

Kansas Neurological Institute amendment

I move to not approve items 1 and 2 in the Social Services Budget Committee report for the Kansas Neurological Institute. In addition, I move to insert the following recommendations:

1. Add \$658,832, including \$277,039 from the State General Fund, which was savings the Governor estimated as a result of a recommendation to begin closure of the Kansas Neurological Institute (KNI) facility. This addition would fully fund the operations of the facility and eliminate the current the plan to close KNI.
2. The Committee directs SRS to continue operations of KNI based on concerns pertaining to the capability of the community to accept KNI residents and the amount of resources available to serve this medically fragile population. Further, the Committee does not believe savings to the state can be realized and fund both the continuing operations of the facility during the closure process and the start up expenditures necessary to build community capacity.
3. The Committee is concerned that closure of the KNI facility could negatively impact the community developmental disability system if the KNI provided dental program, posture seating clinic, and acute care treatment and beds for persons with developmental disabilities living in the community were not available. The KNI dental clinic provides services to individuals with developmental disabilities living in the community who have difficulty finding providers. The posture seating clinic develops wheelchairs and assistive technology supports for residents and individuals with developmental disabilities living in the community. The acute care center provides treatment by KNI including primary care services, support during recovery from surgery, evaluative services, and physical therapy services for individuals with developmental disabilities living in the community who can not obtain these services through community providers due to a variety of special needs or circumstances.
4. The Committee directs the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) to continue to educate residents, parents and guardians about the availability of community services and opportunities to move residents to the community.
5. The Committee recommends an independent audit to evaluate the overall management and service structure of KNI and Parsons State Hospital and Training Center (PSH&TC). The purpose of the audit would be to identify additional efficiencies that can be implemented to create cost-savings at the facilities. In addition, the independent audit would identify additional programs the facilities could implement to assist the entire developmental disability community and help reduce the Home and Community Based Services waiver for individuals with Developmental Disabilities (HCBS/DD) expenditures.
6. The Committee directs SRS to fund the independent audit to evaluate the overall management and service structure of KNI and PSH&TC. Further, the Committee directs SRS to report the audit findings to the House Appropriations Committee chair on September 1, 2011.
7. The Committee directs the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) to absorb the \$277,039 from the State General Fund for the agency as a budget reduction for SRS.

Appropriations Committee

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Attachment 3