

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE SOCIAL SERVICES BUDGET COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peggy Mast at 3:30 p.m. on February 12, 2009, in Room 786 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Mike Kiegerl- excused

Committee staff present:

Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Cyndie Rexer, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Secretary Don Jordan, Social Rehabilitation Services

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing on HB 2276 - Healthy marriages and strong families grant program based on the temporary assistance for needy family block grant.

Representative Marc Rhoades sponsored **HB 2276** and has worked with Kansas Healthy Marriage Institute in creating it. Representative Rhoades testimony stated how this bill would reduce poverty and child abuse and neglect, prevent costly social service interventions and increase job stability. (Attachment 1) A copy of the fiscal note was provided to the committee. (Attachment 2) Discussion followed.

Secretary Don Jordan, Social Rehabilitation Services, testified to his concerns in taking Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant funding away from existing programs which may put at risk the ability to meet the heightened federal TANF work participation requirements and more restrictive work program policies. (Attachment 3) Secretary Jordan requests adding a balloon in Section 2, line 39 of the bill to read "and if adequate funding is available". (Attachment 4) Amy Deckard reported that at the end of 2010, there will be a projected balance of \$13,000,000 in the TANF fund. Discussion followed.

The hearing was closed on **HB 2276**.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2009.

The Chairman requested the committee study their information on the 5 state hospital over the weekend so that budget can be deliberated at the next meeting. The committee may also take action on **HB 2276**.

The meeting was adjourned at 04:50 p.m.