

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:30 A.M. on January 28, 2008 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Donald Betts, Jr. - excused
Senator Jean Schodorf - excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kristen Clarke Kellems, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jarod Waltner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senate Ways & Means
Mary Shaw, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Don Jordan, Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Dr. Marcia Nielsen, Ph.D, Kansas Health Policy Authority

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Umbarger welcomed Don Jordan, Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), who provided an agency overview ([Attachment 1](#)). Secretary Jordan addressed the mission and vision for SRS. He also provided updated information on their organizational structure. The FY 2008 successes are:

- Successful transition to mental health managed care
- Expanded adult mental health bed capacity through private/public partnership
- Successful transition to substance abuse managed care
- SAMHSA prevention grant awarded
- Implemented new residential care system
- Autism Waiver
- Child Support Enforcement Call Center

Secretary Jordan detailed information on their FY 2009 Initiatives, detailed in their written testimony. Secretary Jordan noted that the majority of SRS funds are spent first in direct assistance and direct service delivery. Committee questions and discussion followed.

The Chairman welcomed Dr. Marcia Nielsen, PhD, Kansas Health Policy Authority, who presented an update on the Medicaid prescription drug authorization system ([Attachment 2](#)). Dr. Nielsen explained that the purpose of the system is to procure a statewide automated prior authorization system that can be accessed at the point of care by pharmacists in order to improve patient safety and cost-effectiveness. The population served are all Medicaid and HealthWave beneficiaries, pharmacy and medical providers. Dr. Nielsen also provided an overview of the agency, Kansas Health Policy Authority. She noted that Medicaid and HealthWave are the major areas of their budget. She addressed the Kansas Health Policy Authority budget enhancements for FY 2009. Information was distributed regarding the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA) FY 2009 Budget Enhancement Requests Fact Sheet ([Attachment 3](#)). A chart of the Kansas Health Policy Authority FY 2009 Governor's Budget Recommendations was distributed to the Committee ([Attachment 4](#)). Committee questions and discussion followed.

Dr. Nielsen explained that the Kansas Health Policy Authority and the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services have recognized a need to implement a new integrated benefits and eligibility information system in order to improve customer service, program effectiveness and employee production

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(Attachment 5). She detailed information on the current system limitations, new system vision, cost estimates and population served.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for January 29, 2008.