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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Legislative Council

FROM: Subcommittee of the Legislative Council to Consider
Proposals Made by Professionals to Study Title XIX
Representative Keith H. Dunton, Chairman
Senator Lucas DeKoster
Representative Elmer Den Herder
Senator Minette Doderer
Representative Donald Doyle
Senator William D. Palmer

DATE: March 10, 1976

RE: Subcommittee Meeting

Your subcommittee met at 5:30 p.m., March 9, 1976, with all members present except Senator Palmer. The subcommittee took the following action:

The subcommittee recommends that the Legislative Fiscal Bureau negotiate a contract with Haskins & Sells, such contract to specify the obligations of the consultant to conform with the needs of the Joint Senate House Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Resources and the recommendations of the Governmental Accounting Office consultant and the temporary health care staff of the Human Resources Standing Committee.

EXHIBIT A
OBLIGATIONS OF CONSULTANT

I. Study program management.

A. Bureau of Medical Services

1. Eligibility determination for Title XIX programs.
2. Design of Title XIX programs in Iowa.
3. Design of cost reimbursement formula for Intermediate Care Facilities, Custodial Care Facilities, Skilled Nursing Facilities.
4. Utilization patterns and the monitoring process used by the Bureau.

B. Administrative Services

1. Effectiveness of Data Processing in providing correct information to intermediary and prompt accurate payment to nursing homes.
2. Effectiveness of the accounting system and procedures, including the audit function.
3. Effectiveness of statistics and management information for use of program administrators.

C. Investigate and identify significant areas of cost increases.

1. Impact of policies and procedures upon the cost of the program.
2. Costs or savings of using fiscal intermediary.

D. Recommendations

1. To the administration of the Department of Social Services.
 - a. Any changes in cost reimbursement formulas found to be desirable to contain costs of intermediate care facilities, custodial care facilities, and skilled nursing facilities.
 - b. Any changes in discretionary policies of the Medical Bureau which would contain costs of intermediate care facilities, custodial care facilities, and skilled nursing homes.
 - c. Any changes in reporting to management and/or accounting procedures which would facilitate informed program administration.
 - d. Any changes in staff requirements, responsibilities, numbers, qualifications deemed necessary to contain costs and/or increase program effectiveness.
2. To the Joint Senate House Appropriations Subcommittee on Human Resources
 - a. Any legislative action deemed necessary to contain costs and/or increase program effectiveness.
 - b. Any legislative action required in the event changes in eligibility are recommended.