

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Stephen Morris at 10:35 a.m. on January 31, 2003, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Dave Kerr - excused
Senator Jean Schodorf - excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Director, Kansas Legislative Research Department
J. G. Scott, Chief Fiscal Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Michael Corrigan, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Judy Bromich, Administrative Analyst
Mary Shaw, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Janet Schalansky, Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

Others attending: See attached list

Chairman Morris welcomed Janet Schalansky, Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS), who presented an overview of the Department (Attachment 1). Secretary Schalansky mentioned that the SRS Mission is to protect children and promote adult self-sufficiency and the SRS Vision is partnering to connect Kansans with supports and services to improve lives.

Secretary Schalansky reviewed SRS highlights for the 2003 Legislative Session which are:

- Kansas Payment Center Sunset Measure
- Child Support Enforcement Requirement that Social Security Numbers be on Kansas Driver's License Applications
- Repeal of \$40 Pass Through of Child Support

In her testimony, Secretary Schalansky mentioned that the Department has submitted layoff plans to the Division of Personnel Services last week. The layoff plan contains a total of 147 positions within the agency. Following committee discussion regarding questions by Senator Downey, staff will put together a chart showing what the shrinkage was for each agency which affects how many positions the agencies are able to fill over the course of several years. Senator Barone requested information regarding any pending layoff plans with the Department of Administration and requested actual employee history for the last several years by agency by payroll. Chairman Morris mentioned that he would ask the Department of Administration to present updates to answer some of the questions and status of any pending layoffs. Secretary Schalansky mentioned some emerging issues with SRS which are found in her written testimony.

Secretary Schalansky turned the presentation over to Laura Howard, Deputy Secretary, Health Care Policy, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, who presented an update on their contracting with Dr. Muse regarding data in late 2000 and early 2001. Ms. Howard mentioned that SRS does intend to move forward with a follow-up study with Dr. Muse, about a \$12,000 cost, and feels that some of that data may be available as they begin to look through it.

Committee discussion and questions followed. Senator Barone requested a checklist from SRS regarding the information from the presentation by Dr. Muse on January 28, 2003, in the Senate Ways and Means meeting and what is completed, under consideration and rejected for whatever reason by SRS. Senator Adkins requested information from SRS regarding the implementation of Dr. Muse's position and what percentage of Kansas Medicaid caseload is currently receiving 20 distinct prescriptions within the last 30 days and how many Medicaid patients there are that have actually received lock out orders.

Senator Adkins mentioned since he and Senator Downey have the State Treasurer's Office budget for subcommittee, and that there are a number of challenges facing State Treasurer's Office in regard to becoming a fee-funded agency, the State Treasurer's Office has asked them to a meeting in their office at noon on February 5. He noted that since a majority of a quorum is one in their case regarding subcommittee, he made the committee aware of this meeting and mentioned that anyone wishing to attend is free to do so.

Chairman Morris mentioned that there will be no committee meeting on Tuesday, February 4, and encouraged use of the time for subcommittees.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon. The next meeting was scheduled for February 3, 2003.