

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brenda Landwehr at 1:30 P.M. on January 10, 2007 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Ed Trimmer- excused
Jim Ward- excused

Committee staff present:

Norman Furse, Revisor's Office
Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research
Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Patti Magathan, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Don Jordan, Acting Secretary Social and Rehabilitation Services (S.R.S.)
Kathy Greenlee, Acting Secretary Kansas Department on Aging (K.D.O.A.)

Others Attending:

See Attached List.

Chair Brenda Landwehr introduced Acting Secretary, **Don Jordan**, from S.R.S.

Secretary Jordan stated that they have programs that cover all age groups up to elderly. He gave a presentation of his organization ([Attachment 1](#)). The department has six regions across the state.

S.R.S. delivers mental health services through their three hospitals, (Larned, Osawatomie, and Rainbow Mental Health Facility) including inpatient mental health services for adults diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illness, inpatient treatment for those committed for forensic evaluation/treatment, and inpatient treatment for children with serious emotional disturbances. They also have a sexual predator treatment program. Other mental health services are facilitated using community resources and private providers.

S.R.S also manages several "waivers" which Secretary Jordan stated have had a huge impact. Among them are waivers dealing with assistance to technology dependent children. This is a small group of children dependent on technology to maintain life. Others include waivers serving clients with both physical disabilities and those who are developmentally disabled.

"Title 19" is part of a Medicaid entitlement program which provides outpatient services to people who would normally be treated in a hospital setting, and is generally more cost effective than inpatient treatment. Eligibility is based on income, age, and family composition.

S.R.S also is active in addiction and prevention programs. One new program provides intensive case management services to chemically dependent women who are pregnant.

The Integrated Service Delivery Division works with child support enforcement, economic employment support, rehabilitation services, and child and family services.

The committee asked questions following testimony related to turnaround time for evaluations, community notification on release, percentage of those with mental illness who are not being treated, additional waiver programs which we might qualify for, and whether there is an acronym dictionary available.

Chairwoman Landwehr then introduced **Kathy Greenlee**, Acting Secretary of Aging ([Attachment 2](#)). Secretary Greenlee introduced some members of her staff who were present.

Secretary Greenly explained that her agency is an advocacy organization born in 1977 and currently celebrating their 30 year anniversary. Highlights of their mission include a waiver program for home services and the Senior Care Act.

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The Older American Act was passed in 1965 and is the basis for many of their programs, including access, community and in-home services to provide nutrition, disease prevention, health promotion services, and family care giver support

The Agency provides senior health insurance counseling thru a program called SHICK, promotes healthy aging thru the senior farmer's market nutrition program and STEPS, which is a senior physical fitness class.

Secretary Greenlee stated that studies have found that home based services are less costly than facility based services and they are working with Medicaid eligible customers to receive community-based services as an alternative to nursing facility care. The Senior care Act is a program for people with dwindling resources, funded by the state general fund.

The department's regulatory role involves 651 adult care facilities, and includes licensing, surveys, and complaint resolution.

The department recognizes Kansas nursing homes that have adopted person-directed care in the areas of resident control, staff empowerment, home environment and community involvement thru their PEAK program.

Chair Landwehr opened the floor for questions which included the impact of long-term health insurance on medicare, the growing aging population, educating people on the need to plan for their elder years, nursing home inspections, and meals on wheels.

Chair Landwehr announced that tomorrow's meeting has been cancelled due to legislative training and will be rescheduled at a later date. Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M.