

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
WORK GROUP ON STATE OFFICE

April 5, 1993 Hearing Room H-170
3:00 p.m. Tapes 03 - 04

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rep. Lisa Naito, Chair
 Rep. Patti Milne

STAFF PRESENT: Edward Klein, Committee Assistant
 Kathy Taylor, Committee Staff

PUBLIC HEARING &
POSSIBLE WORK SESSION:

HB 2003 - Establishes standards for support delivery
systems for children and families by State Office of
Services for Children and Families.
HB 2004 - Creates State Commission on Children and
Families.
HB 2005 - Transfers duties of child protective
services from Department of Human Resources to State
Office for Children and Families.

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statements made during this session. Only text enclosed in
quotation marks report a speaker's exact words. For complete
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TAPE 03, SIDE A

WITNESSES:

Mary Hoyt
Jim Dyer
Muriel Goldman
Nancy Miller
Tom Woodruff
Betty Uchytel
Mark McDonnell
Christopher White
Leslie Haines

- 001 CHAIR NAITO: Calls the work group to order at 3:15.
Asks for people's opinions on various operations, and how to
get the best resources to children and families. What
should be involved in child protective services?
- 065 MARY HOYT, CHILDREN SERVICES DIVISION: AFS provides a wide
spectrum of services to children, CSD is just a part of
that. Is it better to keep services connected to the other

resources to support the family?

- 100 JIM DYER, MARION COUNTY FOSTER PARENT ASSOCIATION:
Concerned about children after they leave CPS. Common pattern of kids bouncing back and forth between CPS and family. They need to get into a resource center or support group to continue treatment.
- 131 HOYT: The timing sequence of the transition and the local planning will be important.
- 162 MURIEL GOLDMAN, CHILDREN FIRST OF OREGON: How exactly are you using CPS? Is it just investigation and assessment? At what point does the state office of children and families assume responsibilities?
- 191 CHAIR NAITO: At this point there is no agreement on that issue, would appreciate your input.
- 194 GOLDMAN: My committee's interpretation, when we recommended the low frequency high intensity, would be to include CPS and foster care and adoptions. We need to clarify this issue.
- 204 CHAIR NAITO: What would be the policy reasons to have it at the state level vs. the county level? Some counties are willing to take this on and some are not.
- 210 GOLDMAN: There would be minimum state-wide standards. If a county runs out of money, where will the money come from?
- 229 HOYT: One of the issues under funding is do we put any federal funds in jeopardy?
- 238 DYER: Need to develop a kind and gentle image for county resources. Leave the child protective services with the state.
- 267 CHAIR NAITO: Agrees. To be effective the resources centers will need to be a place people believe to be helpful. You think the foster care piece should be at the state office?
- 291 DYER: Yes, it will help foster parents have one direct agency that supervises.
- 313 NANCY MILLER, CITIZENS REVIEW BOARD: Possibility of moving some social work staff to the state police, district attorney's office or county juvenile department under the 3438 model. If we do that, then I support leaving foster care with state office. That puts CSD in the business of reuniting families. The entire continuum of care is managed.
- 460 TOM WOODRUFF, WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH:
Agrees about the integration of protective services and residential services. However one of the struggles we have is that we don't control intake or exit of residential programs when working with a child. There is a need to find a way to work through this.

- 003 CHAIR NATIO: True that some can be at a local level, some communities are more ready than others.
- 006 HOYT: In the local planning efforts a community makes a needs assessment, determines the resources that are available locally and which they need on a statewide basis. It would be possible for two or three areas to go in together and develop a specialized resource.
- 030 MILLER: The final forum is the court. You may be able to set some ground rules if agencies can't agree.
- 049 WOODRUFF: Use of co-management in placing children.
- 060 BETTY UCHYTIL, CHILDREN SERVICES DIVISION: Relates prior history of Oregon's child protective services. When both law enforcement and child welfare agencies work together the best child protective services happens.
- 109 MARK MCDONNELL, MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY OFFICE: Co-operative effort between law enforcement and CPS is needed. Need for available fostercare space. Concern the counties will not have enough money to provide services .
- 150 UCHYTIL: Another option not listed in continuum is adoption.
- 168 CHRISTOPHER WHITE, POYAMA LAND: Our approach in other discussions have been what is the least disruptive. If you take a look at the DARTS programs which are basicly a psychiatric service, part of the medical care system. It is very different from child welfare programs. It seems that we'll have two mental health divisions and two DHR's to relate to now. One for children and parents and another for adults. We have many questions about who will be responsible for setting standards, building license, letters of approval, certifying our education programs etc. Sometime people confuse local planning with local funding, with state coordination. We have 20 children ages 3 to 12 in our program for three counties, how would this work? If the counties contract with us on a quota basis, how do we service the kids with the greatest need? If a county decides not to have a DARTS program, families would have to move into the county for the services. The mental health programs don't fit as well as child welfare into this new system. I am asking for services to be available for the younger more vulnerable kids.
- 380 LESLIE HAINES, CHILDREN'S CARE TEAM: Our criteria is to see that the continuum of care be made available. The programs that need the kind of coordination that Christopher White spoke of should be handled out of the state office as opposed to decentralization.
- 410 REP. MILNE: Adjourns at 4:15

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