

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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

Tapes 51

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

PUBLIC HEARING: HB 2004 - Creates State Commission on Children  
and Families. PUBLIC HEARING & WORK SESSION: HB 2006 -  
Authorizes family counselor to obtain records of certain other  
counselors involved with members of same family.

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statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in quotation  
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003 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Calls the committee to order at 1:35 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 2004 -- EXHIBITS A to F

Witnesses: Jim Seymour, Executive Director, Catholic Community Services  
Janet Knapp, Board of Directors, Catholic Community Services Rich  
Peppers, Political Director, Oregon Public Employees Union Jan Schenk,  
CSD Pam Patton, Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs Howard Klink,  
Multnomah County Departments of Health and Human Services Norm Monroe,  
Multnomah County Mary Lou Hennrich, Care Team Member and Primary Care  
Services Director

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Opens the Public Hearing on HB 2004.

026 JIM SEYMOUR, Catholic Community Services: Presents testimony in  
support of HB 2004 (EXHIBIT A).

066 JANET KNAPP, Board of Directors, Catholic Community Services:  
Continues with page 2 of testimony.

158 REP. MILNE: Could you explain what the Pew Charitable Trust  
Initiative is?

SEYMOUR: Responds.

171 REP. ADAMS: Refers to page 4, the second bullet. -We discussed  
whether this was the commissioners or the local commission. -Do you  
really care? Is that the logical existing vehicle?

KNAPP: We want to make sure it's at the local level.

REP. ADAMS: We're in agreement.

REP. SHIBLEY: You mentioned that funding for child and family services should be decategorized and pooled. -Are you familiar with Rep. Stein's Individual Development Account (IDA), which is part of the Human Investment Strategy. -Is it the same kind of thing?

190 SEYMOUR: Presents his understanding of the IDA. -This proposal is more of a funding pool. He elaborates.

210 REP. SHIBLEY: Is trying to figure out how the ideas embodied in your

testimony become part of the bill. -Do you have any amendments to propose? -What would you like to see changed?

235 SEYMOUR: We support the legislation. -We think you'll find more support to move these programs to the local

level. -We're aware there's a limited set of resources available. Whatever is available should be spent in a way that best supports the kids. -He believes the programs should be run in the community. -We need to stretch the funds as much as we can to help every child in

our community.

287 RICH PEPPERS, Political Director, Oregon Public Employees Union: Presents testimony and amendments in support of HB 2004 (EXHIBIT B).

406 JAN SCHENK, CSD: We are encouraged and are eager to participate in an integration of services.

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015 REP. NAITO: Clarifies the phrase relating to child protective services.

SCHENK: Continues with her remarks. -There must also be a closely monitored system. -We are eager to participate, but urge you to maintain the current child protective system.

041 REP. SHIBLEY: Do these amendments encapsulate the concerns of your membership? -Would your organization fully support the bill if we adopt the amendments?

050 PEPPERS: Describes who worked on the amendments. -We'd feel much more comfortable if these amendments were adopted.

061 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Refers to the second proposed amendment on treatment or prevention. -He doesn't understand the explanation.

070 PEPPERS: Responds.

084 CHAIRMAN MEEK: Had trouble understanding the amendment when he first

read it. -The State Commission will fund plans and also fund protective

services.

095 PEPPERS: We have a problem with not knowing the details of what the CCT report will do. -We're concerned that child protection will be drained to fund treatment and prevention at the local level. -We're trying to clarify that with this proposed amendment.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: You might want to work on that language.

106 REP. NAITO: Child protective services are with the state office, which is a direct link to the Governor. -We were also concerned with draining funds from protective services. -In her view, the state commission would not control the funds for child protection. -This issue needs more discussion. -She refers to page 22 of the CCT report. -If the bill doesn't reflect this language, we may want to draft an amendment.

120 PEPPERS: Some of our concern came from some comments raised at the reverse hearing and the relationship of the commission and state office. -We tried to clarify the relationship with this language.

129 REP. ADAMS: Refers to the amendment which keeps the state office within DHR. -It's his understanding a lot of people felt it imperative to change the current structure of the organization. -Is your proposal a fear of change or do you feel things are working well?

149 PEPPERS: It's not just a fear of change. -It's a concern that important services will continue to be provided. -We're not opposed to change. We feel some of the reorganizational efforts within CSD are a good direction. -If CSD is performing well, we feel it shouldn't be replaced until we know the direction we're going.

170 REP. ADAMS: There's no intention to interrupt any current service. -There's a problem of multiple funding going in multiple directions and the service recipient is unable to access the multiple points they need to access. -He likes the service delivery element of the CCT proposal. 189 PEPPERS: Making changes may open problems that are as bad or worse as the problems we now have. -We are saying we should take a cautious approach. -Why destroy something that's a recognized strength instead of making incremental steps in the direction we want to move into.

207 REP. ADAMS: Anything we come up with will gather a lot of flack; that's the nature of business.

217 REP. NAITO: Refers to the handout on the Current Management Structure from Catholic Community Services. -We know we need to do better job.

236 PEPPERS: That speaks to us having more involvement in the process.

REP. NAITO: We heard quite a bit of testimony from CSD workers during the Care Team.

251 PEPPERS: Was speaking about organizational structure.

268 PAM PATTON, Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs: Submits proposed

amendment (EXHIBIT C.)

324 REP. ADAMS: We need to have your help, especially from those of you who have knowledge of the programs.

336 REP. NAITO: Wouldn't it be more appropriate to put this into the time frame?

345 PATTON: It wasn't our wish to list programs in the statute.

400 HOWARD KLINK, Multnomah County Departments of Health and Human Services: Multnomah County supports the CCT proposals. -He submits Integrated Human Services System Plan (EXHIBIT D).

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029 KLINK: Continues with describing what Multnomah County has done. -Our concern is that the CCT proposal not disrupt what Multnomah County has already done.

043 NORM MONROE, Multnomah County: Describes what the county did in Columbia Villa and then replicated the model in other areas of the county.

067 MARY LOU HENNRICH, Care Team Member and Primary Care Services Director, Multnomah County: Describes field services and presents background information; Health Department 1994 Budget Request (EXHIBIT E) and Field Services in Review (EXHIBIT F). -She discusses funding concerns. -She discusses the Teen Parent support Program (EXHIBIT E). -She discusses the Family Service Center (EXHIBIT E)

146 KLINK: Describes Integrated Human Services System Plan (EXHIBIT D). -The AOC will be presenting some amendments.

158 MONROE: Describes demonstration districts.

REP. ADAMS: Mary Lou, based on what you know, will we be able to do a better job with same dollars?

184 HENNRICH: We haven't figured out the best way to deliver services. -It's a complex and complicated issue. -If we don't go too fast and we involve a variety of people in the process--she's in favor of pilots, rather than total change. -She doesn't see duplication of programs, she sees a lot of need. -Providers struggle to keep their noses above the water. -If we just reshuffle the boxes, we won't necessarily provide better service at equal cost.

221 REP. ADAMS: It looks like you are working toward integration that will somehow outsmart the state and federal bureaucracy. -If we help you do that, we'll make progress.

HENNRICH: Responds. -We have to make sure we don't undo the good that's been done.

258 REP. ADAMS: Discuss AT&T reorganization. -He does not believe in change for changes sake. -We're about outsmarting the system we created.

277 MONROE: We involved the community in our system.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Closes the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 2006 -- EXHIBITS

Witnesses: Barbara Ross, Special Projects Director, DHR Pam Patton,  
Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Opens the Public Hearing on HB 2006.

310 BARBARA ROSS, Special Projects Director, DHR: Presents testimony  
on HB 2006 (EXHIBIT G).

406 CHAIRMAN MEEK: This bill is a crucial piece of the CCT  
legislation. -He discusses Mission Statement - HB 2006 (EXHIBIT H).

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014 PAM PATTON, Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs: Comments on  
HB 2006.

WORK SESSION ON HB 2006

036 REP. NAITO: We want to include teachers in the list on the  
mission statement. -The Chair of Judiciary has expressed an interest in  
hearing HB 2006. -She does not support adopting the amendments (EXHIBIT  
I). We should let Judiciary decide the merits of the amendments.

050 MOTION: REP. NAITO: Moves HB 2006 to the House Committee  
on Judiciary without recommendation as to passage.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Hearing no objection the motion is adopted.

CHAIRMAN MEEK: Adjourns at 3:04 p.m.

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EXHIBIT LOG:

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