

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 10:35 a.m. on February 15, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Christine Downey - excused  
Senator Tim Huelskamp - excused  
Senator Jean Schodorf - excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Deb Hollon, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Audrey Nogle, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Judy Bromich, Assistant to the Chairman  
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Janet Schalansky, Secretary, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services  
Connie Hubbell, Secretary, Department on Aging

Others attending: See attached list

**Bill Introduction**

Senator Jordan moved, with a second by Senator Jackson, to introduce a bill that would allow the issuance of bonds by the Kansas Development Finance Authority for construction of a new State Security Hospital on the Larned State Hospital grounds (1rs2036). Motion carried by a voice vote.

Chairman Morris welcomed Janet Schalansky, Secretary, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, who, at the request of the Chairman, explained the information contained in the Policy Options Discussion Guide prepared by the Department (Attachment 1). Secretary Schalansky noted that the Department was requested to identify program areas related to eligibility where the State has discretion and this document was intended to facilitate discussion on these options. She noted that for this purpose, eligibility has been defined two ways as follows:

- population served, and
- services provided by the Department.

Secretary Schalansky explained that the information is intended to be factual in nature and does not represent the opinions or the priorities of the Governor nor the Department. She also noted that these policy options should not be construed as a recommendation by the Governor nor the Department. Committee questions and discussion followed.

Chairman Morris welcomed Connie Hubbell, Secretary, Department on Aging, who, at the request of the Chairman, explained information regarding Caseload Eligibility Requirements (Attachment 2). Secretary Hubbell explained that the information provided, as requested, addressed the eligibility requirements for entry into a nursing facility or the Home and Community Based Services waiver for the frail elderly. She noted that the Kansas Department on Aging manages the functional eligibility component of the Medicaid eligibility criteria. Secretary Hubbell addressed factors to consider when discussing options regarding Level of Care scores.

Committee questions and discussion followed. Senator Feleciano requested information regarding hospital discharge planning on how to better to plug elders into the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2002.