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## 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 January 25, 2000.

All members were present except:      Representative Gerald Geringer, Excused  
   Representative David Haley, Excused  
   Representative Jerry Henry, Excused  
   Representative Brenda Landwehr, Excused  
   Representative Dale Swenson, Excused  
   Representative Jonathan Wells, Excused

Committee staff present:              June Evans, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:      Jane Metzger, Executive Director, Meals on Wheels, Inc.  
   Jan Allen, Administrator, Topeka Convalescent Center

Others attending:              See Attached Sheet

Connie Hubbell, Secretary; Mike Hammond, Special Assistant; Michelle Sweeney, Legislative Liaison; and Maria Russo, Director of the Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging escorted the committee on a tour of the East Topeka Senior Center at 1114 S. E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street and the Topeka Convalescent Center at 515 S. W. Horne.

The East Topeka Council on Aging, Inc., was organized in March 1981 and the East Topeka Senior Center is the Council's primary program. The Center provides nutritious meals, socialization, health assessments and medication reviews and information and referral services for individuals 60 and over.

Current participants are between age 60 and 99, with the average age being 76. Over 90% live at or below poverty (See Attachment 1).

Jane Metzger, Executive Director, Meals on Wheels, Inc., testified there are 14 meal sites that operate in Shawnee and Jefferson Counties. During 1999 meals were served to 1,246 unduplicated customers a total of 99,793 meals. Of those served 398 are at or below poverty level and 349 are near poverty level.

Funding for Friendship Meals program in 2000 include \$184,164 in federal funds under the Older American's Act Title III(1), \$3,000 from the United Way, \$60,376 from Shawnee County Aging Mill Levy and \$16,836 from Kansas State General Funds. The general fund money is being cut in half by recent FY 2000 budget cuts suggested by the Governor. State funding for Meals on Wheels is very important and it represents a small portion of funding. 4.78% of our annual budget is provided through state In Home Nutrition funding for home delivered meals. 4.53% of the annual budget is provided through state Older American's Act match funding (See Attachment 2).

Jan Allen, Administrator, Topeka Convalescent Center, escorted the committee on a tour of the facility then briefed the committee on the administration of the facility.

The tour ended at 3:10 p.m. and the next meeting will be January 27.