

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mary Pilcher-Cook at 1:05pm on Thursday, January 21, 2016, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Renae Jefferies, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Randi Walters, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Scott Abbott, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Iraida Orr, Legislative Research Department
Whitney Howard, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Tim Keck, Interim Secretary, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS)

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Joint Meeting held with House Health and Human Services Committee

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook opened the informational hearing on Osawatome State Hospital for the joint meeting of the House Health and Human Services Committee and the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee.

Informational hearing:

Interim Secretary Keck, KDADS, provided an overview on Osawatome State Hospital (OSH). Secretary Keck presented information on who OSH serves and the census of OSH. He provided information on Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)-mandated construction, moratorium on admissions, and the waiting list. Secretary Keck addressed the OSH Temporary Census Division Funds (OTCDF) and OSH Medicare Certification. He briefed the committee members on an initiative with Rainbow Services, Inc. (RSI) describing their goals and outcomes. He provided information on Community Crisis Center (CCC) project goals and the services that have been provided. Secretary Keck discussed Inpatient Community Crisis Centers and the expansion of RSI-like facilities with partners in Southeast Kansas and Western Kansas. Secretary Keck also discussed what they plan to do in regard to OSH licensing, and stated that they are working to engage a consultant to help with the process. ([Attachment 1](#))

Questions from committee members were addressed by Secretary Keck and Bill Rein, Commissioner of Behavioral Health Services and Special Legal Counsel to KDADS.

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook closed the informational hearing on OSH.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare at 1:05pm on Thursday, January 21, 2016 in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

Possible bill introductions

Senator O'Donnell introduced a bill regarding acupuncture licensing. With no objection, the bill was introduced.

Senator LaTurner arrived to the meeting at 1:43 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2016.

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