

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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Hearing Room 50 1:30 p.m.

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

MEMBER EXCUSED: Rep. Lisa Naito, Vice-Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Annette Price, Committee Administrator Edward C.
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INFORMATIONAL MEETING: LFO discusses budgetary issues as
they relate to Children's Care Team Legislation

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003 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Calls the committee to order at 1:30 p.m.

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

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Has to go to another meeting and asks Rep. Shibley to
take the gavel.

DISCUSSION OF BUDGETARY ISSUES AS THEY RELATE TO CHILDREN'S CARE TEAM
LEGISLATION -- EXHIBITS A & B

Witnesses: Craig Campbell, Chief of Staff, Speaker of the House John
Lattimer, Legislative Fiscal Officer Ann Glaze, Legislative Fiscal
Office

023 CRAIG CAMPBELL, Chief of Staff, Speaker of the House: Rep.
Shibley, you asked whether or not youth services commissions have been
set up recently. -The last one was fully implemented six months after
the bill was passed. -Legislative Fiscal (LFO) was asked to come up with
a list of programs

and their different funding sources, so the committee could look at what
was available, what was being funded and how it was funded.

036 JOHN LATTIMER, Legislative Fiscal Officer: Presents testimony on
"Programs for Children and Families" (EXHIBIT A).

071 REP. SHIBLEY: Is this a fairly exhaustive list?

LATTIMER: We did an extensive study of children's programs a couple of years ago. -There would be few programs that would not fall on the list.

083 ANN GLAZE, Legislative Fiscal Office: The list excludes basic school

support and basic education programs. -Specialized education programs are included.

REP. SHIBLEY: These are real dollars appropriated and enacted?

LATTIMER: Yes, without dollars that might have been augmented or changed through the Emergency Board.

REP. SHIBLEY: If we were to total these, could we extrapolate how much of our total budget goes specifically for kids?

099 LATTIMER: We did that in our original study. -He cautions the committee from looking at totals; they're sometimes misleading. -The total dollars are subsumed under a few programs. -There are some very large programs and a lot of very small programs.

110 REP. SHIBLEY: Does this also include Juvenile Corrections?

GLAZE: It includes Juvenile Corrections at the state level and CSD programs. It does not include any county or local programs.

LATTIMER: It includes close custody kids and CSD custody.

REP. SHIBLEY: The first page are the programs we have the most flexibility over?

LATTIMER: Correct. -The \$22 million under CCYS are flexible dollars you have in the budget. -Although they are allocated in program categories, they're grants for

programs for communities to develop. -The dollars for Hillcrest and MacClaren, on the other hand, go to an already existing infrastructure and program that would be difficult to

take the dollars away without some replacement.

137 REP. SHIBLEY: It's one thing to say we want to change the system, but when we look at the system we see it's a very small percentage. -By dedicating those funds, we don't have the same flexibility as if they were all in the General Fund.

149 LATTIMER: Comments. -We began to talk about interrelationships during the Futures Committee. That's also what the Care Team tried to do.

170 REP. SHIBLEY: Could you discuss some of the things the Futures Committee looked at in terms of services to children. -Did the Futures Committee look at a similar list in terms of identifying investment opportunities that would pay off some dividends

or savings? -Did you ever get to a dollar amount?

LATTIMER: No. We didn't get down to the kind of detail you have in

this list. -We looked at the major programs and groupings of programs. -We tried to talk about the relationships without being concerned about agency lines. -We never talked about what could be spent in one program area or another.

192 REP. SHIBLEY: Has your office done an analysis of how these programs

relate to the benchmarks?

201 LATTIMER: We have not done that as an office. -He doesn't know if they've done that in the Human Resources Subcommittee.

GLAZE: Has not.

LATTIMER: The CSD budget has not been before the Ways and Means Subcommittee.

REP. SHIBLEY: Children's Protective Services (CPS) receives about 35% of the General Fund. If we adopt the CCT recommendations and push everything to the counties or regions with the exception of CPS, what would that look like from a dollars standpoint?

227 LATTIMER: That's a difficult question to answer, because we don't know what you're going to put at the local level. -One of the problems we have, as state dollars become more scarce, we tend to drive our priorities on federal priorities, because the federal dollars become increasingly more important to us. -It's very difficult for us to make state priority choices without taking into account what the federal dollars are driving us to do. -This current budget balance depends on shifting more General Fund dollars to federal dollars. -By using more federal dollars we give up more state flexibility.

255 REP. SHIBLEY: This is what she was attempting to articulate Monday.

263 LATTIMER: It's important to look at the relationships between these programs. -The Federal Government is beginning to have an interest in these relationships. -The people we deal with in these programs are related in a variety of

ways.

279 REP. SHIBLEY: Wishes she could be more optimistic. -There has been progress in that area.

288 REP. ADAMS: We've been somewhat successful in getting waivers for some seniors' programs. -Other states are doing some things, maybe we can research what they've done? -Are block grants renewed on a fairly regular basis, or are they here one year and gone the next?

319 LATTIMER: They are stable to an extent. -There's no growth for inflation or population changes in many of these programs.

337 REP. ADAMS: What are the multiple years?

LATTIMER: He doesn't know the particulars for these block grants. They can be three, four or five years.

344 REP. SHIBLEY: Is there any way to estimate how many waivers we need to ask for?

365 LATTIMER: Has no idea. -He's not sure if the agencies can help. -Many of these programs have very complex federal requirements.

377 ANNETTE PRICE: We will have a discussion of the federal programs on Friday. -She's been in contact with the Department of Health and Human Services in Region 10.

393 REP. SHIBLEY: Is your office able to share with us the General Fund or Other Fund support for children and families?

412 LATTIMER: We might be able to tell you in a few days how much may be

available, but it's up to the subcommittee to allocate the funds.

434 REP. ADAMS: So many of the restrictive federal funds are related to matching state funds. -The decisions the Human Resources Subcommittee makes could have real impact on us. -Who are the non-voting members on Human Resources?

REP. SHIBLEY: Rep. Ford and Rep. Stein.

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020 REP. MILNE: Could we find out what those Other Funds are?

LATTIMER: Where they originate?

REP. MILNE: Also a breakdown of the General Fund and Other fund programs?

LATTIMER: We can do that.

031 REP. ADAMS: Refers to the memo dated March 1 (EXHIBIT B). -Is the information in this memo included in today's handout?

GLAZE: It's on the page of the block grants.

REP. SHIBLEY: What was this taken from?

GLAZE: It was originally handed out to the CCT. -It uses the same data base we're still using.

470 LATTIMER: Comments on the data base.

048 REP. ADAMS: Is there any key to the acronyms?

LATTIMER: We can get you a key.

REP. SHIBLEY: Adjourns at 2:13 p.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

A - Listing of Programs for Children - John Lattimer - 7 pages B -
Federal Block Grants - Roz Shirack - 5 pages