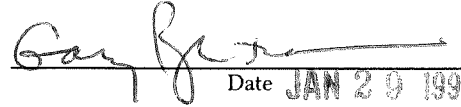


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MINUTES OF THE House COMMITTEE ON Governmental Organization

The meeting was called to order by Representative Gary Blumenthal at  
Chairperson

9:00 a.m./~~p.m.~~ on Monday, January 28, 1991 in room 522-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Carolyn Rampey, Research Dept.  
Julian Efird, Research Dept.  
Avis Swartzman, Revisors' Office  
Nita Shively, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Terry Showalter, Juvenile Dept. Director, District Court  
of Wyandotte County  
Barbara Huff, Executive Director, Keys for Networking  
Dr. Stan Grant, Acting Secretary, KDHL

Chairman Blumenthal called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Representative Don RezaC appeared before the committee requesting the introduction of a bill licensing auctioneers. A motion to introduce the bill was made by Representative Ramirez and the motion was seconded by Representative Hackler. Motion passed.

Terry Showalter discussed briefly the structure of government relating to what kind of services children are actually getting. He gave a few examples of some problems that occurred and the need to differentiate between whether they are structural problems between agencies or operational, personnel or fiscal issues.

Mr. Showalter recommended that before any laws are passed a complete assessment of how they effect an agency directly or indirectly be made. Questions from the committee were taken and answered after the presentation.

Barbara Huff described her agency's efforts to provide information, support and training to families of emotionally disturbed children. One of the problems she cited is the lack of cooperation between agencies. She quoted a friend as follows: "Inter-agency coordination is a little like teaching a pig to sing--first of all it doesn't work and second, it only annoys the pig." The need for policy planning and flexible funding was also stressed.

Dr. Grant also discussed the problems of coordination among the agencies. His recommendation is to seek methods to improve the present system, but stated it should be far short of a major overhaul.

Representative Ramirez requested that the conferees submit written testimony of the reports they gave today.

The chair announced that the meeting next Tuesday, February 5, 1991 will be a joint meeting with the Senate Governmental Organization committee. There will be a tour of the KCC offices followed by lunch.

The chair again reminded committee members to submit their subcommittee preferences to him in writing.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 29, 1991.

