 84pp

B -Mortality Rate, Tina Kitchin, 34pp
