

MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Crum at 3:35 pm on March 15, 2011, in Room 711 in the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Estelle Montgomery, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Katherine McBride, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Nancy Fontaine, Committee Assistant

Conferee List:

Robert Siedlecki, Secretary, Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services (SRS)
Ray Dalton, Deputy Secretary, SRS

Others attending:

See attached list.

Action on **HB 2296 - Establishing the joint committee on oversight of the closure of the Kansas neurological institute** was opened.

Katherine McBride provided an overview of the proposed balloon amendment (Attachment 1).

Representative Mast made a motion to accept the balloon amendment. Representative McLeland seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Mast made a motion to delete the following from the balloon amendment: page 1 lines 21 through 34 and page 2 lines 1 and 2 but to retain the language in paragraph (4), page 2 of the balloon amendment. Representative Wolf seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Mast made a motion to delete the following items from the balloon amendment: page 3 line 39 from the word "Upon" through line 43 and page 4 lines 1 through 4. Representative McLeland seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Mast made a motion to include language that would exclude individuals who are determined by the Secretary of SRS to be in crisis and individuals who have been in the custody of the state in the foster care program from page 2 paragraph (4) of the balloon amendment. Representative Goodman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairman Crum recognized Ray Dalton who provided information on the development of the savings estimate provided on page 3, section 2(a)(2)(D).

Representative McLeland made a motion to amend page 3, section 2(a)(2)(D) of the balloon amendment to remove the language regarding the \$6,332 figure. Representative Goodman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Chairman Crum recognized Robert Siedlecki. Secretary Siedlecki supports the bill in its general framework. He does, however, want to ensure any funds saved will go to the developmental disability waiting list so he recommended adding appropriate language to page 4 line 16 to ensure that occurs. This was added by consensus of the committee.

Secretary Siedlecki also brought the member's attention to page 2 section 1(a)(4)(D) and discussed the proposed amendment that would change the way people are assigned to the waiting list. Currently, the waiting list is first-come-first-served regardless of Tier level. The proposed amendment would move Tier 1 (the most severely disabled) people to the top of the waiting list.

Representative McLeland made a motion to eliminate section 1(a)(4)(D) on page 2 of the balloon

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amendment that relates to restructuring of the waiting list. Representative Henry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Henry made a motion to add “current or” to page 2 line 24 so that non-legislative members could be current or former employees of the Kansas Neurological Institute and to add “guardian” to page 2 line 25 so that non-legislative members could be either a parent or a guardian of a current resident of the Kansas Neurological Institute. Representative McLeland seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Representative McLeland made a motion to create a substitute bill to incorporate all the Committee changes to **HB 2296**. Representative Goodman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Representative Mast made a motion to approve Substitute for **HB 2296**. Representative Bowers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.