

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mary Pilcher-Cook at 1:38pm on Monday, January 25, 2016, 118-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator David Haley – Excused
Senator Mitch Holmes – Excused
Senator Garrett Love – Excused
Senator Laura Kelly – Absent

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Mike Randol, Director of Health Care Finance, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
Brad Ridley, Commissioner of Financial and Information Services, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS)

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Possible bill introductions

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook introduced a bill to make technical corrections. With no objection, the bill was introduced.

Presentation on:

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook opened the presentation for a KanCare Update focused on Waiver Integration.

Mike Randol, KDHE, provided an update on Waiver Integration. Mr. Randol presented information on the current seven 1915(c) waivers in the Medicaid program. He illustrated how KanCare looks now and what they would like to see in respect to KanCare after Waiver Integration. Mr. Randol explained why they believe Waiver Integration would mean fewer and smoother transitions. Mr. Randol reported on stakeholder input including some of the Waiver Integration Stakeholder Engagement (WISE) workgroup recommendations. Mr. Randol concluded by providing information on the development of the 1115 amendment Waiver Integration. He stated that the targeted implementation date for Waiver Integration is January 2017. ([Attachment 1](#))

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After all questions by the Committee were answered, the update continued.

Brad Ridley, KDADS, responded to some follow-up questions from the December 29, 2015, Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight Committee (KanCare Oversight) meeting. He presented information regarding Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Wait List Statistics for CY 2015 and Basic Program Facts for CY 2015. Commissioner Ridley described the procedures for the Offer Process and gave an Explanation of Current Report Numbers. Commissioner Ridley provided Point in Time Counts for both the Physical Disability (PD) and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) programs for the past 10 years in response to a request from Senator Kelly at the December 29, 2015, KanCare Oversight Committee meeting. ([Attachment 2](#))

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook closed the KanCare Update.

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook requested approval of minutes. *Senator LaTurner moved, Senator Denning seconded, that the minutes for January 12, 2016, be approved as presented. Motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2016.