

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Schwartz at 9:00 A.M. on February 19, 2007, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Tom Sawyer - excused

Committee staff present:

J. G. Scott, Legislative Research Department  
Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department  
Aaron Klaassen, Legislative Research Department  
Susan Kannarr, Legislative Research Department  
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes  
Shirley Jepson, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Information as requested from Legislative Division of Post Audit
- Attachment 2 Budget Committee Report on Kansas Neurological Institute, Parsons State Hospital and Training Center, Larned State Hospital, Osawatomie State Hospital, Rainbow Mental Health Facility, Kansas Health Policy Authority and Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

Chair Schwartz informed the Committee that information in response to questions posed to Barbara Hinton, Legislative Division of Post Audit, with regard to the audit presentation on Postsecondary Educational Institutions: Reviewing Tuition Rates Being Charged to Non-Resident Students in Kansas, was distributed to the Committee (Attachment 1).

Chair Schwartz recognized Representative Craft, who appeared to request the introduction of legislation on behalf of the County Attorney's office in Geary County that would change the classification on the use of the drug, ecstasy, from a misdemeanor to a severity Level 4 felony.

Representative Feuerborn moved to introduce legislation regarding a classification change for the drug, ecstasy, a controlled substance. The motion was seconded by Representative Lane. Motion carried.

Representative Tapanelli moved to approve the minutes, as written, of February 6, February 7, February 8 and February 9. The motion was seconded by Representative Williams. Motion carried.

Representative Bethell, Chair of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Kansas Neurological Institute, Parsons State Hospital and Training Center, Larned State Hospital, Osawatomie State Hospital, Rainbow Mental Health Facility, Kansas Health Policy Authority and Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services for FY 2007 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2007 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Tapanelli. Motion carried.

Representative Ballard, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Kansas Neurological Institute for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

During discussion concerning the Kansas Neurological Institute (KNI), the Budget Committee noted that they did not have discussion on the possible closing of KNI. At this time, KNI is currently at 98 percent of capacity. The Budget Committee felt that the level of service required for the residents at KNI cannot be met in the community, noting that KNI provides a necessary service for these

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individuals.

Representative Ballard, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Parsons State Hospital and Training Center on FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

Representative Bethell, Chair of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Larned State Hospital for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Ballard.

Representative Ballard made a substitute motion to amend the Budget Committee recommendation on the Larned State Hospital for FY 2008 by requesting a review of the enhancement request in Item No. 4 at Omnibus. The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

The Budget Committee noted the shortage of nurses and the disparity between salaries at local hospitals and state hospitals.

Representative Bethell moved to adopt the Budget Committee report on Larned State Hospital for FY 2008 as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Ballard. Motion carried.

Representative Bethell, Chair of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Osawatomie State Hospital for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Ballard. Motion carried.

Representative Bethell, Chair of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Rainbow Mental Health Facility for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Ballard. Motion carried.

Representative Kelsey, member of the Social Services Budget Committee, presented the Budget Committee report on the Governor's budget recommendation for the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA) for FY 2008 and moved for the adoption of the Budget Committee recommendation for FY 2008 (Attachment 2). The motion was seconded by Representative Bethell. Motion carried.

No action was taken on the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services FY 2008 budget because of the time element. Discussion and action will continue at the next meeting of the full Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on February 20, 2007.

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Sharon Schwartz, Chair