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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

February 18, 1991Hearing Room F 1:00 p.m.Tapes 39 - 43

MEMBERS PRESENT:Rep. Mary Alice Ford, Chair Rep. Beverly Stein, Vice-Chair Rep. Jerry Barnes Rep. Cedric Hayden Rep. John Meek Rep. Hedy Rijken Rep. Jackie Taylor

STAFF PRESENT: Melanie Zermer, Committee Administrator Pamela Berger, Committee Assistant

MEASURES CONSIDERED: Heart of Oregon responds to the Mental Health & Disabled Services Division Budget - Informational Introduction of LC Drafts - Wrk

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010 CHAIR FORD: Calls the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

WORK SESSION INTRODUCTION OF LC DRAFTS

020 MELANIE ZERMER, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: Submits and explains LC 289 , LC 458, LC 1997-1, LC 2357, LC 2358, LC 2532, LC 2674, LC 2822, LC 2901, LC 2985, LC 3034, LC 3170, LC 3273, LC 3428, LC 3509, LC 3510, LC 3511, LC 3578, and LC 3579 (EXHIBIT GG).

MOTION: REPRESENTATIVE RIJKEN MOVES TO INTRODUCE LC 289 , LC 458, LC 1997-1, LC 2357, LC 2358, LC 2532, LC 2674, LC 2822, LC 2901, LC 2985, LC 3034, LC 3170, LC 3273, LC 3428, LC 3509, LC 3510, LC 3511, LC 3578, AND LC 3579 AS COMMITTEE BILLS.

VOTE: THERE BEING NO OBJECTIONS, THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL HEARING: HEART OF OREGON RESPONDS TO MENTAL HEALTH &

DISABLED SERVICES DIVISION BUDGET Witnesses: Sandra Millius, Heart of Oregon Coalition Jeanine Meyer Rodriguez, Heart of Oregon Coalition Regina Simonian, Heart of Oregon Coalition Mercedes Antilla, Heart of Oregon Coalition Lee Presley, Heart of Oregon Coalition Carmella Sanders, Heart of Oregon Coalition Mary Slawosky, Heart of Oregon Coalition Chris Pilotte, Heart of Oregon Coalition Traci Manning, Student, U. of O.

CHAIR FORD: Refers to the Mental Health and Developmental Disability Services Division (MHDDSD) 1991-93 proposed budget (EXHIBIT A). - Reads membership list of the Heart of Oregon Coalition (EXHIBIT B).

114 SANDRA MILLIUS, HEART OF OREGON COALITION: Explains origin of coalition. - Refers to a primer on mental health and developmental disabilities (Exhibit H).

176 JEANINE MEYER RODRIGUEZ, HEART OF OREGON COALITION: Submits and reads written testimony regarding the Mental Health and Disabled Services Division proposed budget cuts (EXHIBIT C).

350 REGINA SIMONIAN, HEART OF OREGON COALITION: Submits and reads testimony on how the budget cuts would effect the homeless population (EXHIBIT D).

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039 MERCEDES ANTILLA, HEART OF OREGON COALITION: Discusses consumer issues regarding teen clinics. - Tells background of her illnesses. - Describes services offered at Grant High School's teen clinic.

066 TRACI MANNING, STUDENT, U. of O.: Submits and reads written testimony on the effects that Measure 5 has on the state system of Higher Education (EXHIBIT E). - Discusses tuition costs and student loans.

160 LEE PRESLEY, HEART OF OREGON COALITION, SHELTERED WORKSHOP: Testifies on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would effect him. - Describes his disabilities caused by seven strokes. - Discusses his job at the Salem Rehabilitation Facility. - Explains that his job provides him dignity and a reason to continue living.

233 CARMELLA SANDERS, HEART OF OREGON COALITION: Submits and reads written testimony as to how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would effect her, as a parent of a sexually and physically abused child (EXHIBIT F).

328 MARY SLAWSKY, HEART OF OREGON COALITION: Submits and reads written testimony on the effects of Measure 5 on the employees of the Oregon state school system, and the children and families of Oregon (EXHIBIT G).

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033 CHRIS PILOTTE, HEART OF OREGON COALITION: Testifies on how Measure 5 will effect children under the state guardianship of the Children Services Division (CSD). - Discusses the funding increases last session

for CSD. - The current and proposed budget will eliminate many preventative services for families with no other place to go.

070 CHAIR FORD: Recesses the meeting at 2:10 p.m. - Re-convenes the meeting at 2: 25 p.m.

WORK SESSION INTRODUCTION OF LC DRAFT

MELANIE ZERMER: Submits and explains LC 3513 (EXHIBIT HH).

MOTION: REPRESENTATIVE RIJKEN MOVES LC 3513 TO BE INTRODUCED AS A COMMITTEE BILL.

VOTE: THERE BEING NO OBJECTIONS, THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL HEARING: MENTAL HEALTH & DISABLED SERVICES DIVISION BUDGET
Witnesses: Ella Johnson, Mental Health Association Katherine Weit, Association of Retarded Citizens Steven Williamson, Mental Health Association Muriel Goldman, Mental Health Association Arlene Wood, Oregon Alliance for the Mentally Ill (OAMI) Larry Spurlock, Oregon Consumers Network, Inc.

087 ELLA JOHNSON, MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION: Submits and explains a primer on basic mental and emotionally disabled/developmentally disabled (MED/DD) definitions (EXHIBIT H).

115 KATHERINE WEIT, ASSOCIATION OF RETARDED CITIZENS: Testifies on the distinction between the mentally emotionally disabled and the developmentally disabled. - Discusses how the budget cuts of the Mental Health & Disabled Services Division will effect the MED and DD population. (see: page 1, Exhibit H). - Discusses services offered and sites (See: page 3, Exhibit H.)

165 JOHNSON: Explains the causes and types of mental illness (See: page 1, Exhibit H). - Discusses sites and services offering mental health services (See: page 3, Exhibit H). - Discusses continuum of services. - Describes what happens if a person does not receive treatment (i.e. prison, victim, etc). - Talks about those pleading guilty to insanity so they could receive mental services.

WEIT: The MR/DD population is better served in their own community and by their own family members.

JOHNSON: Allocation of funding for the MR/DD not necessarily for the mental health. 343 - Point out that a person may need a variety of care.

411 STEVEN WILLIAMSON, MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION: Submits and reads written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect mental health services (EXHIBIT I). - Refers to newspaper article attached to testimony (See: Page 2, Exhibit I).

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050 MURIEL GOLDMAN, MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION: Submits and reads

written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect mental health services (EXHIBIT J). 190 - Discusses DARTS program. 261 - Continues reading written testimony.

305 ARLENE WOOD, OREGON ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL (OAMI): Submits and reads written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect mental health services, specifically the state mental hospitals (EXHIBIT K).

408 LARRY SPURLOCK, OREGON CONSUMERS NETWORK, INC.: Submits and reads written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect mental health services he receives as a paranoid schizophrenic. (EXHIBIT L).

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WORK SESSION INTRODUCTION OF LC DRAFTS

MELANIE ZERMER: Submits and explains LC 2889 (EXHIBIT II).

MOTION: REPRESENTATIVE STEIN MOVES TO INTRODUCE LC 288 9 AS A COMMITTEE BILL.

VOTE: THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, THE MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

INFORMATIONAL HEARING: MENTAL HEALTH & DISABLED SERVICES DIVISION BUDGET
Witnesses: Gary Smith, Community Mental Health Directors June Dunn, Providers Association Neil Carroll, Providers Association Dan Reichman, Oregon State Hospital Employee Peter Freedman, Tualatin Valley Mental Health Center Robert Sanchez, Open Gates Jim O'Conner, Citizen Dan McLean, Banyan Tree Group Home Clyde Dunbar, Citizen Margaret Cox, Citizen Chris Jensen, Disabled Citizen Ann Campbell, Alliance for Mentally Ill David Beem, MR/DD Citizen Harold Kulm, Mental Health Providers Trish Miller, MR/DD Citizen Veda Kelmer, Mother of MR/DD child John Kelmer, MR/DD Citizen Wayne Aldaker, Grandfather of MR/DD citizen John Chamberlain on behalf of David Ingerson Hank Bersani Jr, ARC Barbara Tudor, Citizen Melissa Shuping, Citizen Betty Degler, Parent of Disabled Children Judy Morse, Disabled Citizen Vila Rae Cook, Parent of Disabled Child Bill Banard, Disabled Citizen Jeannie Bunn, Portland Employment Program Shirley Barnard, Parent of Disabled Child Joyce Norman, Parent of Disabled Child Hallie Jensen, Parent of Disabled Child Mackie Kerchay, Parent of Disabled Child Jan Kral, Shangri La Corporation Janna Starr, ARC

035 GARY SMITH, COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS: Submits and reads written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect mental health services (EXHIBIT M).

101 JUNE DUNN, PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION: Submits and summarizes written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect mental health

services (EXHIBIT N). - Describes the supplemental security disability determination process (See: Attachment B, Exhibit N).

260 NEIL CARROLL, RESIDENTIAL PROVIDERS ASSOCIATION OF OREGON: Submits and summarizes written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect mental health services (EXHIBIT O).

315 DAN RIECHMAN, OREGON SATE HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE: Testifies on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect mental health services. - If the shifts are going to be from the state hospitals (i.e. closing wards) and emphasis is going to be put on the community, please fund the community. You can't cut both ends.

380 PETER FREEDMAN, TUALATIN VALLEY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER: Submits and summarizes written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect mental health services (EXHIBIT S).

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004 ROBERT SANCHEZ, OPEN GATES: Submits and summarizes written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect mental health services (EXHIBIT T). - Describes help that he received in order to have control of his own life.

034 DAN McLEAN, BANYAN TREE GROUP HOME: Submits and summarizes written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect mental health

services (EXHIBIT P). - Describes help that he received in order to have control of his own life.

050 JIM O'CONNOR, CITIZEN: At Damasch State Hospital they are proposing cutting one of the ministers. Two are needed, one Catholic, one Protestant. - We need a volunteer coordinator to stop duplication of efforts of asking for help in stopping the budget cuts. - The mentally ill should coordinate their own programs. If a person has never been mentally ill, they really don't understand the needs. - Reads poem that he wrote about himself when he is out of balance.

093 CLYDE DUNBAR, CITIZEN: Discusses the need for services that are part of the proposed budget cuts which include vocational rehabilitation. - Describes mental health treatment he receives. - Discusses how cuts in case managers would effect him.

126 MARGARET COX, CITIZEN: Testifies on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts

would affect mental health services. - Describes how cuts would effect her depression. - Discusses how staffing cuts would effect their clients.

163 CHAIR FORD: Recesses the meeting at 3:55 p.m. - Re-convenes the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

165 HANK BERSANI JR., ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS (ARC): Submits and summarizes written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect services for the developmentally disabled (EXHIBIT Q).

283 BARBARA TUDOR, CITIZEN: Submits and summarizes written testimony on

how

the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect services for the developmentally disabled, specifically early intervention (EXHIBIT R).

346 MELISSA SHUPING AND DISABLED DAUGHTER, PENNY: Submits and summarizes written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect services for the developmentally disabled specifically cuts in work experience programs (EXHIBIT U).

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080 BETTY DEGLER, PARENT OF DISABLED CHILDREN: Submits and summarizes written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect disabled services, specifically cuts in rehabilitation centers, the transportation provided to attend the center, and the proposed elimination of the relative foster home assistance. (EXHIBIT V).

241 JUDY MORSE, DISABLED CITIZEN: Submits and summarizes written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect disabled services, specifically cuts in the work experience programs (EXHIBIT W).

257 VILA RAE COOK, PARENT OF DISABLED CHILD: Submits and summarizes written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect disabled services, specifically the relative foster care program, the activity center, and nutrition center (EXHIBIT X).

300 BILL BANARD, DISABLED CITIZEN: Testifies on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect disabled services, specifically cuts in the work experience programs. - I like my job at Burgerville and do not want to lose it.

318 CHRIS JENSEN, DISABLED CITIZEN: Testifies on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect disabled services, specifically cuts in the work experience programs. - I like my job as a stock clerk at Fred Meyers and do not want to lose it.

320 JEANNIE BUNN, PORTLAND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM: Submits and summarizes written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect disabled services, specifically cuts in the work experience programs (EXHIBIT Y). - Describes the Portland Employment Program. - Both Chris Jensens and Bill Barnard's jobs would be cut from the vocational services.

335 SHIRLEY BARNARD, PARENT OF DISABLED CHILD: Bill's job gives him self- esteem. If he loses his job, he will lose his self-esteem which we have worked hard to developed. before he was involved in the program, he sat at home and watched T.V. all day and night. - This job has given Bill incentive, self worth, and self esteem because now he is earning money, is a tax payer, and has independence. - The added income also helps our family because Bill's dad is disabled is not able to work.

359 JOYCE NORMAN, PARENT OF DISABLED CHILD: Submits and summarizes written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect disabled services, specifically cuts in the work experience programs (EXHIBIT Z). - If my son did not have his job, he would probably lose the self-esteem he has worked so hard to gain. - For many disabled

people, they will be very worried if they are not able to bring in an income. - What my son, Jake, receives per month at his job, is equal to the amount the state pays for one day of care at Fairview. - As parents, we feel that we are being punished for caring for our disabled child. Some of those children will need to return to Fairview because parents may not be able to afford the costs. - The proposed budget cuts will effect 1,100 people in the state. - I feel that these programs pay for themselves.

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021 HALLIE JENSEN, PARENT OF DISABLED CHILD: Testifies on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect disabled services, specifically the job training programs. Chris would not be able to find a job without assistance. He has been trained well and receive nothing but positive feedback on his efforts. It is so important to keep those capable of working in the work force. If Chris were not working, he would be spending the day, in his room, by himself. This job is also a social outlet which is essential for everybody's life.

050 REPRESENTATIVE STEIN: Humbled by testimony heard today and touched by stories heard. This is hard for us to hear, and harder for you to put up with the hardships that cuts put forth. - Concerned about dignity and self-worth. - Proud of each and every one of you. - Pledges to work with the Heart of Oregon to restore these services.

068 JANNA STARR: Submits and summarizes written testimony on how the MHDDSD

proposed budget cuts would affect services for the developmentally disabled (EXHIBIT BB).

120 MACKIE KERCHAY, PARENT OF DISABLED CHILD: Testifies on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect services for the developmentally disabled. - Families are first to receive cuts and last to receive services. - If a child can't work, the parent would need to quit their job to stay home with MRDD child. - We have a big investment in our handicapped - it costs millions to get them trained to hold down a job, and gain self esteem. - Now that I am older, I'm not sure what will happen to my daughter if I am unable to care for her or if I die. - Thought a group home was the answer but we have been on a waiting list six years. - It takes six to eight years on a waiting list to be part of the workshop program. - During the past 15 years of having cared for my daughter at home, I have saved the state 1/2 million dollars. - If we can't make it financially, we will become a displaced family. - I can't leave my daughter at home alone. - Let's work together to figure out how to keep these people on the job. - We can't go backwards and have to re-train them at a later date. They won't understand why they will lose their job, they will feel that it their fault.

215 JAN KRAL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SHANGRI LA CORPORATION: Submits and summarizes written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect those receiving disabled services (EXHIBIT AA).

268 ANN CAMPBELL, ALLIANCE FOR MENTALLY Ill: Submits and summarizes written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect those

receiving services for the medically needy. (EXHIBIT CC).)

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030 DAVID BEEM, CITIZEN: Submits and summarizes written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect those receiving services for the medically needy. (EXHIBIT DD).

068 HAROLD KULM, MENTAL HEALTH PROVIDERS: Submits and summarizes written testimony on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect those

receiving services for the medically needy. (EXHIBIT EE).

114 TRISH MILLER, DISABLED CITIZEN: Testifies on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect those receiving services for the MR/DD population. - If I get my job cut off I will have to leave my home and live in the streets. - I have never lived at Fairview, I have always been able to care for myself. - I need to keep my job.

140 VEDA KELMER, MOTHER OF MENTALLY RETARDED DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CHILD: Testifies on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect those receiving services for the MR/DD population. - Our son has become independent and self sufficient. - He needs assistance in paying and has difficulty in telling time and communicating.

JOHN KELMER, MENTALLY RETARDED DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CITIZEN: Testifies on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect those receiving services for the MR/DD population. - If you cut the budget, I can't work. - Hope you can save my job. - I pay my own bills.

VEDA KELMER: During the past 20 years John has lived with us. He held down a good job and was able to save money and paid room and board. Now he has his own apartment, pays for his own groceries, utilities, medical insurance. - John is slowing down. Without his job he will need to receive public assistance (i.e low cost housing, medical, etc.). - Out of the 44 proposed cuts at the Mid-Valley Workshop, we feel that even if funds were available at a later date, these 44 people would be replaced by younger people on the waiting list. - If these 44 people are cut, they will lose a lot their job skills if they do not work regularly.

241 WAYNE ALDAKER, GRANDFATHER OF A MENTALLY RETARDED DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CITIZEN: Testifies on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect those receiving services for the MR/DD citizens. - I've been taking care of my grandson for the past 21 years. - Disturbed by the work program cuts. - Don't understand how these cuts can be made. - We will not be able to care for our grandson for many more years and we are scared that he will end up living on the streets.

JOHN CHAMBERLAIN: Submits and reads written testimony on behalf of DAVID INGERSON on how the MHDDSD proposed budget cuts would affect the MR/DD population (EXHIBIT FF).

Submitted for the record testimony from the City of Salem (EXHIBIT JJ), testimony from Albert and Helen Clint (EXHIBIT KK), and testimony from Halfway House Services, Inc. (EXHIBIT LL).

CHAIR FORD: Adjourns the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

Pamela Berger

Melanie Zermer

EXHIBIT LOG: A - MHDDSD proposed budget - staff - 9 pp. B - Membership of the Heart of Oregon Coalition - staff - 1 p. C - Measure 5 - Testimony - Rodriguez - 4 pp. D - Measure 5 - Testimony - Simonian - 2 pp. E - Measure 5 - Testimony - Manning - 2 pp. F - Measure 5 - Testimony - Sanders - 3 pp. G - Measure 5 - Testimony - Slawsky - 4 pp. H - Measure 5 - Definitions - Johnson - 5 pp. I - Measure 5 - Testimony - Williamson - 2 pp. J - Measure 5 - Testimony - Goldman - 11 pp. K - Measure 5 - Testimony - Wood - 2 pp. L - Measure 5 - Testimony - Spurlock - 1 p. M - Measure 5 - Testimony - Smith - 2 pp. N - Measure 5 - Testimony - Dunn - 10 pp. O - Measure 5 - Testimony - Carroll - 4 pp. P - Measure 5 - Testimony - McLean - 1 p. Q - Measure 5 - Testimony - Bersani - 3 pp. R - Measure 5 - Testimony - Tudor - 1 p. S - Measure 5 - Testimony - Freedman - 2 pp. T - Measure 5 - Testimony - Sanchez - 5 pp. U - Measure 5 - Testimony - Shuping - 3 pp. V - Measure 5 - Testimony - Degler - 4 pp. W - Measure 5 - Testimony - Morse - 1 p. X - Measure 5 - Testimony - Cook - 2 pp. Y - Measure 5 - Testimony - Bunn - 1 p. Z - Measure 5 - Testimony - Norman - 3 pp. AA - Measure 5 - Testimony - Kral - 23 pp. BB - Measure 5 - Testimony - Starr - 2 pp. CC - Measure 5 - Testimony - Campbell - 1 p. DD - Measure 5 - Testimony - Beem - 2 pp. EE - Measure 5 - Testimony - Kulm - 2 pp. FF - Measure 5 - Testimony - Ingerson - 1 p. GG - LC 289, LC 458, LC 1997-1, LC 2357, LC 2358, LC 2532, LC 2674, LC 282 2, LC 290 1, LC 2985, LC 3034, LC 3170, LC 3273, LC 3428, LC 3509, LC 3510, LC 351 1, LC 3578, and LC 3579 - Staff - 58 pp. HH - LC 3513 - Staff - 6 pp. II - LC 2889 - Staff - 3 pp. JJ - Measure 5 - Testimony from the City of Salem - Staff - 1 p. KK - Measure 5 - Testimony from Clint - Staff - 4 pp. LL - Measure 5 - Testimony from Halfway House Services, Inc. - Staff - 3 pp.