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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

March 4, 1997 Hearing Room B

3:00PM Tapes 29 - 30

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:

Work Session

*** Possible Introduction of Committee Bill**

Informational Meeting

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

*** Metropolitan Employment and Alternative Supports Association**

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*** Oregon Rehabilitation Association**

Al Soenneker, President

*** Residential Providers Association of Oregon**

Gary Schnoor, President

*** Westcare Management, Inc.**

Robert M. Decker, President

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 29, A		
003	Chair Fisher	Calls meeting to order at 3:06pm, introduction of committee bills.
006	Sen. Hannon	MOTION: Moves LC's: 2970, 3974, 4031 BE INTRODUCED as committee bills.
009	Chair Fisher	VOTE: Hearing no objection, declares the motion CARRIED.
012	Chair Fisher	Announces that March 13, 1997 Barry Kast, James Toews and the counties will be providing additional testimony.
<u>INFORMATIONAL</u>		

MEETING		
022	Thomas Cherry	President, M.E.A.S.A. Submits and provides testimony (EXHIBIT A) in support of the long range plan and closure of Fairview.
053	Al Soenneker	President, Oregon Rehabilitation Association. Submits and provides testimony (EXHIBIT B) in support of community support services.
085	Soenneker	Continues testimony addressing the difficulties facing Fairview and providers of community services.
136	Soenneker	Continues in support of the long range plan proposal and the success of Oregon's community service model.
188	Soenneker	Discusses and summarizes that the community service system has successfully transitioned over 2,000 individuals.
231	Jeanne Olson-Myers	Administrator, Kerr Developmental Disabilities Center. Submits and provides (EXHIBIT C) testimony in support of community care for the developmentally disabled.
273	Olson-Myers	Discusses their partnership with doctors and dentists within the community. Notes that some physicians make home visits and a mobile dental unit.
330	Olson-Myers	Continues description of community life offered to developmentally disabled individuals and their families.
380	Olson-Myers	Summarizes by inviting members to visit any of their centers and talk with the residents.
387	Sen. Shannon	Questions if the witness has been to the Martin Cottage at Fairview.
391	Olson-Myers	Responds that she has been to Fairview and the cottages, however she is unable to state which cottages they were.
398	Sen. Shannon	Discusses advantages and disadvantages of a medically fragile individual in a community setting.
412	Olson-Myers	Responds that we may not know or understand what that medically fragile individual is feeling and the possibility of going out into the world is more available in a community setting.
TAPE 30, A		
003	Sen. Shannon	Questions the monthly cost of \$6,000 per individual in a group home. Does that include dentist, physical therapist, etc. and does OHP take care of that.
006	Olson-Myers	Responds affirmatively.
007	Sen.	Comments that cost-per-resident at Fairview contemplates the physician and therapist costs, and community services cost-per-

	Shannon	person only calculates OHP premiums into individual costs.
011	Chair Fisher	Questions cost of \$6,000 in addition to OHP premiums.
013	Olson- Myers	Responds affirmatively
014	Chair Fisher	Questions how much OHP actually pays for each case.
015	Olson- Myers	Responds that she does not have that information
016	Soenneker	Responds that it is based on a standard premium, the premium rate is not different, but the cost of care may be different between individuals.
024	Chair Fisher	Questions the capitation rate.
025	Soenneker	Responds that they do not have that information, but they will obtain it for the committee.
034	David Wiegman	Executive Director, Mid-Valley Rehabilitation, Inc. Submits and provides testimony in support of community services for developmentally disabled (EXHIBIT D). Discusses clients with behavioral problems. Each case has been addressed individually and a solution has been found. Outlines community resources available that help with resolution.
095	Wiegman	Discusses two points significant to addressing behavioral issues in the community settings: * ability to involve key players of the client's day to day care, teamwork * community setting helps the client find ways to feel valued, increasing self-esteem
123	Wiegman	Cites individual case histories where behavior has been modified.
162	Roxanne Ramos	Resident of Dayton, brother a former Fairview resident currently residing in the community home. Provides testimony comparing brother's life while in Fairview versus a community setting.
215	Ramos	Continues testimony.
288	Ramos	Summarizes testimony by describing the family unit created in the group homes.
		Discusses position regarding behavioral problems. Provides information obtained surrounding the remaining Fairview clients, small percentage still reside at Fairview.

328	Soenneker	Comments that individuals should be dealt with by addressing their strengths and help them learn to deal with their weaknesses.
400	Soenneker	Continues and summarizes presentation.
TAPE 29, B		
007	Gary Schnoor	<p>President, Residential Providers Association of Oregon. Submits and provides testimony (EXHIBIT E). Supports the long range plan for three reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * clients are placed in appropriate settings and receive quality care * Fairview represents an era of large congregate care; an era that has passed * the issue of equity and funding
060	Robert Decker	President, Westcare Management, Inc. Provides personal and professional background. Submits and provides proposal for the development of community based services (EXHIBIT F).
130	Decker	Continues with recommendation that the faster the closure occurs the less costly it will be to the state.
180	Decker	Continues with plan outline, crisis services, respite care services, home care, and special medical services.
208	Sen. Castillo	Questions whose plan he is presenting, and who was involved in the development of this plan? Is there broad-based support for this plan?
215	Decker	Responds that it is his personal plan and he has worked with other individuals and groups. A consensus of all parties involved has not been obtained.
228	Sen. Hannon	Questions if Mr. Decker has any economic interest in this plan.
229	Decker	Responds that it depends on whether he was selected as a provider of services.
232	Sen. Hannon	Comments that it appears that this plan would allow Mr. Decker to be an exclusive agent.
243	Decker	Comments that this plan is for consideration only.
248	Chair Fisher	Comments that Mr. Decker is present by invitation of the chair. The witness has been involved in this area for many years and can provide information and suggestions.
282	Decker	Continues with plan outline, beginning with special dental services, day programs, and group homes.
366	Decker	Continues and presents figures for staffing salaries and benefits for the aides.

422	Decker	Continues with quality of care, turnover and abuse.
TAPE 30, B		
006	Decker	Addresses quality of care, certification, resource availability and cost of new community resource agency and group homes.
050	Decker	Continues with funding of plan: * rely on the private sector of community * state build the building and lease to providers
100	Decker	Summarizes presentation with budget figures.
124	Ken Davenport	Father, son Marshall, Washington County, Parent/Guardian Association. Provides testimony (EXHIBIT G) as a family member with experience of Fairview and a community group home.
170	Davenport	Continues and summarizes testimony.
231	Shirley Davis	Identifies her working companion dog. Lived in Albertina Kerr Center March, 1982. Currently living in her own apartment. Testifies in support of independent living and Albertina Kerr Centers. As a disabled individual Albertina Kerr has provided services to assist her transition to independent living.
284	Sen. Shannon	Questions if witness has ever been to Fairview.
286	Davis	Responds that she has never been there.
289	Vice-chair Hamby	Commends the witness for courage and accomplishments.
294	Davis	Responds that she has been on her own for 14.5 years.
317	Chair Fisher	Adjourns meeting at 4:51pm.

Submitted By, Reviewed By,

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EXHIBIT SUMMARY

A - M.E.A.S.A. testimony, Thomas Cherry, 1pp

B - Oregon Rehabilitation Association, Al Soenneker, 7pp

C - Albertina Kerr Centers, Jeanne Olson-Myers, 4pp

D - Mid-Valley Rehabilitation, Inc., David Wiegand, 2pp

E - Residential Providers Association of Oregon, Gary Schnoor, 2pp

F - Westcare Management, Inc., Robert Decker, 46pp

G - Written testimony, Ken Davenport, 3pp
