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**MINUTES OF THE HOUSE SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET COMMITTEE**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson David Crum at 3:30 PM on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 in 711-DSOB.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Nancy Fontaine, Committee Assistant  
Amy Deckard, Legislative Research

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Shannon Jones, Statewide Independent Living Council of Kansas (SILCK)  
Matt Fletcher, Interhab

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

**HB 2475–Increasing funding for the home and community based services MR/DD waiver program**

Amy Deckard provided an overview of **HB 2475**. The bill would require that, starting in FY2014 and every year thereafter, the Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services would be required to submit a budget estimate that includes adequate funding for the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver for those with developmental disabilities and would require that twice a year the Director of the Budget and the Director of Legislative Research would prepare a joint caseload estimate for the HCBS waiver for those with developmental disabilities. Ms. Deckard stood for questions.

Shannon Jones testified as a proponent for **HB 2475** (Attachment 1).

Matt Fletcher testified as a proponent for **HB 2475** (Attachment 2) and stood for questions.

Chairman Crum closed the hearing on **HB 2475**.

The committee resumed deliberations on the Veterans' Affairs Budget. The Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs (KCVA) provided additional documents in response to questions from the KCVA budget presentation (Attachments 3, 4 and 5).

Chairman Crum recommended approving the Veterans' Affairs budget for FY13 amended with the following changes: add \$32,732 from the State General Fund (SGF) to the Veterans' Claims

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

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Assistance Program (VCAP); add \$45,000 from non-SGF funds to replace two resident transport vehicles; allow the increase in cemetery plot allowance from \$80,538 to \$101,942 from the federal program that provides for this funding; and add language for further study of possible bed expansion at the Soldiers' and Veterans' Homes for consideration during the FY2014 budget year. Additionally, he recommended authorizing KCVVA to add \$531,774 to the Kansas Veterans' Home and \$623,592 to the Kansas Soldiers' Home, all from special revenue funds, to expend Medicare and Medicaid funds for resident services within existing facilities for FY 2013.

Representative Ballard made a motion to fund VCAP at \$108,000 instead of the proposed \$32,732. Representative Henry seconded the motion. Motion failed. Representative Ballard requested the vote be recorded. Representatives Crum, Bowers, Mast, McLeland, Goodman, Kiegerl, and Wolf voted against the motion. Representatives Henry and Ballard voted in favor of the motion.

Representative McLeland made a motion to approve the Veterans' Affairs Budget as amended. Representative Goodman seconded the motion. Motion carried. Representative Ballard requested the vote be recorded. Representatives Crum, Bowers, Mast, McLeland, Goodman, Kiegerl, and Wolf voted in favor of the motion. Representatives Henry and Ballard voted against the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 4:32.