

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE KANSAS FUTURES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carlos Mayans at 1:30 p.m. on January 29, 2001 in Room 526-S of the State Capitol.

All members were present except:      Representative Bob Bethell - excused  
   Representative Carl Krehbiel - excused  
   Representative Frank Miller - excused  
   Representative Mike O'Neal - excused  
   Representative Bonnie Sharp - excused

Committee staff present:              April Holman, Legislative Research Department  
   Lynne Holt, Legislative Research Department  
   Amy Kramer, Legislative Research Department  
   Lois Hedrick, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
   Connie Hubbell, Secretary, Kansas Department on Aging

Others attending:              See attached list

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Carlos Mayans. He announced that Vice-Chairman Bethell and other committee members are participating in the Long-Term-Care Task Force meeting that is being held today and tomorrow. Chairman Mayans then announced this committee will hold a meeting on Thursday, February 1, when conferees from COM-CARE of Sedgwick County, Area Agencies on Aging, and others will provide testimony on aging and mental health issues.

An Overview of the Department on Aging

The Chairman then introduced Connie Hubbell, who provided testimony concerning the Department on Aging's (DOA) responsibilities, as well as their study to develop an integrated system of long-term-care services, provide proactive public information about their services; and improve the Department's management and accountability of the state's delivery system. (See testimony, Attachment 1.)

Representative DiVita asked how many licensed adult day care centers there are in the state; and Secretary Hubbell stated she would research it and report back. She noted that adult day care is generally for Alzheimer's residents. Chairman Mayans stated that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) indicated there are rules in place for adult day care in assisted living facilities, and these may remove some of the problems encountered heretofore.

Secretary Hubbell stated that the Department on Aging has (1) developed a series of pamphlets that are available describing the options for care; (2) operates a toll-free telephone service (1-800-432-3535) to respond to questions about the services; and (3) cooperates with the Area Agencies on Aging in providing services. Representative Horst asked if there was a concerted effort to re-train seniors in view of the present declining workforce pool. The Secretary advised the the Older American's Act, Title V, provides some funding to KDHE for training and retraining seniors. Senior centers throughout the state can be utilized as sites for retraining; so DOA will continue to work with KDHE to develop these sites.

She noted that Linda Redford, of the University of Kansas Medical Center Center on Aging (a demographer) and Lynn Norr Baker, a Kansas State University Demographer, were resources for DOA's recent study of the changing demographics and scope of services that are required of the aging network.

Chairman Mayans reminded members that the committee will tour the Rolling Hills Assisted Living Center at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, February 5.

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The next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2001.