

Approved: May 7, 2008  
Date

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Jay Emler at 10:40 A.M. on March 20, 2008, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Donald Betts, Jr. - excused  
Senator Steve Morris - excused  
Senator David Wysong - excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes  
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Kristen Clarke Kellems, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Heather O'Hara, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
J. G. Scott, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jarod Waltner, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senate Ways & Means  
Mary Shaw, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Beth Oakes, Vice President, Community Planning, United Way of the Plains  
Heather Pierce, Kansas 2-1-1 Coordinator

Others attending:

See attached list.

### **Bill Introductions**

Vice Chairman Emler recognized Senator James Barnett who presented information regarding requesting two bills. One bill was regarding Safety Net Clinics (Attachment 1) and the other requested by Senator John Vratil regarding crime victims restitution and fee collection.

Senator Schodorf moved, with a second by Senator Goodwin, to introduce a conceptual bill concerning funding recommended for primary care safety net clinics; appropriation recommended to KDHE and KHPA. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Goodwin moved, with a second by Senator Taddiken, to introduce a conceptual bill concerning Criminal proceedings; contempt; collection of restitution. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Vice Chairman Emler welcomed Beth Oakes, Vice President Community Planning, United Way of the Plains, who provided a brief summary of 2-1-1. Ms. Oakes noted that it is an easy to connect to services in the community. She introduced Heather Pierce, the 2-1-1 Coordinator in Kansas, who explained what they have done and how they served the recent disasters in the state.

Heather Pierce, Kansas 2-1-1 Coordinator, explained that they are in the process of educating people about what Kansas 2-1-1 is a quick way to reach help (Attachment 2) and (Attachment 3). They are nationwide and went live in Kansas in 2006. Use of the 2-1-1 number during the recent disasters freed up the 9-1-1 services for emergencies and they were able to help in other ways for people to get the services that were needed. Ms. Pierce shared some personal stories in how 2-1-1 was able to help various people.

Copies of the Kansas Legislative Research Department Budget Analysis Report for FY 2008 and FY 2009 were available to the committee.

### **Subcommittee reports on:**

**Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (Attachment 4)**

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Ways and Means Committee at 10:40 A.M. on March 20, 2008, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

Subcommittee Chairman Dwayne Umbarger reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2008 with adjustment and notation and concurs with the Governor's FY 2009 recommendation with adjustments

Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to amend the subcommittee report on the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services in FY 2009, Item No. 12, to clarify the numbers in the first line and correct the numbers on the PIL should be \$154,000 State General Fund. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Taddiken moved, with a second by Senator Goodwin, to amend the subcommittee report on the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services in FY 2009 to review the rate increases for all waiting lists at Omnibus. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Emler moved, with a second by Senator Goodwin, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services in FY 2008 and FY 2009 as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Kansas Health Policy Authority (Attachment 5)**

Subcommittee Chairman Dwayne Umbarger reported that the subcommittee on the Kansas Health Policy Authority concurs with the Governor's recommendation in FY 2008 and concurs with the Governor's FY 2009 recommendation with adjustments and notations.

Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to amend the subcommittee report on the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA) in FY 2009, Item No. 7, to allow KHPA to work with drug companies to pursue drug rebates. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Steineger moved, with a second by Senator Emler, to adopt the subcommittee budget report on the Kansas Health Policy Authority in FY 2008 and FY 2009 as amended. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Chairman Umbarger turned the committee's attention to discussion of:

**SCR 1620--Requesting Capitol Area Plaza Authority to develop plan for improving area surrounding Capitol**

Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to table SCR 1620. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Kelly explained that the City of Topeka has work to do on this item and needs a plan.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for March 21, 2008.