

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Daniel Hawkins at 1:30pm on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Renae Hansen, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Norm Furse, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Erica Haas, Legislative Research Department
Kyle Hamilton, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Michael Randol, Director of division of Health care KDHE
Cindy Luxem, Kansas Healthcare
John Zehnder, The Alliance for Kansans with Developmental Disabilities
Tom Laing, Interhab

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Possible bill introductions

Chairman Dan Hawkins reintroduced to the committee the former bill number **HB 2016** dealing with sports head injuries.

The bill was accepted without objection.

Informational hearing on Waiver Integration

Chairman Dan Hawkins introduced the Waiver Integration issue with some history and why we are hearing the information at this time.

Michael Randol, Director of division of health care finance, KDHE, presented testimony regarding the waiver integration proposals ([Attachment 1](#)) He spoke how KDHE wants to take the seven-1915(c) waivers and bring them into the 1115 waiver amendment. They want to move the seven waivers into two groups: the children's group, and the adult group, under the 1115.

Questions were asked by: Chairman Dan Hawkins, and Representatives Jim Ward, Dick Jones, Scott Schwab, Les Osterman, Willie Dove, and Brett Hildebrand.

Cindy Luxem, Kansas Healthcare Association, ([Attachment 2](#)) spoke to the committee regarding the collapsing of the seven silos and consolidating services from all waivers into one ala cart menu and thereby lose the unique services for the frail and elderly. Additionally, she included a map ([Attachment](#)

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[3\)](#) of the counties with no free standing assisted living or home health options.

Questions were asked by Representatives: Scott Schwab, Dick Jones, and John Wilson.

John Zehnder, The Alliance for Kansans with Developmental Disabilities, ([Attachment 4](#)) spoke to the committee regarding about the waiver and that it waives a lot of the regulations and restrictions of Medicaid funding institutional services.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: John Edmonds, John Whitmer, Les Osterman, and Dick Jones.

Tom Laing, Interhab, spoke to the committee regarding the waiver integration, ([Attachment 5](#)) and focused on some of the questions committee members asked of previous presenters.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Randy Powell, Scott Schwab, and John Wilson.

Written only:

Ron Pasmore, President, KETCH, ([Attachment 6](#)) offered written only testimony regarding waiver integration.

Pattie Knauff, Vice President of Human Resources, KETCH, ([Attachment 7](#)) , presented written testimony regarding waiver integration.

The next meeting is scheduled as a tour January 14, 2016 at the KU Medical center with a presentation by KU Midwest stem cell therapy center.

Chairman Hawkins adjourned the meeting at: 2:32 PM.