

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mary Pilcher-Cook at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Jacob LaTurner – Excused

Committee staff present:

Iraida Orr, Legislative Research Department

Randi Walters, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Whitney Howard, Legislative Research Department

Renae Jefferies, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Acting Secretary Susan Mosier, MD, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)

Secretary Kari Bruffett, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS)

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Joint Meeting with the House Health and Human Services Committee

Chairperson Hawkins opened the update on KanCare for the joint meeting of the House Health and Human Services Committee and the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee.

KanCare Update

Acting Secretary Susan Mosier, KDHE, briefly defined health homes and presented the goals for health homes. The Acting Secretary next presented information regarding the behavioral health drugs statute and recommended changes to the statute. The next item was information on the impact of allotments for the Division of Health Care Finance. Acting Secretary Mosier continued with KanCare cost comparisons, and the effects of Federal changes on the costs of our Medicaid program. Next, Dr. Mosier presented the utilization comparison chart that she stated demonstrates the pattern of changes in utilization that are expected based on the goals for KanCare. Dr. Mosier updated the committee on program changes that are being looked at for this year and next year to find ways to streamline and optimize administrative costs that will not affect the services of those enrolled in KanCare. Dr. Mosier concluded with an overview of several new innovations in service delivery and joint projects.

[\(Attachment 1\)](#)

After questions by the committee were addressed by Acting Secretary Mosier and Mike Randol, Director of Health Care Finance, the KanCare update continued.

Secretary Kari Bruffett, KDADS, presented a brief overview of the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) integration into KanCare. Secretary Bruffett also presented an overview of the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Plan of Care Increases and Decreases as well as HCBS Outcome Data. Secretary Bruffett continued with an update on I/DD transition into KanCare presenting

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an update on Provider Payment data, Denial Rate data, Average Turnaround Time from Submission to Payment, and Reasons for Denial. Secretary Bruffett listed some of the ways that KDADS engages with their members, providers, and other stakeholder groups. Secretary Bruffett updated the committee on the numbers of individuals on the physical disabilities (PD) and the I/DD waiting lists and the current efforts to reduce and manage those waiting lists. Secretary Bruffett concluded by briefly updating the committee on this year's waiver renewals. ([Attachment 2](#))

Chairperson Hawkins concluded the joint committee meeting by releasing the Senate members for their adjournment at 2:27 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2015.