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SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting
February 12, 1963

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lauterbach at 10:00 a.m., February 12, 1963, with all members present except Senators Hults and Van Sickle.

Mr. Thaine D. McCormick, Director; Dr. Richard A. Schuct, director of the vocational rehabilitation unit; and Mr. Norman G. Evans, vocational rehabilitation supervisor; appeared on behalf of the budget requests of the Board of Vocational Education.

Others present: Senators Alvin Bauman and Ernest W. Strahan, Representative Charles F. Heath, Mrs. Mildred Otis, chairman of the Kansas Committee on Rehabilitation, Messrs. Paul Watson of Jetmore, Ken Shriber of Ransom, Boyd Oliver of Independence, and Clyde Boyhart of Altoona.

Mr. McCormick presented the budget requests for promotion of vocational education. He stated:

1. There are some adjustments needed to be made to more effectively provide vocational education in line with the recommendations of the Governor's Economic Development Committee. These are not budgeted as the programs are not in existence.
2. It is generally recognized that vocational education has a real contribution to make to the economic development of the state; especially the changeover from an agricultural economy to one of many facets of industrial economy. Federal legislation is being considered recognizing these economy changes.
3. Two out of every ten in the 26 million young people who will enter the labor market in this decade will complete college; the others will enter the labor market with some type of training from high schools or job training.
4. Because of the changes in economy, and the adjustments necessary, a request is made for a position which has not been budgeted. It is an assistant vocational supervisor, at \$6,799 (\$5,499 salary, \$200 FICA, \$1,100 travel allowance). This needs serious consideration.
5. With reference to the study of types of occupations needed, in line with changes, a representative who worked in similar studies in the states of Illinois, Texas and Iowa, helped evolve to some extent those needed in Kansas. Further developing work is needed.

Therefore, reinstatement of \$10,000 (of the \$20,000 requested) is asked for continuing this pilot program. This is compatible with a trend which the federal government will implement in federal vocational programs.

6. He stated that if Kansas is to provide the type of vocational education needed, it will need to move into this area, and he personally endorses the Governor's Economic Development Committee recommendations.

Mr. Evans presented the budget requests in the areas of rehabilitation of the physically disabled and the vocational rehabilitation unit located at the Kansas Neurological Institute. Following are his statements:

1. 1,087 people were rehabilitated by the division. The average income before rehabilitation was near \$10 a week; after \$52.74; or a total aggregate income of \$2,981,000.
2. Of the 1,087 rehabilitated, 175 were on welfare assistance. Through close cooperation with county welfare offices, they were removed from the rolls. Cost to welfare had been \$244,000; after rehabilitation they were earning \$446,680 (quite a savings to the state).
3. One of the difficulties experienced by the division has been the shortage of money each year to provide adequate services. Each year there are more and more severely handicapped people who require the services. As case service funds run low, temporary arrangements for rehabilitation must be made.
4. \$23,138 is budgeted annually for each counselor (each case is estimated at \$5,699). This is a real priority need to provide continuous services. (See page 1, Attachment No. 1.)
5. The second real need is to establish an office at Salina. The area is now covered out of Hays by two counselors (who cover 26 counties). Another counselor is located at Dodge City. They are covering half the state. This makes it impossible to provide adequate counseling services. It is felt that by providing an office at Salina it will not only afford better services to Salina, but also the north-western part of the state. (See page 1, Attachment No. 1.)
6. We are recommending that a counselor be added at the Dodge City office. (Page 1, Attachment No. 1.)
7. Our fourth need is to expand our offices in Kansas City, Wichita, and Topeka by adding a counselor in each office. By so doing services could be provided another disabled group (inmates of the Osawatomie, Larned, and Topeka State hospitals). The hospitals are requesting this service. This is an area where excellent services can be provided to disabled people to make them positive income people rather than dependent upon welfare or other State resources. (Page 2, Attachment No. 1.)

8. The vocational rehabilitation unit, in operation slightly over two years, is located in nine buildings at the Kansas Neurological Institute. 187 have been admitted to the unit: 48 are in evaluation or receiving training; 89 have moved out (working within the State); and 50 have been returned to institutions or their homes as unable to compete in the labor market.
9. It is a four-phase program: 1) evaluation, 2) job training, 3) counseling, and 4) release. An additional social worker for counseling is needed. (Page 3, Attachment No. 1.)
10. The other request is another teacher for exceptional children. The unit attempts to take two or three new cases each week; and for the next year, if necessary staff is allowed, 150 will be admitted to the unit. (Page 3, Attachment No. 1.)

Senator Strahan, speaking for himself and Representative Heath, stated they felt the additional office at Salina is needed, and hoped the committee would act favorably on it.

The dollar amounts for the foregoing requests are:

<u>Area</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Promotion of Vocational Education	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,771	\$ 17,771
Rehabilitation of Physically Disables	195,084	115,809	310,893
Vocational Rehabilitation Unit	12,257	7,276	19,533
Totals	\$217,341	\$130,856	\$348,197

August W. Lauterbach, Chairman
Senate Ways and Means Committee

STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
 DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION
 February 1, 1963

Additional Vocational Rehabilitation Needs for Fiscal Year 1963-1964

I. Need for additional case service funds.

Case service budget inadequate. Disabled people must wait for services. Each counselor (18) needs an increase of \$5,699 for case service funds.

State Share	\$38,209	\$102,575
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II. Need to establish district office at Salina.

Adequate services to disabled in the northwest, and the north central part of the state is a serious problem. The two counselors at Hays and the one counselor at Dodge City are covering approximately one-half of the State. By adding two counselors at Salina, not only will north central Kansas be served but also the northwest through the reduction of the vast area each counselor must cover.

1. New Positions		
2 counselors	\$ 9,486	
1 clerk-stenographer II	3,204	
FICA	460	\$13,150
2. Case service money		50,000
3. Other expenses		6,279
State Share	\$25,862	69,425

III. Need for additional counselor at Dodge City.

The counselor in Dodge City area presently is attempting to serve twenty-two counties. It is proposed that an additional counselor be employed for the Dodge City area in order that services to the disabled in Southwest Kansas be expedited and more disabled be served.

1. One additional counselor \$ 4,743		
FICA	172	4,915
2. Case service money		25,000
3. Other expenses		2,127
State Share	\$11,936	32,042

IV. Need for expansion of Kansas City, Wichita, and Topeka offices.

Because of the rapid increase of population in the larger metropolitan areas and because of additional demands for services, it is proposed that a counselor be added to our offices in Kansas City, Wichita, and Topeka.

1. New Positions

1 supervisor (at Wichita) \$ 5,499

3 counselors 14,229

1 clerk-stenographer II 3,204

FICA 831

\$23,763

2. Case service money

75,000

3. Other expenses

8,088

State Share \$39,802

106,851

STATE BOARD FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

Request for Replacement of Selected Items Not Included
in Governor's Recommendations
January 29, 1963

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION UNIT

1. Psychiatric Social Service Worker II - Needed by July 1, 1963, to supervise Psychiatric Social Service Worker I's as well as to provide service to partial caseload of clients.

Salary and FICA	\$ 6,597	
Travel and Subsistence	1,200	
Office Equipment	182	
Subtotal		\$ 7,979

(Cost to State - \$ 2,972)

2. Psychiatric Social Service Worker I - Needed by October 1, 1963, to provide service to the steadily increasing number of clients on the Unit's caseload.

Salary and FICA	\$ 4,415	
Travel and Subsistence	1,350	
Office Equipment	182	
Subtotal		\$ 5,974

(Cost to State - \$ 2,215)

3. Teacher of Exceptional Children - Needed to provide training in a variety of subjects (e. g., telling time, budgeting and managing money, counting money, making change, traveling independently in the community, safety, hygiene, grooming, and others) that mentally retarded clients must know in order to make adequate personal and social adjustments in community living.

Salary and FICA	\$ 5,425	
Office Equipment	182	
Subtotal		\$ 5,607

	State (37.25%)	Federal (62.75%)	Total
Total	\$ 7,276	\$ 12,257	\$ 19,533