

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bethell at 3:30 p.m. on March 24, 2008, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Judy Holliday, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

Others attending:

See attached list.

The Committee continued deliberations on **HB 2920--Healthy marriages and strong families grant program based on the temporary assistance for needy family block grant.**

There was a balloon amendment to **HB 2920** which would change language from “shall” to “may.”

Representative Rhoades moved that **HB 2920** be passed favorably, seconded by Representative Kelsey. Discussion followed regarding clarification of the 1% that would be carved out of the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grants, and if it would be taking away from meeting other areas of need. Chairman Bethell called attention to the testimony of Don Jordan, Secretary, Kansas Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), which stated that SRS is required to spend \$1 million from TANF block grants to strengthen families and to prevent separation of children from their families. Representative Rhoades stated that there is a balance in the TANF fund from year to year and that there is a delineation of how the dollars are spent.

Representative Rhoades moved to accept the balloon amendment to **HB 2920**, seconded by Representative Mast. The motion carried.

Representative Rhoades moved to pass favorably **HB 2920** as amended, seconded by Representative Mast. The motion carried.

Discussion continued on **HB 2685--Geriatric medicine, approved postgraduate training program for KU Medical School and doctor of osteopathy loan programs.**

Representative Mast moved to pass **HB 2685** out favorably, seconded by Representative Kelsey. The motion carried. Chairman Bethell reminded the Committee that the bill will go back to the Appropriations Committee as a report.

The Committee continued deliberations on **HB 2761--Home and community based services under DD,PD,FE and TBI medicaid waivers, waiting lists, service provider rates, multi-year appropriations.**

Legislative Research Department staff presented an explanation of the appropriation of funds for the various waivers over a three-year period, from 2009-2011.

Staff from the Revisor of Statutes Office explained the language changes in the amendment from “commission” to “committee” and from “state” to “private institutions.”

There was discussion on how to fund the proposed appropriations. Under the ‘money follows the persons program,’ when a person is moved from a state institution to home and community based service (HCBS), the difference between the institution-based cost and the HCBS would be deposited into a fund. Additionally, as the waiting lists dwindle, and as the census of the institutions diminish, it may become necessary to close some of those facilities. The Chairman told the Committee that these state-owned properties could be appraised and, if needed, the state could borrow against these ‘bridge funds’ or transitional monies and repay

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Additional discussion followed regarding the program, and that it is a plan or target that sends a message to private entities of the Legislature's intent to plan for community expansion to get people out of institutions.

Representative Henry asked if language could be added to the bill stating that the Oversight Committee shall monitor community expansion to ensure that there is adequate progress to address the movement of individuals from long-term care facilities and from the Home and Community Based Services waiting list. In addition, language should be added that addresses the funding for compensation of direct care workers and staff training. It was the consensus of the Committee that the Revisors Office add language suggested by Representative Henry.

Chairman Bethell told the Committee that the bill needed to be moved out and into the Appropriations Committee the following morning.

Representative Ballard made a motion to insert the new language and technical amendments into **HB 2761**, seconded by Representative Mast. The motion carried.

The Committee recommended to remove the contents from **SB 365** and insert the language from **HB 2761** and all technical amendments into **H Sub for SB 365** and that it be passed favorably.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.