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Wm. Jeff Kahrs, Interim-Acting Secretary

Sam Brownback, Governor

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Testimony of:

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presented to:

The Hon.Vicki Schmidt and Honorable Members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee:

SRS update on state reorganization plan for Kansas Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

Chair Schmidt, Vice-Chair Brungardt, and Honored Members:

Madam Chair, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today regarding SRS' role in the implementation of Governor Brownback's reorganization plan.

The Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services supports and is working to achieve the reorganization of public health programs into a single state agency. SRS' Disability and Behavioral Health Services (DBHS) division is being merged with Kansas Department on Aging programs to create a new agency: the Department for Aging and Disability Services. This merger will support the successful implementation of KanCare. The SRS/DBHS programs involved in the reorganization are:

State Hospitals

Kansas Neurological Institute

Parsons State Hospital

Rainbow Mental Health Facility

Osawatomie State Hospital

Larned State Hospital

Addiction and Prevention Services

Mental Health Services

Senate Ways and Means

Date:

01-17-2012

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Community Supports and Services (Home and Community Based-Service waivers)

Management Operations/Administration

Working in collaboration with KDOA staff, SRS staff is now engaged in a series of cross-agency work teams designed to ensure that staff in KDOA fully understands the basic activities, functions and responsibilities of the DBHS programs and state hospitals so that an efficient and effective merger can occur.

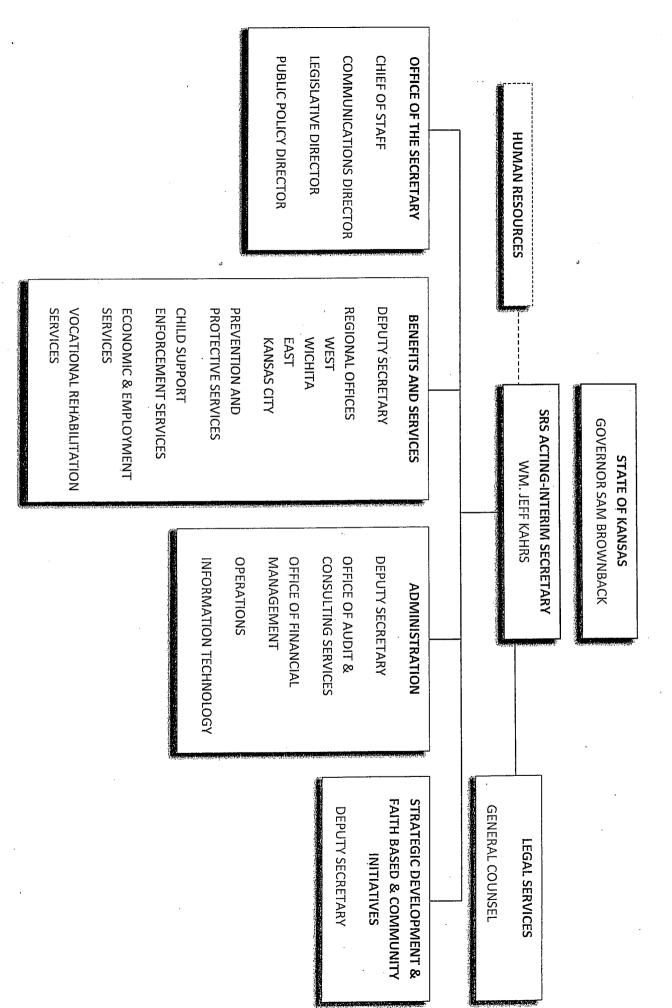
Thank you.

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Agency Re-organization

KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



BUDGET COMPARISON

Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

FY 2012 SRS budget

\$1,729,494,259

FY 2012 SRS FTEs

5,454

Department for Children and Families

FY 2013 DCF budget

\$611,920,188

FY 2013 DCF FTEs

3,012