

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 10:30 a.m. on January 16, 2002 in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: All present

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Nogle, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Assistant to the Chairman
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Janet Schalansky, Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Connie Hubbell, Secretary, Kansas Department on Aging

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Morris welcomed Janet Schalansky, Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, who spoke regarding consensus caseload increases projected for this and the next fiscal year in the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (Attachment 1). Secretary Schalansky explained that there are six populations that are included in the caseload consensus process:

- Temporary Assistance for Families
- General Assistance
- Nursing Facilities for the Mentally Ill
- Regular Medical Assistance
- Foster Care Contract
- Adoption Contract

Secretary Schalansky also noted that many programs are not included in the caseload consensus estimate such as the waiver programs, family preservation and child care custody. Committee questions and discussion followed.

Regarding the chart found on page seven of the Overview titled, "Medicaid Expenditures by Service Category," Senator Huelskamp requested additional information regarding these expenses in prior years. Chairman Morris requested detailed information regarding eligibility criteria for Medicaid. Senator Salmans requested information on admissions criteria at Larned State Hospital. Senator Barone requested information in regard to comparing Medicaid benefits in surrounding states, comparison of Medicaid pharmacy benefits to state employee insurance benefits and if there are duplicates in the total of the 20 percent population as indicated. Chairman Morris thanked Secretary Schalansky for appearing before the Committee.

Chairman Morris welcomed Connie Hubbell, Secretary, Department on Aging, who spoke regarding the Medicaid Caseloads in the Department on Aging (Attachment 2). Secretary Hubbell explained that the Department on Aging operates two programs that are funded through the federal Medicaid program: the Nursing Facility program and the Home and Community Based Services/Frail elderly (HCBS/FE) program. The Secretary mentioned that while the state's consensus caseload estimating process recognizes only the Nursing Facility program in its annual caseload projections, she included information in her report related to the waiver in order to more accurately depict what is happening in aging-related Medicaid services as a whole. In discussing the cost center reimbursement methodology, Secretary Hubbell noted that the Department was revisiting the issue and would make requests for a new methodology July 1, 2002. Committee questions and discussion followed.

Senator Huelskamp requested information regarding the savings each year with the HCBS/FE waiver. Senator Kerr requested information in regard to the bed capacity now that it appears that nursing home

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populations have stabilized and he also asked if there might be any potential waivers that would provide better services at less cost.

Chairman Morris asked the Department on Aging and the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services to look at any possible policy changes. Senator Salmans requested that the Departments to look at any possible obstructive laws that may currently exist. Chairman Morris thanked Secretary Hubbell for appearing before the Committee and mentioned that there may be additional meetings in regard to caseloads in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2002.