

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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Hearing Room 50 1:30 p.m.

Tapes 26

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.
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INFORMATIONAL MEETING: Children's Foundation Children's
Trust Fund

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003 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Calls the committee to order at 1:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Rep. Naito, Rep. Milne, Chairman Meek ABSENT:
Rep. Adams, Rep. Shibley

Rep. Adams enters at 1:38 p.m.

CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION -- EXHIBIT A

Witness: Alice Galloway, Executive Director, Children's Foundation

012 ALICE GALLOWAY, Executive Director, Oregon Children's Foundation:
Presents background information on the Oregon Children's Foundation.
-She presents additional information (EXHIBIT A). -She describes SMART
(Start Making A Reader Today) (EXHIBIT A). -She describes the criteria
for students to participate in SMART. -We select schools that really
need the program. -We have 50 schools on our waiting list. -She
describes the community-based model program being started in Klamath
Falls. -She describes the Family Nursery program (EXHIBIT A). -She
describes their other function, advocating for children.

130 REP. NAITO: How predictable is the federal grant you mentioned?
-What kind of budgetary difficulties are you up against?

GALLOWAY: Explains.

141 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Is there any other training for the students in
order to build up their skill levels?

GALLOWAY: The volunteers are trained; the teachers, principals and
ourselves are also involved in the training. -She describes some of the

relationships the volunteers develop with the students.

185 REP. MILNE: Are there also people who don't work and volunteer for the program?

GALLOWAY: They come from all over. She elaborates.

197 REP. MILNE: You recruit through business and hope to get their financial support?

GALLOWAY: We tell business we want their people and if they want to donate money, that's great. She elaborates.

229 REP. ADAMS: Are you getting senior citizens?

GALLOWAY: Yes; we get a percentage of seniors. -The people bring a lot of themselves and their backgrounds into the schools.

Rep. Shibley enters at 1:56 p.m.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Welcomes some students.

CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

Witnesses: Kim Walker, Executive Director, Children's Trust Fund CD
Hobbs, Chairman, Children's Trust Fund

267 KIM WALKER, Executive Director, Children's Trust Fund: Presents testimony and background information describing the Children's Trust Fund (EXHIBIT B).

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020 WALKER: She concludes with describing the funding for Healthy Start.

033 CD HOBBS, Chairman, Children's Trust Fund: Several things are unique

about the Children's Trust Fund: -Their commitment to programs directly involved with prevention as opposed to intervention. -It is difficult to come by prevention dollars. -Prevention is successful if things don't happen. -We have a limited amount of funding. -We serve two basic purposes: -1. We allocate money to grass roots programs dedicated to prevention. -2. We engage in research towards determining the effectiveness of prevention programs. -There is no definitive program available. -We do significant monitoring of our programs to determine their effectiveness. -He doesn't believe there is any group that could recommend a definitive prevention program. -We're looking at a method of increasing the funding. -In the past year we had to cut back on programs due to a lack of funding. -The greatest asset the advisory committee can have is stability in our relationship in the state and our commitment to the prevention of child abuse. -He's pleased with the results they have had and is pleased with the make up of the committee.

084 REP. MILNE: How long is a parent and child in the program and how many do you serve?

WALKER: It varies. At Babies First in Eugene, parents have stayed as

long as seven years. Other programs are lucky if they can hold on to a parent for six months.

099 REP. SHIBLEY: How do you work with the Oregon Community Children & Youth Services Committee (OCCYSC) or the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence?

WALKER: Believes that OCCYSC, at times, funds the same agencies we fund, but we're very restrictive in funding primary and secondary prevention programs. -We are aware of each other, but she doesn't think there's a duplication of efforts. -We have overlapping issues with the coalition, but we haven't coordinated any efforts.

116 REP. SHIBLEY: Is trying to understand how the Children's Trust Fund has taken ownership or the lead on any of the benchmarks.

WALKER: Is not sure they have formally. Their goal is to prevent child abuse.

REP. SHIBLEY: How many calls have you engendered as a result of your outreach efforts?

WALKER: Can get the specific numbers, but there was a dramatic increase.

137 REP. SHIBLEY: Does the Trust Fund have sufficient resources to provide assistance for everyone that calls in? -There's obviously a need out there; how do we take care of that need?

WALKER: Partnerships are part of the daily business.

145 REP. SHIBLEY: How did you compute the figures on what it takes to provide a Healthy Start kind of service?

WALKER: A formula has been developed to calculate the costs. -It's based on some assumptions: Doing assessments of 95% of the births, out of those, 20% would be identified to be at risk, 80% of the 20% would buy into the program. -She estimates that it would cost \$14 million per year to implement Healthy Start statewide. 170 REP. NAITO: It seems that prolonged exposure to cigarette smoke is a

health danger. We should get that information to parents. -Have you looked at that issue?

182 WALKER: Is not sure she can answer. Community programs try to be as

all encompassing as they can.

REP. NAITO: It seems that information could be incorporated as a part of parent training.

WALKER: Public education and awareness in many areas is badly needed.

194 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Would like to see how she came up with her figures.

WALKER: Can supply the documentation.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: We're looking for those resources.

WALKER: There is a national effort to get Healthy Start going. -She will get them the figures.

219 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Reminds the committee of the Hearings on HB 2141.

256 REP. SHIBLEY: Is this committee going to be considering the bills based on the University of Southern Maine study?

CHAIRMAN MEEK: HB 2142 is scheduled for a week from Friday.

REP. SHIBLEY: What other issues will be coming before us?

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Explains. -We asked CSD to give us their priorities. -Keep in mind the Children's Care Team bills as you read over these other measures.

302 REP. ADAMS: Refers to the Healthy Start report (EXHIBIT C). -He isn't sure which are public entities and which are private? -How are they funded? -Who knows this information and how can it be shared with us? -How can we measure the effectiveness of some of these programs? -What does it cost us to run a program or to give seed money and try to leverage seed money?

331 REP. NAITO: Many programs have a mix of funding? She would like to see a document that explains all of the funding and where it goes.

353 REP. ADAMS: Refers to Kim Walker's testimony, page 2 (EXHIBIT B). -What does it mean that the Trust Fund is Oregon's only concerted effort? -We've heard from a lot of groups that are attempting to prevent child

abuse. -We need to have a handle on the variety of programs. 387 REP. NAITO: Kim may have used that term, because their focus is on child abuse. -The SMART program isn't a treatment for child abuse, but it's certainly a prevention.

407 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Refers to the Healthy Start information (EXHIBIT C). -February 22 and 24 we'll start at 2:00 p.m.

419 REP. NAITO: The Healthy Start's primary focus is health. That may be a better way to approach it, because people are very suspicious when you

tell them we're going to help them with child abuse and neglect. -Maybe it doesn't matter what you say your mission is.

REP. ADAMS: Every one of Healthy Start's success measurements is based on the non-incidence of abuse.

432 REP. NAITO: We're up against the parents' distrust of CSD. -We have to focus on a more positive, preventative model.

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017 CHAIRMAN MEEK: One of our tasks is to bring all these multi-dimensional programs into focus so we can integrate and coordinate these resources.

036 VERONICA, Legislative Intern For Rep. Stein: Unless we address these

issues for children, we stand to loose a lot in the years to come.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Adjourns at 2:37 p.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Information on Children's Foundation - Kim Walker - 39 pages
B - Testimony and information on Children's Trust Fund - Alice Galloway - 62 pages
C - Information on Healthy Start - Staff - 3 pages