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2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1458

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date January 30, 2001

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Minutes:

Chairman Price, Vice Chairman Devlin, Rep. Doseh, Rep. Galvin, Rep. Klein, Rep. Pollert, Rep. Porter, Rep. Tieman, Rep. Weiler, Rep. Weisz, Rep. Cleary, Rep. Metcalf, Rep. Niemeier, Rep. Sandvig

Chairman Price: Open hearing on HB 1458.

Rep. Cleary: Presented Bill. (See written testimony.) The bill would help the Department of Human Services provide grants or contracts with nonprofit organizations for counseling and education services for victims with traumatic brain injuries and their families. Please give this bill a good discussion and then vote to DO PASS.

Rep. Weiler: How many traumatic brain injuries do we have in North Dakota?

Rep. Cleary: I don't have that number, but someone here can answer that for you.

Rep. Lloyd: Cosponsor of the Bill. Rep. Lloyd testified in behalf of the education aspect of the bill. Short term memory is the biggest problem facing these individuals with traumatic brain

injuries. This certainly isn't enough money to do what is needed, but it might be enough money to generate individuals who can take advantage of early education in the early period of TBI injuries when it is most affective.

Rep. Klein: How many people statewide do we have in this situations?

Rep. Lloyd: This last year, approximately two dozen - this is about average per year.

Avis Dissell: Former Spouse and Advocate for TBI. (See support of HB 1458 in written testimony.) We have no records of TBI victims. My goal is to set up something to document these numbers. Agencies or hospitals don't have this. Our hands are tied unless we get data. We ask for your support of HB 1458 which would be a start toward this goal.

Chairman Price: Your testimony is geared toward creating a data bank, both for the number of injuries and where to go for services as opposed to Rep. Lloyd talking about education. Do you see them working together?

Avis Dissell: I think we need the education, but we also need the data.

Dr. Carol Krause: Physiatrist, Crystal Clinic. (See support of HB 1458 in written testimony.) I am asking you to consider a bill that would increase awareness of TBI. We need more education about the effects and treatment options for TBI people.

Chairman Price: You're talking about the school system. What do you see is the best way to address that issued as far as education in the schools of teachers, staff, and individuals with TBI?

Dr. Carol Krause: It is a problem to get education, because school system does not understand the issues with TBI.

Chairman Price: Is there a national organization that has anything in this area as far as recognizing the problems relating to TBI in the school system?

Dr. Carol Krause: Maybe I will get some information from the national meeting I will be attending in September.

Joyce Gress: Social Worker and Case Manager, Prairie Learning Center. My son has TBI. (See written testimony.) I would like to see a TBI information office developed to help address some of these problems.

Rep. Metcalf: Have you worked with TBI centers?

Joyce Gress: I have worked with other families because of my situation.

Rep. Metcalf: Is the benefit of experiences people have had been passed around.

Joyce Gress: Organization is power and you can't do it without a hub.

Mary Zentz: Employee, Dakota Alfa. I see this bill as a beginning to help families. It can change a families life in a second. \$253,200 is only a start. Our program can be successful if we have cooperation. I am truly in support of this bill.

Ann Carnes: I am a mother of a son who has had a brain injury. My son attended Alfa, but they lacked the training to meet the needs of my son. There is no help for TBI victims.

Tim Schwam: I had a brain injury. There wasn't any information for me. I strongly urge you to pass this bill. \$253,000 is a stepping stone.

Evelyn Hanson: My son's brain injury is from a tumor. I am glad to see all this support for something like this. We all need more training. I support this bill. We need education for everything from diet, to emotional trauma, to physical trauma. I definitely support HB 1458.

Price Chairman: Close hearing on HB 1458.

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 6, 2001

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
Tape 1		X	3140 to end
Tape 2	X		0 to 500
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Minutes:

COMMITTEE WORK:

CHAIRMAN PRICE: Mr. Gilmore is here from the Health Department. Let's go to 1458.

ROD GILMORE: Coordinator for Office of Injury Prevention, State Health Department. In 1987 the North Dakota Head Injury Association had a bill introduced which established Traumatic Brain Injury Registry in North Dakota. Physicians were required to complete a report card and send it to the Health Department on any individual that they treated and met the definition of traumatic brain injury. That system remained in effect into the '90s. There was no penalty if physicians did not report. We found out that the reporting was very sporadic. In 1993 the Head Injury Association had a bill introduced that designated the Department of Human Services as a lead agency for traumatic brain injury in North Dakota. The bill also required the Health Department send the Traumatic Brain Injury Registry to Human Services. They in turn would contact the individual or family and inform them of services that were available. We

developed a brochure to that affect. From 1993 through 1999 that was the intent of this legislation was to exchange and share information. From 1995 on, our federal funding for maintaining the registry was discontinued. We applied for another grant. One was strictly looking at agricultural related injuries. We maintained the registry through 1997, just using internal resources. The reporting dropped off significantly. It got to the point where hospitals and clinics didn't have time to fill out the reports and we need to develop another system.

During the 1999 session the Department of Health and Department of Human Services asked to repeal the 1987 and 1993 law repealing the requirement to maintain a registry - repealing the requirements that physicians report, repealing the designation of the Department of Human Services as a lead agency. We are looking at a system to access existing data sets to try and identify the number of TBI individuals in the state and start accumulating data. We looked at funding sources. I wrote a grant which gave us \$75,000 a year to set up an office of injury prevention, with the primary purpose of looking at surveillance activities for the state. We are looking at three primary data sets: State Trauma Registry, Hospital Based Discharge System, and the Death Certificate Information Data.

REP. CLEARY: Could you see this bill providing some of that to your department - the parents were looking for counseling and education services?

ROD GILMORE: There is a very strong need out there for those types of services. Just from reading the bill it was hard to ascertain if there was going to be any involvement on the part of the Department of Health. We will be able to provide statistics and information, but again we would need some type of legislation to be able to get around the confidentiality issues of extracting someone's medical records. I'm not sure how they intend to set up counseling centers or get the information out to these individuals across the state.

CHAIRMAN PRICE: Don't case managers have that information for the families right now?

ROD GILMORE: Yes, at the hospital level they should have it.

REP. METCALF: In discussion with others I have heard there is plenty of counseling out there. I am in complete sympathy with families that have traumatic brain injury individuals, but I kind of wonder if we do run into a problem of what is the definition of traumatic brain injury? In my opinion I can't support this.

REP. WEILER: Is there some type of a center in Valley City, Rep. Metcalf.

REP. METCALF: Yes there is, it is the High Soaring Eagle Ranch, which is a facility for full time care for traumatic brain injuries.

REP. WEILER: There is also a Dakota ALFA in Mandan. Why aren't these facilities able to get the information that people are asking for. Why aren't these centers that are already there providing information? What do we need to do to get them to provide it?

REP. TIEMAN: I think there are other resources out there that do a pretty good follow-up.

CHAIRMAN PRICE: The majority of the people who testified had older brain injuries.

Hopefully, the social workers are doing their jobs.

REP. PORTER: As we continue to develop the trauma system in North Dakota, and identify rural hospitals and train rural facilities with the trauma standards, these patients are going to be in central points and when they are discharged from acute care aspects, the patients are going to be moved into rehab centers. It is going to just streamline a process that is already in place to make sure they get the necessary care. The communication that needs to take place is between the hospitals and centers. I think the Health Department is taking care of the collection and data. I don't think at this time this agency is needed and I would move a DO NOT PASS.

REP. POLLERT: Second.

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CHAIRMAN PRICE: Further discussion? The clerk will take the roll on a **DO NOT PASS.**

12 YES 2 NO 0 ABSENT CARRIED BY REP. POLLERT

Date: 2-6-01
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2001 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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Subcommittee on _____
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 Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO NOT PASS

Motion Made By Rep. Porter Seconded By Rep. Pollert

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Clara Sue Price, Chairman	✓		Rep. Audrey Cleary		✓
Rep. William Devlin, V, Chairman	✓		Rep. Ralph Metcalf	✓	
Rep. Mark Dosch	✓		Rep. Carol Niemeier	✓	
Rep. Pat Galvin		✓	Rep. Sally Sandvig	✓	
Rep. Frank Klein	✓				
Rep. Chet Pollert	✓				
Rep. Todd Porter	✓				
Rep. Wayne Tieman	✓				
Rep. Dave Weiler	✓				
Rep. Robin Weisz	✓				

Total (Yes) 12 No 2

Absent _____

Floor Assignment Rep. Pollert

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 6, 2001 12:49 p.m.

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1458: Human Services Committee (Rep. Price, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS (12 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1458 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2001 TESTIMONY

HB 1458

Madame Chairman and members of the Human Services Committee,

For the record, I am Representative Audrey Cleary, from District 49 here in Bismarck.

HB 1458 is a bill that asks for help for traumatic brain injured persons and their families. This appropriation would help the Department of Human Services provide grants or contract with non-profit organizations for counseling and education services to traumatic brain injured persons and their families.

Every year there are two million traumatic brain injuries. 70 – 90% are left with life-long disabilities. The majority are under 30 years of age. They can live for a long time. To care for these persons is a trying and fatiguing job. This bill would not only help the brain injured but their families as well.

Please give this bill a good discussion and then vote to pass it.

