

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF EL DORADO

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES January 10, 1979

The Board convened in an adjourned (continued) meeting. Present: Arliene Todd, William V. D. Johnson, W. P. Walker, Joseph V. Flynn, and Thomas L. Stewart. Also present: Ann R. Macy, Board of Supervisors Clerk. Chairman Walker presided.

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Hearing was held at 9:00 a.m., this date, as duly advertised, to determine whether a State Department of Health Services determination of disproportionate reduction in net County costs is detrimental to the public in the case of public health services, or indigents in the case of inpatient or outpatient services.

Mr. Mike Rodrion, State Department of Health Services, was present and advised that the State's calculations indicated that a disproportionate reduction of \$58,313 had been found in the public health category; said calculations having been arrived at by taking the Tax Amount allocated for Fiscal Year 1978-79, plus the Relieved Obligations, plus the County Block Grant, which gives the dollars available for Fiscal Year 1978-79: for El Dorado County this amount is \$7,675,527. This is compared with the Tax Amount available for Fiscal Year 1977-78, which was \$9,330,338. Mr. Rodrion also stated that this Hearing was the County's opportunity to examine the reductions if there were any in services, and relate those to expenditures to net County costs, or revenue. He further stated that the State Health Services' figures were at this point purely mechanical, and it was now up to the Board to see if this disproportionate reduction identified by the State has been detrimental to the people of the County.

Ms. Marion MacAdams was present representing the El Dorado Health Planning Council and stated that her committee had a few questions and they were in the process of preparing evaluation forms for distribution to people who use the services; also she said her group was interested in quality as well as quantity of services provided. In answer to a direct question from Supervisor Johnson as to whether she or her group had received any complaints as to the level of care or services provided, Ms. MacAdams answered that there had been no complaints. Chairman Walker then queried Ms. MacAdams if her committee could today could make a determination as to whether the services have, or have not, been reduced proportionately, and her answer was, "We don't know".

Curtiss Weidmer, M.D., County Health Officer, reviewed the various budget categories which reflected a net impact of a 3.5% decrease in the budget. He further stated that a comparison of expenditures last year to the budget this year reflects a 2% increase. He went on to say that there did not seem to be any reduction in services that the County is rendering; there was no build up of a waiting list for services.

There being no further comment, the Hearing was closed.

Supervisor Johnson moved that based upon the testimony this date and the comments received from the representative of the local Health Planning Council and the County Health Officer testifying that there was no build-up of patients waiting for services in the County because of the reduction, and the fact that there was no adverse comment from the public concerning the health services provided by the County, that the reduction in the County

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Health Department's net cost bears no relationship to the amount and type of service provided, and the reduction therefor is determined by this Board not to be detrimental to the public relative to public health services or the indigents in the case of inpatient or outpatient services, nor has there been any increase in patient fees in the El Dorado County Health Department to date. Supervisor Todd seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, January 16, 1979.

APPROVED:

W. P. "Dub" Walker
W. P. "Dub" Walker, Chairman

ATTEST: Dolores Bredeson, County Clerk
and ex officio Clerk of the Board

By: Ann L. Nooy
Deputy

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