

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Daniel Hawkins at 1:30pm on Monday, February 15, 2016, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

James Fisher, Legislative Research Department
Renae Hansen, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Erica Haas, Legislative Research Department
Eileen Ma, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Renae Jeffries, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Tim Keck, Kansas Department of Aging and Disabilities Services

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

There were 33 in attendance including those on the attendance sheet.

Update on:

Tim Keck, interrim director, KDADS, spoke to the committee regarding the changes and proposed changes to the Osawatomie State Hospital ([Attachment 1](#)). Included in his testimony was a sheet with improvements/accomplishments since 10/2014 ([Attachment 2](#)).

Mr. Keck noted they have to win every single point on the list to get re-certified. If KDAD wins on 99% they will still not get re-certified. KDADS signed a contract in late January with KB Behavioral Healthcare Consulting, LLC out of Tennessee. Mr. Keck noted that KDAD needs to have surveys for re-certification, revisit to confirm correction of termination findings, and full survey for certification. He commented KDADs are looking at about 3-6 months to get re-certified. Mr. Keck has been to both Larned and Osawatomie 2-3 times since January, and has assured the hospitals that the facilities will stay in their towns. He hopes to form an ad hoc committee to deal with the issue of possibly adding private entities to run portions of the facilities and also to include the use of non-profit businesses. He commented that legislation has been introduced to allow them some flexibility in the hiring practice of some of the key employees at the hospitals. He noted they will be asking for a supplemental request for the governors budget amendment. There is about \$2 million in the house budget for staffing salaries and about \$2.4 million in the senate budget. Osawatomie has a 34.9% vacancy rate and he noted that there is a turn over rate of 72.2% for their mental health/developmental disability technicians. The nursing staff has the highest vacancy rates. He noted that he has given his email to the staff at both hospitals and has received about 150 emails from Larned and none from Osawatomie. He talked briefly

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about the recruitment and retention solutions they have been doing to get new staff hired on.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representative: Scott Schwab, Dick Jones, Jim Ward, Willie Dove, John Whitmer, Les Osterman, and John Edmonds.

It was suggested by a committee member, that some of the things that are lacking at the hospitals has been done intentionally, so that the hospitals look like we would be led to think that the Governors office is trying to have reasons to privatize the hospitals. Mr. Keck commented that was not true according to him. He noted they did make a decision to have a Request for Proposal (RFP). He is hoping to have a consulting firm to get them through the process properly. They are hoping the Governors Budget Amendment will come through quickly so they know what they have to work with. There are 147 patients who are court committed and the length of stay is 14-21 days at Osawatomie Hospital. Trend data on staffing over a 10 year period was requested by a committee member. He believes that 80-85% of the problems have been corrected.

Possible action on bills previously heard

Action on:

HB2369- Prohibiting minors' access to a tanning device.

Revisor Eileen Ma gave the committee a brief reminder of the contents of **HB2369**.

*Representative Willie Dove moved to pass **HB2369** out of committee as written favorably, seconded by Representative Jim Kelly.*

Discussion ensued between committee members: Randall Powell, Brett Hildebrand, John Wilson, Dick Jones, Jim Ward, John Edmonds, and John Whitmer.

Motion passes 9-8.

Action on **HB2369** was closed.

Action on:

HB2571-Licensure renewal of community mental health centers.

Revisor Eileen Ma gave the committee a brief reminder of the contents of **HB2571**.

*Representative Willie Dove move **HB2571** to pass out of committee, seconded by representative Jim.*

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Kelly.

There was no discussion.

Motion passed.

Action on **HB2571** was closed.

Action on:

HB2578-Amending the school sports head injury prevention act.

Eileen Ma briefed the committee on **HB2578**.

Representative Willie Dove moved to pass out of committee **HB2578**, seconded by representative Blake Carpenter.

Discussion ensued.

Representative Les Osterman moved to pass an amendment ([Attachment 3](#)) that would add Physician Assistants to the bill, seconded by Representative Scott Schwab.

Discussion ensued.

Motion to amend failed.

There was no further discussion.

Motion to pass **HB2578** as written passed.

Action on **HB2578** was closed.

Action on:

HB2599-Healing arts; concerning anatomic pathology billing.

Revisor Eileen Ma gave the committee a brief summary on **HB2599**.

Representative Willie Dove moved to pass **HB2599**, seconded by Representative John Whitmer.

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Discussion ensued between committee members.

Motion to move **HB2599** as written passed.

Action on **HB2599** was closed.

Action on bills previously heard was closed for the day.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48PM