

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Daniel Hawkins at 1:30pm on Tuesday, February 02, 2016, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Randy Powell – Excused

Committee staff present:

James Fisher, Legislative Research Department

Rena Hansen, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Erica Haas, Legislative Research Department

Eileen Ma, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Lynn Retz, Legislative Post Audit

Kelli Ludlum, KDADS

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Possible bill introductions

Lisa Sublette with the organization Bleeding Kansas, brought forth a bill regarding the safe access act.

The bill was introduced and accepted by the committee without objection.

Presentation on: Larned State Hospital: Reviewing the Operations of the Sexual Predator Treatment Program Parts 1 and 2

Chris Clark, legislative post audit, spoke to the committee on the first part of a 2 part audit, from September 2013. Attached are the highlights from the report ([Attachment 1](#)).

This report answers the question:

Is the sexual predator treatment program appropriately managed to ensure the safety and well being of program staff and offenders?

Ms. Clark spent time giving the committee an overview of the report. This report can be found on the Kansas Legislative post audit page. Since the recommendations were reported, KDADS has attempted to solve all of the recommended issues except 4c.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Jim Ward, John Edmonds, and Scott Schwab.

Lynn Retz, Legislative Post Audit, spoke to the committee regarding the second part of the 2 part study,

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MINUTES of the Committee on Health and Human Services at 1:30pm on Tuesday, February 02, 2016 in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

from April 2015. Attached are the the highlights from the report ([Attachment 2](#)) .

This report answers these questions:

1. How does Kansas' sexual predator treatment program compare to other states and best practices?
2. What actions could be taken to reduce the resident population of the sexual predator treatment program?

She spent time giving the committee an overview of the report. Within the report are suggestions to reduce the costs and/or population of the residents at the hospital. This report can be found on the Kansas Legislative post audit page.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Dan Hawkins, Jim Kelly, John Whitmer, Les Osterman, Jim Ward, and John Edmonds, and Scott Schwab.

Kelli Ludlum, KDADS, spoke to the committee about the LPA report on sexual predator treatment program ([Attachment 3](#)) .

She noted that there are problems recruiting staff on all levels for the facility. She also reported they have had 3 town-hall meetings with the staff in the last 2 weeks.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: John Edmonds, Scott Schwab, John Whitmer, Dan Hawkins, and Jim Ward.

One Representative asked where the Governor is on this issue. He wanted to know where is the program to promote the hiring instead of just pushing forward the program as is, where there is mandatory overtime which promotes a very bad culture for the work environment. Where is the solution for this problem?

She noted that they do not have a solution. The secretary has set a target to fill 89 positions in the next 2 months. They are looking at expanding the day care business hours at the facility to 10 pm to help with the overtime issues for the employees. She commented that they welcome any input of ideas that they could get to help solve this problem. Creative ideas are important and they too are frustrated with not being able to solve the staffing issues. She also commented that they took over the program in 2012 and that it was previously run for 15 years by another agency.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 PM