

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Garry Boston at 1:30 p.m. on February 7, 2000 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Bob Bethell, Excused

Committee staff present: Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dr. William Wolff, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statute's Office
June Evans, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Jane Mackey, Assistant Secretary, KDHE
Christine Ross-Base, Director, Child Care Licensing and
Registration Section, KDHE

Others attending: See Attached Sheet

Jane Mackey, Assistant Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, gave a presentation of the Public Health Improvement Plan. The commission recommends that Kansas leaders consider three primary recommendations and the associated goals:

1. Leadership and governance: Institute a statewide, continuous public health policy-setting, planning and development process.
2. Stabilize funding and enhance capacity: Improve essential public health services and population health by increasing and stabilizing financial resources and allocating state funds for local community health improvement initiatives.
3. Effective delivery: Develop and enhance a statewide network for delivering professional education, workforce initiatives, communications, and public health related services.

The Secretary has promised that if funds are available, KDHE will continue the planning effort incorporating the stakeholders who so diligently worked during the phase one process. (See Attachment #1)

The Chairperson thanked the Sub-Committee on Mental Health Community Developmental Disability Organizations.

Representative Landwehr, Chairperson of the Sub-Committee, stated there were four meetings, hearings were held, Legislative Post Audit reviewed the audit of community developmental disabilities services and the findings and recommendations. Social and Rehabilitation Services staff gave information regarding proposed changes in contracts with community mental health centers and policy changes under discussion. Research staff and Post Audit staff provided material relating to funding of mental health centers.

Recommendations:

The Sub-Committee considered several options for amendments to the Mental Health Reform Act and the act under which community mental health centers are licensed, and is presenting proposed legislation to the Committee on health and Human Services.

The legislation proposed by the Sub-Committee is that considered necessary to deal with issues that are pressing and that need to be acted on by the 2000 legislature. A number of other issues relating to the delivery of mental health services in Kansas were discussed by the Sub-Committee and should be pursued during the interim following the adjournment of the legislature (See Attachment #2).

CONTINUATION SHEET

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The full committee reviewed the draft bill, 9rs2181.

Representative Geiger questioned "shall"

The Chairperson said he would keep the committee informed and move forward, not next week. But as soon as possible.

The Chairperson opened the hearing on **HB 2755 - Disclosure of certain information in possession thereof; prohibitions and restrictions on disclosure.**

Christine Ross-Base, Director, Child Care Licensing and Registration Section, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, testified on **HB 2755**, stating they licensed approximately 9,000 child care facilities, including family foster homes and licensed day care homes. The Department also registers approximately 3,000 family day care homes. The Department is moving forward with plans to increase access to the public, disclosing personal information, such as addresses and telephone numbers of day care home providers and family foster home providers on the Internet has become a concern. Safety and privacy concerns were given as the main reasons for not wanting this information published. The Department offered statutory language that permits the Department to continue to provide access to certain personal information to certain agencies and allows day care home providers and family foster parents to choose whether or not to have their street address and telephone number made available to the public at large (See Attachment #4).

There were questions and the Chairperson asked for a balloon and will work another day and then closed the hearing on **HB 2755**.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m. and the next meeting will be February 8.