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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE

JANUARY 18, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kiegerl at 9 a.m. on January 18, 2011, in Room 142S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Roth (excused).

Committee staff present:

Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Rena Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
June Christensen, Committee Assistant

Others attending: See attached list.

Conferees Appearing before the Committee:

Lurena Mead, Johnson County Disability Services  
Tim Wood, Manager, End the Wait Campaign  
Rocky Nichols, Executive Director, Disability Rights Center of Kansas  
Matt Fletcher, Interhab

Ms. Mead presented testimony ([Attachment 1](#)) regarding the number of Kansas individuals on the waiting list for services—3,391 per SRS data. Of those, 2383 are unserved while 1008 are underserved.

She stressed that attention to the increasing numbers of those who are waiting for services is needed and that the state portion of the annual cost of \$40,000 is about 40 percent, or \$16,000.

Mr. Wood presented testimony ([Attachment 2](#)) with similar numbers of those needing services and informed the committee that the average waiting time was 31 months for adults and 29 months for children. Those included on the underserved list often have an additional wait time of approximately 32 months for adults. Children are not included in this list, as most receive supportive home care. A chart was included showing the numbers for each committee members' district.

Mr. Nichols presented testimony ([Attachment 3](#)) and reported that the proposed closures of Kansas Neurological Institute and the Parsons facility would create a method for increasing revenue into the DD waiver services if those funds were diverted to it.

He stressed that in-home care can be provided at a considerably lesser cost than those in institutions, and generally, the clients would get more individualized services.

Mr. Fletcher presented testimony and also stressed that the waiting list for all Kansans has increased from virtually nothing in 1996 to over 4500 as of January 7, 2011. He encouraged members to enact a multiyear plan to eliminate all waiting lists.

Chairperson Kiegerl thanked the conferees for their information. He announced that the Thursday, January 20, meeting will not be held because of the representatives' trip to

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Room 142S, Statehouse, 9 a.m., January 18, 2011

Leavenworth. The next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m., Tuesday, January 25, 2011, in Room 142S.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.