

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

February 15, 1993  
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Hearing Room 50 1:30 p.m.

Tapes 24

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. John Meek, Chair Rep. Lisa Naito,  
Vice-Chair Rep. Ron Adams (Alternate) Rep. Patti Milne Rep. Gail Shibley

STAFF PRESENT: Annette Price, Committee Administrator Edward C.  
Klein, Committee Assistant

WORK SESSION: Introduction of Committee Bills INFORMATIONAL  
MEETING: Oregon Coordinating Council for Children and  
Families Interagency Child Care Group

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003 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Calls the committee to order at 1:47 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All members present.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE BILLS - LC 1161, LC 1161-1, LC 2505 and LC  
2611 -- EXHIBITS A to D

CHAIRMAN MEEK: We have four drafts to be introduced as committee bills;  
LC 1161 (EXHIBIT A), LC 1161-1 (EXHIBIT B), LC 2505 (EXHIBIT C) and LC  
2611 (EXHIBIT D).

012 REP. SHIBLEY: Moves to introduce LC 1161, LC  
1161-1, LC 2505 and LC 2611 as committee bills.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Hearing no objection the motion is adopted.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: These are the bills that relate to the Children's Care  
Team Report.

OREGON COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES -- EXHIBITS E & F

Witnesses: Bill Carey, Administrator, CSD Barbara Ross, Special Projects  
Director, DHR

034 BILL CAREY, Administrator, CSD and Former Chair of 1019  
Committee: Presents testimony on Coordinating Council for Children and

Families (EXHIBIT A) and Report to the Governor and Legislature, July 1991 (EXHIBIT B). -He lists the people who regularly attend the meetings. -He discusses the issues the committee has dealt with (EXHIBIT A).

218 BARBARA ROSS, Special Projects Director, DHR: The major value of the

committee has been building bridges between the agencies. -We are making accomplishments towards the Benchmarks. -She discusses confidentiality and the single form they've developed.

266 REP. NAITO: What's on the form you discussed?

ROSS: Explains. -Families want more communication, not less.

283 REP. NAITO: Have the schools reported any labeling as a result of this?

ROSS: That's a non-issue, because the other students wouldn't know these students are receiving coordinated services. -There is concern about labeling in the schools. -Part of the training is protecting the information that's shared to only those who need to know.

REP. NAITO: How widespread is the use of the waiver?

ROSS: Describes the training efforts. -Use of the forms by the schools is voluntary. -The counseling staffs are more knowledgeable. -It's important that we work towards making the entire system successful.

317 CHAIRMAN MEEK: You've been involved in a lot of work over the last few years. -You'll see some familiar discussions when you read the Care Team's report.

323 CAREY: Any member that is interested in the kind of agenda items we dealt with, please let us know.

#### INTERAGENCY CHILD CARE GROUP -- EXHIBIT G

Witness: Janis Elliot, Coordinator, Child Care Programs, DHR

352 JANIS ELLIOT, Coordinator, Child Care Programs, DHR: The Interagency

Child Care Group doesn't make sense taken out of the context of the Office of Child Care Coordination in DHR. -She discusses the Office of Child Care Coordination. -She discusses the Child Care & Development Block Grant (EXHIBIT G). -She describes the Interagency Child Care Group.

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025 ELLIOT: Discusses the primary role of the Interagency Child Care Group. -We're working hard towards seamless service. -She describes how the funding for the block grant works. -She discusses the amount of the funding and the expected amount for the next biennium. -She describes the germane benchmarks. -She discusses what they've accomplished to date. -She discusses grants to the counties. -She discusses quality enhancement. -She discusses training. -She discusses the future; the

Governor's proposed unified Child Care Office within the Employment Department (EXHIBIT H).

242 REP. SHIBLEY: Are services to developmentally disabled kids accessed

through the county referral network?

ELLIOT: Yes and no. She explains. -The concept is a lot better than the practice. -Children that have special needs often are served by people with a mental health discipline, rather than a child development discipline. -We've worked hard on language. -All children of all ages (through age 13) need to be educated when they've been cared for and cared for when they've been educated. -Respite care is not an eligible use for the block grant. -We're hoping that as the federal funds become increasingly available it may free up some of our state funds that don't have those restraints, so were better able to address respite care.

310 REP. SHIBLEY: You mentioned that one of the charges for coordinating

child care is to assist businesses. -What do you think it will take to have businesses understand how important child care is and offer it commensurate with the need that's

been expressed? -What are we doing wrong?

333 ELLIOT: Getting the message to small business is challenging. -On-site or near child care is not a viable option for most small businesses. -That's one of the reasons for aligning child care with the Employment

Department. -A lot of work is going on with employers in the Employment Division. -By partnering child care with the Employment Department, we will be able to take that message along with the other resources. -That's one of the biggest pieces. -We have a long way to go, but we've come a long way. -She discusses the tax credit for child care. -Many businesses understand the importance of child care, but don't know what to do.

468 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Adjourns at 2:44 p.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

A - LC 1161 - Staff - 7 pages B - LC 1161-1 - Staff - 2 pages C - LC 2505 - Staff - 2 pages D - LC 2611 - Staff - 3 pages E - Testimony on Coordinating Council for Children and Families - Bill Carey - 4 pages F - Report to the Governor and Legislature, July 1991 - Bill Carey - 40 pages G - Child Care & Development Block Grant - Janis Elliot - 2 pages H - Child Care Division reorganization - Janis Elliot - 1 page