

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGING & LONG-TERM CARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bethell at 9:02 am. on January 25, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Scott Schwab- absent

Committee staff present:

Katherine McBride, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Gordon Self, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Iraida Orr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Craig Callahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Linda Martin, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Shannon Jones, Statewide Independent Living Council of Kansas, Inc.
Debra Zehr, President, Kansas Association of Homes & Services for the Aging (KAHSA)
Sarah Hansen, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals (KAAP)
Michael Hutfles, Lobbyist, representing: Alphapointe Association for the Blind
CLO
Centene Corporation

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Representative Vickrey introduced two bills:

The first bill was an introduction of the establishment of an advisory committee for the long-term care Ombudsman.

Representative Vickrey moved, Representative Worley seconded, that the bill be introduced. Motion carried.

The second bill transfers Adult Protection Services from SRS to the Attorney General's Office. Representative Vickrey moved, Representative Kelly seconded, the bill be introduced. Motion carried.

Chairman Bethell then called on the conferees present to give an overview of their agency/organization:

Shannon Jones presented an overview of the Independent Living Council of Kansas which serves persons with disabilities who can and who want to work. The Working Healthy Program allows persons with disabilities to work without losing their Medicaid coverage. (Attachment 1)

Debra Zehr appeared for KAHSA which provides advocacy services, education, information, and other tools to their members. Their members can then provide the services that people need. (Attachment 2)

Sarah Hansen provided an overview of her organization of addiction professionals who treat people with substance abuse problems, especially alcohol abuse. Only 1 in 10 actually receive treatment. (Attachment 3)

Michael Hutfles, Lobbyist, represented three different organizations: Alphapointe Association for the Blind which empowers people with vision loss to maximize their independence. (Attachment 4), CLO- Community Living Opportunities for adults and children with special needs which provides full spectrum services for children and adults with special needs in Eastern Kansas (Attachment 5), and Centene Corporation which is a corporation that operates managed long-term care programs in Arizona and Texas. (Attachment 6)

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the Aging and Long Term Care Committee at 9:30 a.m. on January 15, 2010, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2011 when Rob Siedlecki, Secretary of SRS will be speaking.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 am.