

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Yoder at 9:07 a.m. on March 18, 2009, in Room 143-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Tom Sawyer- excused

Committee staff present:

Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jim Wilson, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Christina Butler, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Kelly Cure, Chief of Staff
Kathy Holscher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Mark Engholm, Highway Patrol -Neutral

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Kansas Highway Patrol Testimony
- Attachment 2 Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, FY 2010 Federal Block Grant
- Attachment 3 Kansas Department of Health and Environment - Health Block Grant

SB 30 - State surplus property; disposition of computers and firearms.

Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes, presented an overview of the New Section 1 and 2 of the State Surplus Property Act. The new Section 1 prioritizes the purchase of leased computer equipment to legislators and their staff; then to public libraries; then to other legislature or legislative staff on a drawing basis. The new Section 2 explains the procedure for authorized personnel to purchase a firearm that was issued in line with their employment duties, retirement or resignation. Fair market values are determined by appropriate director or agency head. The bill passed in the Senate 40 - 0.

Conferee Testimony

Mark Engholm, Technical Trooper, Kansas Highway Patrol, provided testimony regarding the proposed language in **SB 30**, and the purchase of issued sidearms, (Attachment 1). The agency recommended the addition of: New Section 2 (1) A state law enforcement officer, as defined in K.S.A. 74-5602 and amendments thereto, who retires, or an officer who resigns to accept employment with a local, state or federal law enforcement agency, is hereby authorized to purchase, upon such retirement or resignation, such employee's personal sidearm with a trigger lock.

Mark Engholm responded to questions from Committee members regarding recertification, consistency in state and federal laws regarding concealed weapons and replacement of firearms. An explanation of the procedure for exchanging weapons between the agency and BLOCK was provided.

The hearing on **SB 30** was closed.

Jim Wilson, First Assistant Revisor of Statutes, clarified the balloon amendment regarding retiring and resigning to take another job in law enforcement separate in text.

Representative Feuerborn made a motion to adopt the language as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Ballard. Motion carried.

Representative Kelley made a motion to move **SB 30** as amended. The motion was seconded by Representative Craft. Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the House Appropriations Committee at 9:07 a.m. on March 18, 2009, in Room 143-N of the Capitol.

Chairman Yoder opened the public hearing on the proposed use and distribution of funds required as a condition of receipt of funding for federal block grant programs administered by the following state agencies:

Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS)
Department of Health and Environment - Health (KDHE)

Amy Deckard, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department, stated the requirement and purpose of the Public Hearing on Federal Block Grants.

Lois Weeks, Director of Financial Management, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, (SRS) presented the SRS Federal Block Grant for FY 2010, (Attachment 2). A brief description of the services provided by each of the five grants was reviewed. The total funding for FY2010 is \$53.2 million.

Lois Weeks, responded to questions from Committee members. Twenty six Community Mental Health Centers receive block grant funding, which includes a portion for administrative costs. Contractual services with Value Options, which provides managed care substance abuse services for individuals on Medicaid was discussed.

It was noted that 15% of the Low Income Energy Assistance Program is passthrough account that will go to the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation for weatherization programs. Committee members suggested that flexible spending areas should be considered in order to address areas affected by budget cuts.

Information Requested:

Inform the Committee of the contract time frame for services with Value Option

Jason Eberhart-Phillips, Director of Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, presented an overview on the Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant, and the Maternal and Child Health services Block Grant, (Attachment 3). \$883,440 was received in FY 2009 to address preventable risk factors through the Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant. The Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant of \$4.7 million provides services to improve the health of mothers and children. A needs assessment to identify, 7 - 10 priority areas, is conducted every five years.

Discussion followed by Committee members. Concerns for disaster preparedness and financial resources for public health, and reducing travel expenses was expressed.

Chairman Yoder closed the public hearing on the proposed use and distribution of funds required as a condition of receipt of funding for federal block grant programs administered by the following state agencies:

Department of Health and Environment-Health (KDHE)
Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS)

The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Kevin Yoder, Chairmen