

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robin Jennison at 12:50 p. m. on March 29, 1995 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
Tim Colton, Legislative Research Department
Patricia Pierron, Legislative Research Department
Susan Wieggers, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes
Lenore Olson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Jeff Wagaman, Deputy Secretary of Administration

Others attending: See attached list

The Chair opened the hearing on SB 362.

SB 362 - State employee benefits programs; duties of secretary of administration.

Jeff Wagaman, Deputy Secretary of Administration, testified in support of SB 362. Mr. Wagaman said that allowing the Secretary to specify whether the health benefits administrator is a classified or an unclassified employee, gives the Secretary the latitude to recruit and retain an individual who must possess a body of knowledge and experience to manage this complex benefit plan (Attachment 1).

Written testimony in support of SB 362 was submitted by Rick Robards, Director of Human Resources and Appointing Authority, University of Kansas Medical Center (Attachment 2).

Chairperson Jennison closed the hearing on SB 362 and turned the meeting over to Vice Chairperson Carmody.

Vice Chair Carmody directed the Committee to return to discussion on SB 343.

SB 343 - Appropriations for FY 96, department of SRS, state mental health and mental retardation institutions. See (Attachment 3) with Committee minutes dated March 28, 1995.

Representative Hochhauser continued with an explanation of her substitute motion made, and, on which action was suspended on March 28, 1995, to amend the adopted subcommittee report for FY 96 for SRS. This part of her motion was shown on the minority report as item 3 (majority report items 32 and 33). The Vice Chair divided the question and a vote was taken. The motion carried to delete item 32, with a count of 12 aye and 7 nay votes.

A vote was taken on the motion to delete subcommittee recommendation item 33. The motion carried with a count of 13 aye and 9 nay votes.

Representative Hochhauser reviewed the portion of her motion made on March 28, 1995, to add minority item 4 as a policy statement, a recommendation that if it is to be our policy to reduce funding when caseloads decline then it must also be our policy to add funding when caseloads increase. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Representative Hochhauser distributed information on funding for durable equipment and some examples of how technology used by disabled persons has helped them to develop their abilities (Attachment 3).

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, Room 514-S Statehouse, at 12:50 p.m. on March 30, 1995.

A motion was made by Representative Gatlin, seconded by Representative Lowther, to amend the previously adopted subcommittee report by striking item 34 and to divide it into two issues: 1) whether to leave the \$395,326 in the VR budget and, 2) whether to use the \$400,000 to acquire more federal funds.

The Committee discussed the motion and a question was raised on whether the motion by Representative Gatlin was in order. It was pointed out that on March 29, 1995, a motion had been passed to move the FY 96 portion of the subcommittee report for the Department of SRS. No vote was taken. Next, the motion was made by Representative Hochhauser to amend the subcommittee report by adopting four minority report items. The question was divided with only two of the four items being passed. The Vice Chair determined that the motion by Representative Gatlin was out of order and directed the Committee to return to the March 29, 1995, motion by Representative Neufeld to move the FY 96 portion of the Department of SRS subcommittee report. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

The Vice Chair directed the Committee to return to the motion to amend by Representative Gatlin.

A letter from Janet Schalansky, Acting Secretary, SRS, relating to the \$395,326 shift in the VR budget was distributed to the Committee (Attachment 4).

A vote was taken on the first part of the motion by Representative Gatlin to amend and the motion carried with 14 aye and 8 nay votes.

A list of rehabilitation services was distributed (Attachment 5).

A vote was taken on the second part of the motion by Representative Gatlin to amend and the motion carried with a count of 15 aye and 7 nay votes.

A motion was made by Representative Neufeld, seconded by Representative Hochhauser, to amend the previously adopted subcommittee report in item 19 c. to reflect the Governor's order to withdraw the long term care waiver. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Representative Neufeld, seconded by Representative Farmer, to amend item 5 in the previously adopted subcommittee report to ask the Secretary of SRS to submit a complete report on the family agenda. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Representative Gatlin, seconded by Representative Neufeld, to amend the previously adopted subcommittee report by adding language to item 25 that the Committee expects some flexibility from the new contractor in making program changes in modifying computer software for MMIS. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Representative Neufeld, seconded by Representative Hochhauser, to pass as amended SB 343. The motion carried.

Chairperson Jennison directed the Committee to turn to SB 344.

SB 344 - SRS not required to have an intake office in every county.

A motion was made by Representative Neufeld, seconded by Representative Farmer to pass SB 344. The motion carried.

The Chair opened the hearing on HB 2584.

HB 2584 - Authorizing state historical society to lease land to city of Hays, Kansas.

Representative Gross briefly explained HB 2584 and there were no conferees.

The Chair closed the hearing on HB 2584.

A motion was made by Representative Gross, seconded by Representative Gatlin to pass HB 2584. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Representative Helgerson, seconded by Representative Reinhardt, to approve the minutes for March 27, 1995. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.
The next meeting is scheduled for March 31, 1995.

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Alfred Small	KDOA
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Shannon Trigg	SILCK
Gina McDonald	KACIL
Arlene Orndorff	Resource Center for Independent Living
Dan Jordan	SRS-MHR S
Dona Booe	SRS - DMS
Zerry Nelson	SRS - Im
Jane Rhys	Ks Council on Developmental Disabilities
Josie Toyer	Families Together, Inc.
Kimberly Carter	KDHR
Judy Struthly	KAPS / KGP
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TK Shively	KCS
Linda Dun	KDOA

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Pam Scott	Ks Funeral Directors Assn
Michelle Peterson	Ks Gov Consulting
Ken Bahr	Ks Hospital Assn
Spill Jones	KAPE
Gloria Pinner	DOB
Ellen Piekollewicz	Assoc. of CMHCs
Ben Carter	KIDCA
Red Wren	KDMA
Tom Laing	Ks Assoc of Rehab. Facilities

Testimony to the
HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

By
Deputy Secretary of Administration Jeff Wagaman

RE: Senate Bill 362

Mr. Chairperson and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today in support of Senate Bill 362. The bill would put the position of the technical administrator for the state health benefits program under the supervision of the Secretary of Administration. It also allows the Secretary to designate the position to be in the classified or unclassified service under the Kansas Civil Service Act. Currently the position is an unclassified position and the technical administrator works under the supervision of the Kansas State Employees Health Care Commission.

Some background information is helpful to understanding the reasons for requesting SB 362. The Kansas State Employees Health Care Commission was created at a point in time when employer sponsored group health insurance plans were experiencing significant cost increases. Its purpose is to negotiate and enter into contracts with qualified insurers, health maintenance organizations and other contracting parties for the purpose of establishing the state health care benefits program. The Commission is composed of five members; the Secretary of Administration, the Insurance Commissioner, an active employee in the civil service, a retired person from the civil service and a representative of the general public. The last three are appointed by the Governor. The Secretary of Administration is the Chairperson of the Health Care Commission.

Also several years ago a Benefits Section was established in the Division of Personnel Services in the Department of Administration. This section is responsible for the development and administration of the state of Kansas cafeteria benefits plan, administration of the group health insurance plan, development and administration of the flexible spending accounts under the cafeteria benefits plan, HealthQuest - the statewide health promotion program, the shared leave plan, the deferred compensation plan and COBRA, the federally mandated continuation plan for group health insurance. The section is also responsible for communication to employees regarding these benefit plans. The section was established in recognition of the need to manage the rapidly growing cost of the indirect portion of an employee's total compensation package. We no longer have the luxury of thinking of benefits as a "fringe." The cost of benefits represents 35% of the total cost of the average state employee.

By statute, the Secretary of Administration is responsible for the budgeting, purchasing and related management functions of the Health Care Commission. The Secretary of Administration also is responsible for the development and administration of the state's cafeteria benefits plan. Because of the payment provisions required by the Internal Revenue Service for the cafeteria benefits plan, the health care plan and the cafeteria benefits plan are already inextricably linked and administrative procedures reflect that reality.

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The proposed amendment is recognition of the fact that benefit development and administration is highly complex and expensive. This amendment will allow the Secretary of Administration to better manage both the administration of group health insurance and the cafeteria plan of which the group health insurance is a part. The health insurance contract negotiations, membership determinations, employee communications and problem identification can form a loop to help improve the procurement and implementation of the health care plan.

Allowing the Secretary to specify whether the Health Benefits Administrator is a classified or an unclassified employee, gives the Secretary the latitude to recruit and retain an individual who must possess a body of knowledge and experience to manage this complex benefit plan. It gives the Secretary of Administration choices which are not currently available. Inherent with this proposal is increased efficiency and more effective management of a plan that costs \$160,000,000 per year.

The Department of Administration would appreciate your support for passage of this bill. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Testimony to the
House Appropriations Committee
March 27, 1995

By
Rick Robards
Director of Human Resources and Appointing Authority
University of Kansas Medical Center

RE: Senate Bill 362

Chairperson and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity of providing testimony in support of Senate Bill 362. We are pleased to present our agency's view of the proposal encapsulated by the bill which would put the position of the technical administrator for the state health benefits program under the supervision of the Secretary of Administration.

The University of Kansas Medical Center has approximately 4,500 employees enrolled in the group health insurance plan and/or KanElect cafeteria plan. The costs of these programs are significant and total benefits costs represent an annual investment of approximately \$160,000,000 statewide. The position of technical administrator was created several years ago to assist the Kansas State Health Care Commission in negotiating and entering into contracts with qualified insurers, health maintenance organizations and other contracting providers for the purpose of establishing the state health care benefits program. A collateral objective being presumably to provide the highest level of benefit/cost ratio to the state while offering a "package" of benefits to state employees comparable to our peers.

It is our view that establishing common reporting lines for the technical administrator and the Benefits Section of the Division of Personnel Services will avoid the considerable confusion, lack of continuity and conflicting information which existed when the functions were separate. Our customers expect us to provide timely and accurate information about the KanElect program and COBRA, a federally mandated program to permit group health insurance continuation. We believe our ability to meet our customers expectations will be enhanced by implementing the proposal offered by Senate Bill No. 362. We support consolidation of the administrative activities supporting the statewide health benefits program and urge the committee to favorably report on the proposal.

If you need any additional information from me about our agency's experience, please feel free to contact me at (913) 588-5080.

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COOKIES FOR SALE

by Kathleen Olson

Ten-year-old Amanda Castleberry spent last weekend selling Girl Scout cookies for her Brownie troop. An aggressive salesperson, Amanda uses an eye-gaze computer to dial the telephone and to provide the "voice" to talk with potential customers.* An infrared video camera records Amanda's eye movements as she focuses on the specially designed keyboard. The computer then responds to her directions.

In addition to a program that allows Amanda to answer or dial the family telephone, the computer allows her to talk to others by phone and in person. The voice component of this computer provides clear speech in a little girl's voice, a vast improvement over earlier versions that were often difficult to understand.

Computers are not new to Amanda. Before her parents purchased this system, Amanda used a light pointer attached to a head band to activate her computer. This method required a lot of effort and Amanda easily became tired when using it for long periods. With her former system, Amanda seldom engaged in lengthy conversations and typically used only words of five letters or less. Now she is talking in longer sentences, her sense of humor is emerging, and she is writing more.

While the computer systems for home and school required a substantial financial investment, it was worth it. Amanda is happier and blossoming both academically and socially. After her computer is turned on, she can complete homework, play computer games (solitaire and slot machine), read, visit with friends, and even call her teacher for homework directions; all without assistance.

Every night Amanda uses the phone to talk to three or four girlfriends. She attends parties at the homes of her classmates. When Amanda is out, friends often provide assistance including help with eating and drinking. This allows Amanda's mom, Linda, time at home. Linda now can direct her energies toward other things including Chelsea, Amanda's 5-year-old sister.



STRATEGIES:
 Eye-Gaze Computer
 Augmentative Communication
 Friends
 Service Dog

Linda indicates that there are two categories of computers; those under development and those that are obsolete. New advances in technology offer Amanda a way to develop abilities and relationships that will emerge her in mainstream society with less dependence on other people. Linda previously was needed to assist Amanda with her computer. Amanda's skills now exceed those of her mother. Linda said that she would like to learn how to use Amanda's computer word processing program. Maybe Amanda will teach her.

Amanda attends regular education classes and lives with her parents, her sister, and her service dog, Roman. Linda Castleberry is the office coordinator for Families Together, Inc. of Wichita, Kansas. ■

* Amanda has cerebral palsy resulting in quadriplegia and the inability to produce speech.

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Jeff Meeker

STRATEGIES:

- Personal Goals
- Community College
- Tutor
- Textbooks on Tape
- Computer

Jeff is also a computer buff. He works on the family computer system at home in the evenings and also charts his own progress as well as the progress of others on a computer at CLASS's Service Center in Independence. He also assists others in performing tasks on the computer.

Joanie, director of the PSDS for CLASS, says Jeff is a great advocate for people with disabilities. "He gets out in the community and people know him," she said. "Not only do they just know him, but he doesn't waste an opportunity to tell them that people with disabilities are no different than they are."

"Most of what you have to do when you work with people with disabilities is to push them to do things for themselves. They're usually more scared that they can do something rather than scared that they can't do it," Jeff says. He smiles and adds, "I know, I've been there and I know all the tricks, that's why I can teach them - they can't fool me!"

Support for Jeff Meeker is provided by CLASS of Columbus, Kansas. Debbie Jones is the community relations specialist for CLASS. ■

ON COURSE: JAY AT WORK

by Kathleen Olson

Jay Donald works at a local golf course entering accounts payable and receivable. Some modifications in the equipment and office arrangement were needed for Jay to do his job efficiently. Information is entered into the computer using a specially designed headset. The headset is equipped with a pointer to type on the computer keyboard.

The physical location of the computer monitor was selected to meet Jay's special needs. The monitor is placed below desk level and beside Jay to be visible. Personnel from the Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL) assisted with these modifications and the selection of the program used for data entry. Category names were shortened to the first few letters so information could be entered more quickly.

Jay said "My wheelchair is my legs." In good weather, Jay uses his motorized wheelchair to travel to work. Jay notes that he has had great difficulty in getting funding for a new, properly fitting wheelchair and that the process must be streamlined to enable people with disabilities to be as independent as possible.

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In assisting people with substantial disabilities to find employment, Mary Holloway, executive director of the RCIL, notes that the cooperative efforts of the employer, trades people making adaptations, and the individual with a disability is needed. Things work best when it's a community effort with everyone working together. It is also important to help the person be successful at the job. For people with physical disabilities, this may mean figuring out how the job can be done, and making modifications before the job begins. Employers are often willing to hire people with disabilities, but their enthusiasm wanes rapidly if the work is not done.

Jay's job has increased his income. A computer program similar to the program used at work is helping Jay balance his checkbook and monitor his personal finances.

Having Jay as an employee is working well for the golf course. He uses a double entry system to assure accuracy. Auditors love this feature.

Modifications and adaptations were accomplished with assistance from the Resource Center for Independent Living located in Osage City, Kansas. ■

STRATEGIES:

- Computer
- Computer Program Modifications
- Environmental Rearrangement
- Motorized Wheelchair
- Cooperative Effort



Jay Donald

THE "RIGHT" JOB

by Patty Black

Five years ago Diane Fryda was living in a group home in Fort Scott, Kansas. Today she lives in her own apartment. Five years ago Diane worked in the Fort Scott Work Activity Center. Today she has her own job.

These changes didn't just happen. These changes occurred because of the determination of a young woman to have her life fit her own needs and the support of her efforts by Tri-Valley Developmental Services.

Diane talks enthusiastically about her apartment, "It's nice and quiet." She likes being able to close her door, fix her meals, watch TV, listen to music ... whatever she chooses.

In Diane's search for the "right" job, she tried working at McDonald's, the Downtowner, and Casa Maria's. All fine jobs but not the "right" one. Diane's job coach, Kathi, suggested an interview with Diane's current employer for a position as a baby-sitter. It has turned out to be the right job for Diane.

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The children are Abby, who is in preschool, and Taylor, who is one year old. Diane's responsibilities include changing diapers, preparing snacks, reading books to the girls, watching videos with the children (their current favorite is Roger Rabbit), and generally supervising their time. Diane says, "Just seeing the girls grow up will be great. We're going to have our ups and downs but that is normal."

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CHECK #	Date	AGE	TYPE OF EQUIPMENT	RESIDENCE	DD \$	MATCHING \$	OTHER \$	TOTAL COST
26810	11/10/93	18	COMPUTER	IOLA	\$633.00	\$167.00	\$3,504.00	\$4,504.00
26813	11/10/93	6	COMMUNCIATION DEVICE	GRINNELL	\$830.00	\$170.00	\$2,705.00	\$3,705.00
27076	12/10/93	19	COMMUNCIATION DEVICE	HAYS	\$750.00	\$150.00	\$3,104.00	\$4,004.00
27077	12/10/93	3	AFO'S	FLORENCE	\$354.00	\$71.00	\$425.00	\$850.00
27078	12/10/93	30	COMMUNCIATION DEVICE	BEATTIE	\$687.00	\$138.00	\$825.00	\$1,650.00
27079	12/10/93	16	COMPUTER	HUTCHINSON	\$749.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$1,499.00
27075	12/10/93	13	LIFT	WELLINGTON	\$700.00	\$300.00	\$3,100.00	\$4,100.00
27201	12/20/93	6&9	TELECOMMICATION DEVICE	OLATHE	\$184.00	\$36.00	\$220.00	\$440.00
27426	01/25/94	32	WHEELCHAIR	HAVEN	\$625.00	\$125.00	\$5,090.00	\$5,840.00
27425	01/25/94	8	COMPUTER	BLUERAPIDS	\$625.00	\$125.00	\$1,490.00	\$2,240.00
27562	02/09/94	12	AFO'S	BELOIT	\$253.60	\$51.00	\$545.40	\$850.00
27570	02/09/94	17	LIFT	WICHITA	\$625.00	\$125.00	\$3,155.00	\$3,905.00
27571	02/09/94	8	COMMUNICATION DEVICE	WATERVILLE	\$208.00	\$42.00	\$295.00	\$545.00
27572	02/09/94	5&7	TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE	OLATHE	\$250.00	\$50.00	\$311.00	\$611.00
27575	02/09/94	29	COMPUTER	TOPEKA	\$793.00	\$159.00	\$952.00	\$1,904.00
27573	02/09/94	56	ELECTRIC CHAIR	LOUISVILLE	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$1,820.00	\$2,820.00
27576	02/09/94	5	COMPUTER	WELLINGTON	\$1,054.00	\$211.00	\$4,735.00	\$6,000.00
27802	02/24/94	4	VAN LIFT	WICHITA	\$634.00	\$166.00	\$1,370.00	\$2,370.00
27811	02/24/94	13	COMPUTER	OLATHE	\$208.00	\$42.00	\$250.00	\$500.00
27810	02/24/94	14 & 17	COMPUTER	TOPEKA	\$716.00	\$144.00	\$1,150.00	\$2,010.00
27809	02/24/94	8	WHEELCHAIR	EMPORIA	\$141.00	\$29.00	\$220.00	\$390.00
27808	02/24/94	45	COMMUNICATION DEVICE	WICHITA	\$208.00	\$42.00	\$150.00	\$400.00
27806	02/24/94	16	WHEELCHAIR	TOPEKA	\$200.00	\$800.00	\$1,941.00	\$2,941.00
27805	02/24/94	27	BABY ALERT	GOODLAND	\$47.48	\$10.00	\$57.52	\$115.00
27804	02/24/94	8	TOURRETTE	OVERLAND PARK	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$2,894.00	\$3,894.00
27803	02/24/94	15	LIFT	ANDALE	\$625.00	\$125.00	\$2,755.00	\$3,505.00
27807	02/24/94	11	COMMUNICATION DEVICE	BENTON	\$241.00	\$49.00	\$295.00	\$585.00
27925	03/10/94	2	SEATING SYSTEM	WICHITA	\$379.00	\$76.00	\$3,403.00	\$3,858.00
27931	03/10/94	54	ELECTRIC CHAIR	EUREKA	\$415.00	\$85.00	\$2,199.00	\$2,699.00
27944	03/24/94	7	LIFT	WELLINGTON	\$166.00	\$34.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,900.00
27951	03/24/94	11	COMPUTER	SALINA	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$1,510.00	\$2,510.00
27952	03/24/94	12	COMPUTER	PRATT	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$2,178.00	\$3,178.00
28084	04/06/94	19	COMMUNICATION DEVICE	COLBY	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$1,835.00	\$2,835.00
28313	05/11/94	44	WHEELCHAIR	WICHITA	\$750.00	\$150.00	\$2,999.00	\$3,899.00
28325	05/11/94	17	WHEELCHAIR	VALLEYFALLS	\$183.00	\$37.00	\$463.00	\$683.00
28324	05/11/94	40	COMMUNICATION DEVICE	HUMBOLDT	\$475.00	\$95.00	\$600.00	\$1,170.00
28455	05/24/94	3	WALKER	SHAWNEE	\$65.61	\$93.60	\$0.00	\$159.21
28453	05/24/94	54	PAIN INTERRUPT	EUREKA	\$83.00	\$15.00	\$102.00	\$200.00
28447	05/24/94	49	SEATING SYSTEM	WICHITA	\$447.00	\$90.00	\$1,524.00	\$2,061.00
28507	05/26/94	3	COMMUNICATION DEVICE	TOPEKA	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$7,034.00	\$8,034.00
28531	06/10/94	7	LIFT	PRATT	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$2,781.00	\$3,781.00
28533	06/10/94	6	COMPUTER	OVERLAND PARK	\$750.00	\$150.00	\$1,114.00	\$2,014.00
28534	06/10/94	5	COMPUTER	MANHATTAN	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
28535	06/10/94	11	COMPUTER	WICHITA	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00
28536	06/10/94	5	COMPUTER	EMPORIA	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$1,394.00	\$2,394.00
28626	06/23/94	13	COMMUNICATION DEVICE	HUTCHINSON	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$5,240.00	\$6,240.00
28624	06/23/94	16	HAND CONTROLS/LIFT	SOUTH HAVEN	\$634.00	\$127.00	\$1,522.00	\$2,283.00
28628	06/23/94	8	COMMUNICATION DEVICE	BURLINGTON	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$3,655.00	\$4,655.00
28808	07/08/94	26	COMPUTER	SALINA	\$700.00	\$300.00	\$1,769.00	\$2,769.00
28803	07/08/94	6	WHEELCHAIR	ELLSWORTH	\$420.37	\$84.00	\$2,518.00	\$3,022.37
28807	07/08/94	4	COMPUTER	MANHATTAN	\$583.00	\$117.00	\$1,375.00	\$2,075.00
28800	07/08/94	23	HAND CONTROLS	WICHTA	\$139.00	\$138.99	\$278.00	\$555.99
28802	07/08/94	7	CP/BLIND	LENEXA	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$1,840.00	\$2,840.00
28794	07/08/94	12	SEATING SYSTEM	BELLEVILLE	\$164.50	\$33.00	\$197.50	\$395.00
28992	07/25/94	8	WALKER	DELPHOS	\$75.00	\$15.00	\$82.00	\$172.00
28991	07/25/94	8	EYE GAZE COMPUTER	HOLTON	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$23,900.00	\$24,900.00
28985	07/25/94	1	AFO'S	WICHITA	\$202.00	\$40.00	\$968.00	\$1,210.00
28983	07/25/94	25	WHEELCHAIR	TOPEKA	\$539.50	\$108.00	\$1,983.50	\$2,631.00
28983	07/25/94	40	WHEELCHAIR	KANSAS CITY KS	\$395.00	\$80.00	\$1,641.00	\$2,116.00
28983	07/25/94	20	WHEELCHAIR	TOPEKA	\$396.00	\$79.00	\$2,101.00	\$2,576.00
28983	07/25/94	39	WHEELCHAIR	MCPHERSON	\$497.50	\$100.00	\$2,228.50	\$2,826.00
28982	07/25/94	12	WHEELCHAIR	ELBING	\$229.00	\$46.00	\$3,760.00	\$4,035.00
29019	07/31/94	3	COMPUTER	MANHATTAN	\$860.00	\$160.00	\$1,160.00	\$2,180.00
29020	07/31/94	13	COMMUNICATION DEVICE	LIBERAL	\$765.00	\$154.00	\$2,331.00	\$3,250.00
29021	07/31/94	46	ELEVAT. CHAIR	EUREKA	\$414.00	\$83.00	\$502.00	\$999.00
29011	07/31/94	15	WHEELCHAIR	MOSCOW	\$369.70	\$74.00	\$2,094.30	\$2,538.00
29027	08/09/94	11	EYE GAZE COMPUTER	SCOTT CITY	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$19,000.00	\$20,000.00
29010	08/09/94	54	SEATING/ELECTRIC CHAIR	WICHITA	\$285.00	\$57.00	\$342.00	\$684.00

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29284	08/24/94	31	RAMP	AUGUSTA	\$405.50	\$82.00	\$487.50	\$975.00
29280	08/24/94	38	LIFT	DODGE CITY	\$625.00	\$125.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
29279	08/24/94	16	FEEDING MACHINE	MANHATTAN	\$416.00	\$84.00	\$1,195.00	\$1,695.00
29272	08/24/94	35	CUSTOM SEATING	WICHITA	\$358.00	\$72.00	\$765.00	\$1,195.00
29416	09/09/94	6	COMPUTER	EL DORADO	\$663.00	\$133.00	\$1,239.00	\$2,035.00
29418	09/09/94	28	3-WHEELER	EMPORIA	\$125.00	\$25.00	\$168.00	\$318.00
29555	09/23/94	10	RAMP	WICHITA	\$257.50	\$52.00	\$309.50	\$619.00
29558	09/23/94	1	AFO'S	SMITH CENTER	\$212.00	\$43.00	\$595.00	\$850.00
29559	09/23/94	16	COMPUTER	OLATHE	\$509.00	\$102.00	\$611.00	\$1,222.00
29592	09/30/94	6	WHEELCHAIR	DELPHOS	\$301.73	\$60.00	\$3,068.27	\$3,430.00
29600	09/30/94	16	LIFT	LAKIN	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$1,375.00	\$2,375.00
29602	09/30/94	12	COMPUTER	STERLING	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,250.00
29605	09/30/94	8	WHEELCHAIR	DELPHOS	\$441.25	\$88.25	\$529.50	\$1,059.00
29615	09/30/94	35	SEATING	WICHITA	\$166.00	\$34.00	\$270.00	\$470.00
29601	09/30/94	57	COMMUNICATION DEVICE	CHANUTE	\$495.00	\$100.00	\$600.00	\$1,195.00
29716	09/30/94	15	SEATING/WHEELCHAIR	TOPEKA	\$584.00	\$116.00	\$1,121.00	\$1,821.00
29736	09/30/94	11	SEATING/WHEELCHAIR	HUTCHINSON	\$333.00	\$67.00	\$1,401.00	\$1,801.00
29735	09/30/94	20	SEATING/WHEELCHAIR	MELVERN	\$117.00	\$24.00	\$2,141.00	\$2,282.00
29590	10/07/94	5	WHEELCHAIR	WICHITA	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$6,423.00	\$7,423.00
29607	10/07/94	18	COMPUTER	ROSE HILL	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$1,137.00	\$2,137.00
29608	10/07/94	15	COMMUNICATION DEVICE	MCPHERSON	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$8,492.00	\$9,492.00
29726	10/24/94	4	WHEELCHAIR	WICHITA	\$802.00	\$161.00	\$4,825.00	\$5,788.00
29726	10/24/94	7	WHEELCHAIR	QUINTER	\$525.00	\$105.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,130.00
29726	10/24/94	14	WHEELCHAIR	WELLINGTON	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$3,100.00	\$4,100.00
29734	10/24/94	14	COMMUNICATION DEVICE	HUTCHINSON	\$654.15	\$130.85	\$785.00	\$1,570.00
29737	10/24/94	35	VAN/HAND CONTROL	WICHITA	\$1,250.00	\$250.00	\$30,637.00	\$32,137.00
29721	10/24/94	20	COMPUTER	HUTCHINSON	\$485.00	\$98.00	\$583.00	\$1,166.00
30000	11/10/94	7	WALKER	DERBY	\$150.00	\$30.00	\$410.00	\$590.00
29994	11/10/94	12	COMPUTER	RAGO	\$517.00	\$104.00	\$650.00	\$1,271.00
29995	11/10/94	7	RAMP	DERBY	\$683.00	\$137.00	\$820.00	\$1,640.00
29996	11/10/94	3	COMPUTER	LAWRENCE	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$1,375.00	\$2,375.00
29993	11/10/94	57	COMMUNICATION DEVICE	CHANUTE	\$166.00	\$34.00	\$200.00	\$400.00
30021	11/22/94	4	COMPUTER	MANHATTAN	\$754.00	\$151.00	\$1,065.00	\$1,970.00
30022	11/22/94	6	COMMUNICATION DEVICE	OTTAWA	\$694.00	\$139.00	\$832.00	\$1,665.00
30125	12/01/94	29	COMPUTER	WICHITA	\$666.00	\$134.00	\$998.00	\$1,798.00
30140	12/09/94	9	RAMP	WICHITA	\$570.00	\$114.00	\$763.00	\$1,447.00
30136	12/09/94	5	LIFT	GREAT BEND	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$2,570.00	\$3,570.00
30137	12/09/94	32	PATIENT LIFT	DODGE CITY	\$625.00	\$125.00	\$751.63	\$1,501.63
30138	12/09/94	14	COMPUTER	IOLA	\$208.00	\$42.00	\$1,126.70	\$1,376.70
30246	12/21/94	3	WHEELCHAIR	NORTON	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$1,767.00	\$2,767.00
30252	12/21/94	37	LIFT	WICHITA	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$2,295.00	\$3,295.00
30253	12/21/94	43	WHEELCHAIR	TOPEKA	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$1,150.00	\$2,150.00
30255	12/21/94	6	COMPUTER	GOODLAND	\$712.73	\$142.50	\$970.00	\$1,825.23
30258	12/21/94	12	COMPUTER	CARBONDALE	\$735.00	\$147.00	\$882.00	\$1,764.00
30258	12/21/94	10	COMPUTER	VASSAR	\$931.67	\$186.33	\$1,274.94	\$2,392.94
30358	01/09/95	9	MAC POWERBOOK	HAYS	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$3,216.00	\$4,216.00
30357	01/09/95	7	VAN	MANHATTAN	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$1,996.00	\$2,996.00
30356	01/09/95	40	HEARING AID	PARSONS	\$583.00	\$117.00	\$700.00	\$1,400.00
30355	01/09/95	6	COMPUTER	BONNER SPRINGS	\$750.00	\$150.00	\$1,311.56	\$2,211.56
30354	01/09/95	9	HOME MOD/RAMP	WICHITA	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$1,965.20	\$2,965.20
30364	01/09/95	13	WHEELCHAIR SEATING	WICHITA	\$201.42	\$40.25	\$553.94	\$795.61
30590	01/25/95	5	HEARING AIDS	TOPEKA	\$618.50	\$124.00	\$742.50	\$1,485.00
30589	01/25/95	2	SOFTWARE	MILFORD	\$286.85	\$58.00	\$335.85	\$680.70
30588	01/25/95	49	LIFT/HANDCONTROLS	VALLEY CENTER	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$1,626.00	\$2,626.00
30587	01/25/95	54	WHEELCHAIR	FOWLER	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$1,750.00	\$2,750.00
30586	01/25/95	7	COMPUTER	ALTA VISTA	\$666.00	\$134.00	\$1,326.45	\$2,126.45
30584	01/25/95	5	LIFT	LENEXA	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$5,808.86	\$6,808.86
30583	01/25/95	12	HANDIMOVE	WICHITA	\$420.00	\$84.00	\$10,504.00	\$11,008.00
30582	01/25/95	6	VAN LIFT	HOLTON	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$2,240.37	\$3,240.37
	02/10/95	5	COMMUNICATION DEVICE	HUTCHINSON	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$7,466.48	\$8,466.48
	02/10/95	8	COMPUTER	OVERLAND PARK	\$833.00	\$167.00	\$1,694.43	\$2,694.43
	02/10/95	1	BATH CHAIR	ULYSSES	\$97.00	\$20.00	\$118.00	\$235.00
	02/10/95	14	AFO'S	SALINA	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$600.00	\$850.00
	02/10/95	2	VAN & LIFT	OLATHE	\$836.44	\$163.56	\$1,343.00	\$2,343.00
TOTAL GRANT \$					\$75,000.00	\$16,997.33	\$298,739.40	\$390,736.73

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Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

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Memorandum

TO: Rep. Robin Jennison, Chairman, House Appropriations

Date: March 29, 1995

FROM: Janet Schalansky

RE: Funding shift

A note of explanation concerning the \$395,326 shifted by the Senate from Mental Health and Retardation Services to Vocational Rehabilitation Services. The reason we supported the shift concerns our ability to draw down a significant federal match through Vocational Rehabilitation Services. The \$395,326 brings back an additional \$1.46 million in federal funds, for a total funding of \$1.85 million. If the funding is shifted, we would continue to draw down this amount from federal funds. However, if funding is not restored, the \$1.46 million in federal funding would not be available.

Administering these funds through Vocational Rehabilitation would allow us to continue to serve many of the same individuals previously served with the Supported Employment/Supported Living Collaborative Service Project. There would, however, be a shift in the type of support provided. This change in support delivery would in the future eliminate the need for the additional \$1 million which has been appropriated in the past. The priority would become serving individuals with a higher probability of competitive placement with short term job coaching who will no require ongoing support.

The plan would seek and utilize natural supports and assure that people needing service do not fall through the cracks between VR and MHRS. The extent community rehabilitation programs are successful in finding natural supports and absorbing ongoing support within existing resources will affect the number of persons served who need ongoing supports. Persons requiring job coaching but not requiring extensive ongoing supports will be served.

We will seek to execute a memorandum of agreement with KARF to serve mutual clients with the program funds. If funds are earmarked for assistive technology from this program, the same federal match rate would be available. However, using these funds for assistive technology would reduce supported employment services accordingly.

cc Appropriations Committee

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Rehabilitation Services

Who do we serve?

- People receiving vocational rehabilitation services have a variety of disabling conditions. Their employment goals, and the services they need to help them achieve their goals, are planned on an individual basis. These plans and outcomes are influenced by the individuals' disabilities, interests and abilities, as well as the labor market. Here are the disabling conditions represented in the 1,786 rehabilitations achieved in SFY 1994:

23%	Orthopedic
16%	Mental Retardation
15%	Hearing
12%	Mental Illness
11%	Visual
4%	Traumatic Brain Injury
2%	Alcohol/Drug
2%	Amputation
2%	Cancer/Blood/Allergies
1%	Cardiac/Circulatory
1%	Dual Sensory Impairment (Deaf and Blind)
1%	Epilepsy
9%	Other

- Eligibility criteria are specified by federal law. To receive vocational rehabilitation services, a person must:
 - Have a physical or mental disability which results in a substantial impediment to employment; and
 - Be able to benefit in terms of an employment outcome from VR services; and
 - Require VR services to prepare for, enter into, engage in or retain gainful employment.

The Rehabilitation Act presumes that people with disabilities can benefit from VR services unless there is substantial evidence to the contrary.

- A person's financial resources are not considered when determining eligibility. However, payment for services is based on the client's financial need.
- If Rehabilitation Services does not have sufficient resources to serve all eligible persons who apply, an Order of Selection procedure is used to determine who will receive services and who will be on a waiting list for services. This procedure is specified by federal regulation which requires us to give the highest priority for services to persons with the most severe disabilities. Some other factors considered in assigning an individual to an Order of Selection category are the number and different types of services the person will need to achieve employment and how long services are expected to last. Rehabilitation Services currently has four categories in its Order of Selection. These categories are:
 1. Eligible persons with the most severe disabilities.
 2. Eligible persons with severe disabilities.
 3. Eligible persons with non-severe disabilities who are receiving other SRS services.
 4. All other eligible persons with non-severe disabilities.

Category 4 is currently closed and a waiting list is being maintained.

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Rehabilitation Services

Facts in brief . . .

- **107,000**
Working age Kansans with disabilities (U.S. Census).
- **10,541**
Kansans with disabilities received vocational rehabilitation services in SFY 1994.
- **18 months**
Average length of a vocational rehabilitation case.
- **1,786**
Kansans with disabilities were rehabilitated.
- **86%**
of the persons rehabilitated were successfully employed.
- **74%**
of the persons who were rehabilitated had severe disabilities.
- **27%**
of the persons who were rehabilitated previously received public assistance.
- **42 years old**
The average age of persons rehabilitated is 42. These individuals have many years ahead of them as productive, contributing members of the Kansas community.
- **\$11.5 million**
During their first full year of work, the 1,535 Kansans with disabilities who achieved employment will generate more than \$11.5 million in new wages, a substantial contribution to the Kansas economy.
- **\$11**
For every \$1 spent on vocational rehabilitation services, \$11 are return in taxes according to the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.
- **2 to 4 years**
The cost of vocational rehabilitation is paid back in taxes within two to four years according to the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation.

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