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The Juvenile Services Subcommittee was authorized by the Legislative Council to hold two meetings during the 1977 interim. The first of those meetings was held November 17; the second December 21.

Legislative members of the Subcommittee are: Senators Eugene Hill, Co-chairperson, Philip Hill and John Murray, and Representatives Joan Lipsky, Co-chairperson, Robert Anderson, Reid Crawford, Julia Gentleman and Scott Newhard. The following staff members worked with this Subcommittee: Cooper Parker, Kris Bowser, Mary Richards and Mary Jo Welch.

The initial meeting was held at the State Juvenile Home in Toledo, Iowa, and was attended by all legislative members, as well as by many Juvenile Home staff members and guest speakers. The meeting was an information gathering session at which Professor Martin Miller, Project Director of the Community Youth Program; George Belitsos, Executive Director of Youth and Shelter Services of Ames; and Subcommittee staff members presented materials.

Professor Miller described his program's methods and pilot projects in setting up community programs to develop services for youth to help prevent them from becoming involved with the juvenile court processes. Mr. Belitsos described the operation of his facilities and described to the Subcommittee the various sources of federal funds available for services to juveniles. The Subcommittee staff reported on the results of a questionnaire sent to 140 juvenile service agencies throughout the state.

At its second and final meeting of the interim, the Subcommittee received further information requested from the staff, discussed possible recommendations to be made to the full Committees on Human Resources of the House and the Senate and approved the following:

1. Continue study of the Washington State law which provides a juvenile probation subsidy. (RCW 13.06)
2. Draft legislation to provide support services for children, parents, and foster parents in in-home placements and in foster care.
3. Initiate a study to determine what basic services are needed for juveniles statewide and how to provide those basic services in a uniform manner.

4. Analyze and compare costs for evaluation services to juveniles as provided by mental health institutes, the state homes for boys and for girls and the state juvenile home, and on the basis of this analysis, prepare legislation which develops a uniform pattern of cost sharing by the state and the child's county of residence for such evaluation services.

5. Draft legislation to provide for juvenile evaluation services in the large population centers of the state.

6. Draft legislation for provision of emergency foster care and emergency in-home services to juveniles throughout the state.

7. Study the possibility of removing juvenile probation officers from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court.

8. Establish standards for juvenile probation offices, including the development of caseload criteria.