

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 9:05 a.m. on January 19, 2000 in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:     Rep. Adkins - excused  
  Rep. Hermes - excused  
  Rep. Peterson - excused

Committee staff present:     Alan Conroy, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
  Stuart Little, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
  Robert Waller, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
  Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes Office  
  Mike Corrigan, Revisor of Statutes Office  
  David Stallings, Assistant to the Chairman  
  Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
                  Connie Hubbell, Secretary Department on Aging  
                  Larry Tucker, Reno County Treasurer (written testimony)

Others attending:     See attached list.

Vice Chairman Neufeld welcomed Connie Hubbell, Secretary, Department on Aging who briefed the Committee on selected issues of the Department on Aging, including the status of caseloads and waiting lists (Attachment 1). Secretary Hubbell noted that since she began her appointment as Secretary of Aging, one of her goals is to try to tour the state as much as possible and examine programs the department administers. She has been to six of the eleven area agencies on aging, toured some senior centers, some nutrition sites and plans in the future to visit nursing facilities and other programs the Department administers.

Secretary Hubbell explained that the waiting list for the Home and Community Based Services/Frail Elderly (HCBS/FE) waiver began on July 1, 1999, and that on October 18, 1999, the Department on Aging stopped adding persons to that list. The number of applicants on the list totaled 367 at that time. Targeted case managers at the area agencies on aging are contacting the HCBS/FE waiver applicants on the waiting list and services are being coordinated through the area agencies on aging. She noted that as of January 13, 2000, the waiting list has been reduced from 367 customers to 15 customers.

Secretary Hubbell explained that the average number of customers served per month in FY 1999 was 3,744, with an average of 4,373 customers anticipated to be served per month in FY 2000 (Chart 3 of the attachment). She noted that the current budgeted amount for targeted case management is \$5,048,036. The average cost per month per customer for targeted case management currently is \$124.09 and the average number of targeted case management hours per customer per month is currently 3.1 hours.

Secretary Hubbell introduced staff members with her: Catherine Walberg, Deputy Secretary, Doug Farmer, Commissioner of Budget and Finance, Michelle Sweeney, Legislative Liaison and Mike Hammond, Special Assistant and Public Information Officer.

Vice-Chairman Neufeld thanked Secretary Hubbell for the information provided to the Committee and he asked the Secretary to explain the restructuring of the Department on Aging. Secretary Hubbell explained that she has a leadership team with one deputy secretary, four commissioner and the legal counsel. She has commissioners of finance, administrative services, quality enhancement/quality assurance and executive services (outreach and advocacy). She also will have a group of directors who will be a policy development division, a team of about 20 which should be public within the next two weeks. The Department on Aging has a staff of 166 and a budget of about \$350 million dollars. Questions and discussion followed

CONTINUATION SHEET

Hearing on:

**HB 2385 - Presidential preference primary; delegation, selection of**

Conferees:

Larry Tucker, Reno County Treasurer, submitted written testimony (Attachment 2)

A handout was distributed regarding an article by Ron Thornburg, Kansas Secretary of State, The Council of State Governments, A Better Way to Elect a President (Attachment 3).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2000.