

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 26, 2016, 118-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Jacob LaTurner – Excused

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:
Lynn Retz, Senior Auditor, Legislative Division of Post Audit

Others in attendance:
[See Attached List](#)

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook addressed downloading folders on Dropbox.

Informational hearing:

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook opened the informational hearing on the Legislative Post Audit Report on Larned State Hospital.

Lynn Retz, Legislative Post Audit, provided an overview of the Performance Audit Report: *Larned State Hospital: Reviewing the Operations of the Sexual Predator Treatment Program, Part 2*. Ms. Retz stated that the original Scope Statement for this audit contained three questions, and the audit was conducted in two parts. Ms. Retz indicated that the first report released in September 2013 covered the third question regarding safety and security. She stated that this second report covered the other two questions: 1) How does Kansas' Sexual Predator Treatment Program compare to similar programs in other states and best practices; and, 2) What actions could be taken to reduce the resident population of the Sexual Predator Treatment Program? This report was released in April 2015. Ms. Retz presented the findings, conclusions, and recommendations from the completed report. The referenced Performance Audit Report as well as the Performance Audit Report Highlights can be found on the Kansas Legislative Post Audit website.

After some discussion and all questions by the Committee were addressed, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2016.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 in Room 118-N of the Capitol.

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