

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stephen Morris at 10:35 a.m. on January 15, 2004, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Senator Christine Downey- excused
- Senator David Kerr- excused
- Senator Nick Jordan- excused

Committee staff present:

- J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
- Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
- Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
- Susan Kannarr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
- Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
- Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
- Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst
- Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

- Janet Schalansky, Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

Others attending:

- See Attached List.

Copies of the following information from the Kansas Legislative Research Department were distributed to the committee:

- Legislative Fiscal Analyst Assignments–FY005 ([Attachment 1](#))
- Senate Ways and Means Subcommittee Assignments ([Attachment 2](#))

Chairman Morris welcomed Janet Schalansky, Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), who gave an update on SRS issues ([Attachment 3](#)). She introduced SRS staff that was present with her at the meeting and noted the SRS staff changes.

Secretary Schalansky distributed copies of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services Service Delivery Redesign, Realignment of Management Areas, Six Areas, Phased Approach ([Attachment 4](#)). She presented updates on the following specific SRS issues:

1. Service Delivery Redesign
2. Changes in SRS Caseload Estimates since the 2003 Legislative Session
3. Status of lawsuits against SRS
4. Additional SRS Issues
 - Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS)
 - Rebidding of the Child Welfare contracts
 - Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiting Lists
 - Future of Kansas Mental Health Hospitals
 - Managing Health Care Costs
 - High Performance Bonus Awards and Incentive Funds
 - Coordinating across State Government

Committee questions and discussion followed. Senator Helgeson requested additional information from SRS regarding benefits and cost of living over the last five, ten and fifteen years and look at neighboring states. He requested any updated information regarding fraud and abuse. Chairman Morris requested information from SRS regarding the office closings and to extract what it cost to run each county office in the previous year (FY 2003) and compare that with what SRS is spending after a year's experience. The Chairman also requested information from SRS regarding any cases where they are paying a lease on any closed offices.

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Chairman Morris asked Secretary Schalansky for an explanation of the Federal Medicare Bill that was passed by Congress last year and how it affects Medicare/Medicaid in Kansas to be scheduled later in the session. Senator Schodorf requested information from SRS regarding one of the public forums at a South-Central Kansas forum she attended where she had heard about a program that affected disabled children and some equipment was denied to them. Secretary Schalansky responded that SRS would follow up on it.

Bill Introduction

Senator Salmans moved, with a second by Senator Schodorf, to introduce a bill regarding the Emergency Medical Services Board; relating to financial support thereof (3rs1119). Motion carried on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2004.