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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

February 20, 1997 Hearing Room B

3:00PM Tapes 21 - 23

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

MEASURE/ISSUES HEARD:

Informational Meeting

Response to Long Range Plan for Developmental Disability Services (Fairview Training Center)

*** Representatives, Fairview Parent/Guardian Association**

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 21, A		
005	Chair Fisher	Calls meeting to order at 3:12pm. Instructs audience on proper etiquette of committee meeting.
<u>INFORMATIONAL MEETING</u>		
045	Sen. Hannon	Discusses newspaper article, apologizes to the chair and committee.
060	Chair Fisher	Responds that no offense was taken.
064	Chuck McEntee	Introduction, and requests to submit individuals' written testimonies into the record (EXHIBIT A). President Fairview Parent/Guardian Association, submits testimony opposing closure of Fairview Training Center (EXHIBIT B).
089	Charles S. Crookham	Parent/guardian, attorney and circuit court Judge, submits testimony opposing closure of Fairview Training Center (EXHIBIT C).
157	Chair Fisher	Questions family's permanent residence.
158	Crookham	Responds that they lived in Portland; continues testimony.
168	Sen. Hannon	Discusses present condition of care, salaries, and family support services. Questions how Judge Crookham would deal with families on the wait list?
191	Crookham	Responds that he believes that support services are being provided to individuals on the wait list. Continues discussion about state's obligation to provide for these individuals.
206	Eleanor Williams	Salem resident, submits testimony opposing Fairview closure (EXHIBIT D).
		Parent, submits testimony opposing Fairview closure

289	Donna Podrabsky	(EXHIBIT E). Addresses dental needs, medical rapid response, client abuse statistics, employee drug testing and other concerns.
TAPE 22, A		
014	Chair Fisher	Questions abuse data being submitted.
021	Podrabsky	Responds that this figure was obtained from Fairview Administration and Mental Health Division in 1995.
025	Chair Fisher	Comments that abuse data delivered to committee members differs from data submitted earlier. Questions the million dollar figure for building a home within the community, where was that figure obtained?
031	Podrabsky	Responds that a letter from Mary Lee Fay, Mental Health Division, 1995, contained this information.
037	Chair Fisher	Discussion about information presented.
046	Sen. Castillo	Questions how dental care in group homes is currently addressed.
051	Podrabsky	Comments that additional testimony will be provided later in this presentation.
057	Vice-chair Hamby	Questions if anyone has gotten together to mediate these disputes. Comments on discussion with Chief Justice Wally Carson, regarding the state issuing certificates of participation for Fairview properties; building 2-3 group homes, infrastructure development and additional land development. Reminds everyone that the state is under a federal mandate, and recommends striving for a solution addressing everyone's needs.
090	Sen. Shannon	Comments on the mediation process and potential difficulties.
103	Vice-chair Hamby	Responds to Sen. Shannon's concerns.
108	Chair Fisher	Reminds witnesses that data offered should be substantiated, and to minimize repetition of issues.
125	Kari Roper	Registered nurse, Fairview employee, provides testimony in support of Fairview Training Center (EXHIBIT F).
178	Roper	Continues testimony
226	Vice-chair Hamby	Questions abuse in community environments, have they been reported?
231	Roper	Responds that sometimes abuse is not even documented, she

		personally has never filed a formal report.
237	Vice-chair Hamby	Comments directed towards her obligation to report if needed. Discusses patients being transported to Salem Hospital for laboratory tests. Questions if group home is state or private operated?
250	Roper	Responds that it is privately operated.
254	Vice-chair Hamby	Comments that she is concerned about abuses not being reported.
266	Chair Fisher	Questions experience in nursing homes. Comments on unsubstantiated information being presented.
299	Roper	Responds to Chair Fisher's comments, provides additional information.
317	Marcia Kusch	Licensed practical nurse at Fairview and agency nurse, submits testimony in opposition to Fairview closure (EXHIBIT G). Provides personal testimony of group home conditions.
364	Vice-chair Hamby	Questions if group home was under investigation?
367	Kusch	Responds that the group home was under state direction to provide additional LPN coverage.
381	Chair Fisher	Questions type of group home with nine residents.
383	Kusch	Responds that it is a ten person dwelling, two homes connected by walkway.
396	Diane Donaca	Registered dental hygienist, submits testimony opposing closure of Fairview (EXHIBIT H). Focuses on dental care received at Fairview, and the lack of care available to clients in the community.
TAPE 21, B		
015	Donaca	Continues testimony. Addresses the resistance of utilizing FTC's dental center for the community at large.
069	Vice-chair Hamby	Questions if Fairview has a full-time dentist.
070	Donaca	Responds affirmatively; continues with dental qualifications needed for working with developmentally disabled.
076	James C. Goode	Member of Fairview Parent/Guardian Association, former group home owner/operator, and Senior Judge. Submits and provides testimony in opposition to Fairview closure (EXHIBIT I).
		Discusses consequences of MR/DD individuals brought into the criminal justice system.

135	Goode	Continues testimony explaining controlled environment of Fairview versus potential uncontrolled environment of community group homes.
192	Goode	Summarizes testimony.
214	Chair Fisher	Addresses witness regarding operating a group home. What is the quality of these group homes?
227	Goode	Responds that individuals need to be addressed, not the homes. Questions what will be done with individuals that can not be placed in a community setting?
247	Chair Fisher	Responds that the state hospital has a specific area for these individuals. Discusses how the state has accepted new clients into the system during the past few years.
265	Goode	Notes the Forensic Unit at the state hospital. This facility is very limited and very specific.
283	Chair Fisher	Comments that if individuals are determined to be a danger to themselves and society, those individuals are evaluated into the hospital setting. Discusses the cross-section of the population.
308	Goode	Comments on personal experiences with state hospital. Stresses the cost of providing care through this facility.
337	Chair Fisher	Comments on witness's personal experience, and questions where the family was living during their son's experience in southern Oregon.
346	Goode	Responds that they were living in Albany, and their daughters were in Ashland.
349	Chair Fisher	Questions if distance was a hardship on the family
351	Goode	Responds that the placement location was fine.
353	Chair Fisher	Continues comments on distance between client and the family.
366	Penny Van Santen	Sister of Thelma, Fairview resident, submits testimony in opposition to Fairview closure (EXHIBIT J). Provides additional testimony as a mother of a developmentally delayed child.
400	Teresa Harriman	Sister of Thelma, Fairview resident, provides additional testimony in opposition to Fairview closure. Provides testimony of having her sister live at home and due to the physical and mental demands, transferred her to Fairview. Continues with improvements and opportunities that she receives at Fairview.
TAPE 22, B		

035	Harriman	Continues
037	Van Santen	Discusses Fairview's vocational program and provides vocational services statistics, pp 6 EXHIBIT J.
083	Nancy Goode	Mother of James C. Goode Jr., Fairview resident. Submits personal testimony and experiences in support of Fairview Training Center (EXHIBIT K).
135	Goode	Continues testimony, states that 50 percent of the severely retarded reside at Fairview.
205	Chair Fisher	Questions 50 percent statistic. Discusses and compares this information with prior testimony.
208	Goode	Responds that these figures were provided by Mental Health Division.
225	McEntee	Responds that 83 percent of current residents at FTC are profoundly/severely retarded. These residents will be the hardest to place in a community home.
230	Chair Fisher	Addresses the percentages of those profoundly/severely retarded already placed in the community.
237	McEntee	Responds with association's concerns regarding the statistics being provided by the Mental Health Division. Questions if the committee has a copy of the waiting list. States that they are unable to obtain one.
242	Chair Fisher	Comments that the committee will try and obtain this information.
244	Goode	Offers to provide substantiating documentation.
247	Chair Fisher	Requests that information be provided.
248	Sen. Shannon	Comments that many of the individuals on the wait list are not profoundly retarded.
255	Chair Fisher	Comments that the percentages of those profoundly affected are unknown, however many are already in community group homes.
265	McEntee	Responds that many of the Fairview residents having multiple conditions and are medically fragile.
272	Chair Fisher	Notes that Fairview has not accepted any new clients for the past five years. If Fairview hasn't accepted new clients, where are they residing?
291	Goode	Redirects comments to the language of 50 percent of the profoundly retarded reside at Fairview now. Did he acknowledge the word "now"?
297	Chair Fisher	Responds affirmatively. Discusses percentages of the profoundly retarded already being housed in the community.
310	McEntee	Responds that the current population of Fairview (EXHIBIT L) is 244 individuals.

320	Sidney T. Stuller	Parent/guardian of child at Fairview, submits testimony (EXHIBIT M) requesting that Fairview be maintained as a community resource, accessible to all developmentally disabled and physically challenged.
370	Stuller	Continues testimony, addressing the proposed long range plan and wait list focus groups. References pp 7 EXHIBIT M, continues with comparative position of closure versus maintaining current status.
TAPE 23, A		
035	Stuller	Continues testimony. Discusses care issues facing community service facilities and Fairview residents employment record.
073	Stuller	Continues testimony offering Fairview Parent/Guardian Association's alternate proposals to closure.
103	Chair Fisher	Summarizes and addresses comments to the audience. Thanks family members for information, courage and participation during this hearing process. Extends invitation for any additional testimony to be sent to his office or committee office.
133	McEntee	Thanks committee for time, fairness and consideration.
140	Chair Fisher	Adjourns meeting at 5:14pm.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A -Written testimony, Chuck McEntee, 28pp

B -Written testimony, Chuck McEntee, 1pp

C -Written testimony, Charles S. Crookham, 3pp

D -Written testimony, Eleanor Williams, 2pp

E -Written testimony, Donna Podrabsky, 2pp

F -Written testimony, Kari Roper, 3pp

G -Written testimony, Marcia Kusch, 1pp

H -Written testimony, Diane Donaca, 2pp

I -Written testimony, James C. Goode, 5pp

J -Written testimony, Penny VanSanten, 6pp

K -Written testimony, Nancy Goode, 5pp

L -Written testimony, Chuck McEntee, 1pp

M -Written testimony, Sidney T. Stuller, 33pp
