

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Clark Schultz at 9:05 a.m. on January 29, 2003, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Neufeld, Chair - Excused
Representative Tom Klein - Excused

Committee staff present: Becky Krahl, Legislative Research Department
Amy Deckard, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Sue Fowler, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Janet Schalansky, Secretary, Department of Social
Rehabilitation Services
Janis DeBoer, Acting Secretary, Department on Aging

Others attending: See Attached

Representative Bethell moved for the introduction of legislation regarding the elimination of the \$15,000 earning cap on retired KPERS employees. This would allow retirees to work in their home school districts. This would also apply to agencies with speciality areas like engineers with the Department of Transportation. Motion was seconded by Representative Merrick. Motion carried.

Representative Nichols moved for the introduction of legislation regarding the reclassification of employees under current law. Motion was seconded by Representative Gatewood. Motion carried.

Representative Nichols moved for the introduction of legislation concerning Kansas Police and Firemen retirement system (KP&F) and the qualifications required for participation in KP&F. Motion was seconded by Representative Shriver. Motion carried.

Representative Landwehr moved for the introduction of legislation from the Joint Committee on Children's Issues that pertains to foster care. Motion was seconded by Representative Osborne. Motion carried.

Janet Schalansky, Secretary, Department of Social Rehabilitation Services, presented an overview of the Department of Social Rehabilitation Services (Attachment 1). Secretary Schalansky introduced the SRS Leadership Team present from Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. She stated that significant reductions have been made in Administrative Services. The Secretary reminded the Committee that only seven percent of the total budget of SRS is for welfare or cash assistance (three percent) and foster care constitutes only four percent.

The following legislative proposals will be presented by SRS this year:

- Kansas Payment Center sunset measure
- Child support enforcement requirement that social security numbers be on Kansas driver's license applications
- Repeal of the \$40 Pass-through of Child Support

SRS is working on the redesign of the delivery of field services. A reduction figure for the August allotment would include the closing of 22 offices before July, 2003, with more offices to close in FY 2004. They are looking at locations where most clients (higher caseloads) live and determine where offices and staff need to be to be more accessible.

Secretary Schalansky explained that Schedules 1 and 2 which are part of the attachment, are outlined in a way

to assist legislators when determining which proposals were in FY 2003 and whether they will remain in the FY 2004 budget.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Secretary Schalansky introduced Laura Howard, Deputy Secretary, SRS - Healthcare Policy, who gave a brief synopsis of the presentation by Dr. Donald N. Muse, Muse and Associates, to Senate Ways and Means Committee regarding Medicaid data in the state of Kansas on January 28, 2003. Kansas Medicaid contracted with Dr. Muse in 2000 and early 2001 to complete an overview of Medicaid expenditures and identify areas needing further evaluation for potential cost savings. These include:

- Asthma review and educational initiative
- Outliers identified with higher proportional home health costs
- Analysis of frequent utilizers of inpatient and emergency room care was conducted
- Completed a detailed review of psychotropic drug utilization in the nursing home population and identified outlier nursing homes.

Janis DeBoer, Acting Secretary, Department on Aging presented an overview on the Department on Aging (Attachment 2).

Vice-Chairman Clark Schultz announced the referral of **HB 2051** and **HB 2067** to Social Services Budget; and **HB 2053** to Tax, Transportation, Judicial, and Retirement Budget..

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 30, 2003.

