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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGING AND LONG TERM CARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bob Bethell at 9:00 AM on Thursday, February 2, 2012 in 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Rep. Scott Schwab
Rep. Broderick Henderson

Committee staff present:

Iraida Orr, Research
Susan Duffy, Research
Katherine McBride, Revisor
Shirley McCollum, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Stephanie Witt, Administrator of Holiday Resorts
Debra Zehr, Leading Age Kansas
Jeff Kahrs, Interim Secretary, SRS

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Bill introductions

Adult abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Adult Protective services.

Sexual predators in nursing homes.

Chairman Bethell made motion, Rep. LeDoux seconded and motion carried.

Testimony was given by Stephanie Witt, Administrator of Holiday Resorts. She indicated her desire to see administration within the long-term care setting and legislation to work together in making their job easier, more efficient, and make sure everyone is working to protect the geriatric community. ([Attachment 1](#))

Chairman Bethell had questions and comments for her.

Debra Zehr, Leading Age of Kansas, submitted testimony and thanked the committee for dealing with the issue of deficiencies in the adult protection service system. ([Attachment 2](#))

Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Rep. Worley, Rep. Kelly, Rep. Otto, Rep. Wolfe-Moore, and Chairman Bethell had questions and made comments.

Jeff Kahrs, Interim Acting Secretary of SRS, provided testimony stating that he shares the concerns of the committee, but opposes HB 2108. He stated that he feels SRS can fix the problems if given enough time. (Attachment 3)

Rep. Gonzalez, Rep. LeDoux, Rep. Wolfe Moore, Rep. Otto, and Rep. Wolf all had questions and comments. Chairman Bethell stated that he wants to see an action plan.

Gina Meier-Hummel, Director of Children and Family Service, gave testimony and explained steps that SRS are taking to improve the problem. (Attachment 4) She also provided the committee with handouts showing success stories of APS. (Attachment 5) Chairman Bethell gave them an open invitation to committee meetings with updates as to what they are doing to fix the problems. They accepted the invitation gratefully.

Belinda Vierthaler, MSW, State Long-term care Ombudsman, provided written testimony to the committee. (Attachment 6)

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.