

MINUTES OF THE SENATE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Lana Oleen at 11:10 a.m. on February 8 , 2000 in Room 245-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present: Mary Galligan, Legislative Research Department
Russell Mills, Legislative Research Department
Theresa Kiernan, Revisor of Statutes
Judy Glasgow, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Secretary Janet Schalansky, Social and Rehabilitation Services
Commissioner Albert Murray, Juvenile Justice Agency
Karen Suddath, Dir. Mental Health & Substance Abuse Prevention, SRS

Others attending: See Attached list

Chairman Oleen reopened hearings on:

SCR 1632 urging the Governor and the Governor's Substance Abuse Prevention Council to establish statewide standards to evaluate the success of substance abuse programs.

Chairman Oleen recognized Secretary Schalansky, Social and Rehabilitation Services to respond to questions that had been raised during the previous hearing. Secretary Schalansky stated that Karen Suddath, Dir. Of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention, SRS was present to answer questions about the report that SRS has used. Ms. Suddath provided the committee with a copy of the 1998 Final Report In Kansas, Kansas Alcohol and Drug Treatment Effectiveness Follow-up Study Longitudinal Treatment Effects Report Summary by Kansas State University. A copy of the complete report can be found in Social and Rehabilitation Services Office. Karen Suddath stated that this report contained demographic and outcome related data. Ms. Suddath stated that this is an on going study which SRS has done in recent years. This study summarizes the longitudinal data from the six sections of the Addiction Severity Index: Medical Status; Employment/Support Status; Drug/Alcohol Use; Legal Status; Family/Social Relationships; and Psychiatric Status. Ms. Suddath stated that because of the small size of the study (524 individuals) this report could not evaluate specific programs for success. Karen Suddath referred to information provided to the committee for FY 2000 broken down by Region. (Attachment 1)

Karen Suddath responded to questions from the committee regarding the above report and how this report could be tailored to provide the type of information requested. She reported that she had checked with other states to see how they collect this type of data. California is the only state that has performed an evaluation of standards to evaluate success of substance abuse programs but the cost was two million dollars. Chairman Oleen stated the concern that the studies not take dollars from treatment. She also requested that the committee be furnished a copy showing the five regional areas that were referenced in the handouts.

Chairman Oleen recognized Commissioner Murray, Juvenile Justice Authority. Commissioner Murray stated that there are no nationally recognized standards available to evaluate the success of substance abuse programs. Commissioner Murray stated that with scarce resources, it is important to make good decisions on how the dollars are spent. He stated that JJA supports the establishment of standards by which programs can be measured. Commissioner Murray stated that the Council would move forward by using the resources that currently exist within the state agencies to establish a work group composed of representatives from the agencies that make up the council for purpose of research.

Senator Biggs suggested a change in the wording of the resolution to include tobacco. This would entail several changes throughout the resolution. After discussion by the committee, it was determined that tobacco prevention and treatment was already included in the tobacco settlement. The focus of treatment programs in the resolution target alcohol and drug abuse.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Chairman Oleen inquired how long after the establishment of standards would it be before the legislature could receive meaningful data. Commissioner Murray stated that it would take from 18 months to two years after the standards were set before programs could be evaluated and the first report made to the legislature. He suggested progress reports during the process to be presented to interested committees.

Chairman Oleen ask the committee for action on the resolution. Senator Bleeker moved to amend the resolution to include short term and long term outcome of the study and include a change proposed by the Council. Senator Becker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Becker moved to accept the councils amendments and to report the amended bill favorably to the full Senate. Senator Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Oleen ask for action on committee minutes for January 31 and February 1. Senator Vratil moved that the minutes be approved. Senator Harrington seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m. The next meeting will be February 9, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.