

MINUTES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS REFORM AND OVERSIGHT

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas C. Owens at 11:40 A.M. on March 18, 2008 in Room 431-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Jerry Henry- excused

Representative Delia Garcia- excused

Committee staff present:

Athena Andaya, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Jerry Donaldson, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Jarod Waltner, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Michael Steiner, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Jill Wolters Revisor of Statutes Office

Jason Thompson, Revisor of Statutes Office

Cyndie Rexer, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ray Dalton, Deputy Secretary, Disability & Behavioral Health Services, a division of Social Rehabilitation Services

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Owens opened the meeting by thanking Dr. Stuart Little for providing lunch for the committee.

Chairman Owens called on Ray Dalton to brief the committee on the involvement Disability & Behavioral Health Services (DBHS) has in the DUI process. DBHS includes Addiction and Prevention Services (AAPS) which provides oversight and manages the substance abuse services funded by the federal block grant, Medicaid and the 4th time DU program known as SB 67. SRS is responsible for the licensing of drug and alcohol treatment facilities and utilizes an electronic system of record management that standardizes the assessment and documents every unit of service a consumer receives. Regional Alcohol and Drug Assessment Center (RADAC) determines the appropriate level of services needed for an individual and then is responsible to ensure that ongoing care coordination and communication occurs with the treatment provider and KDOC staff. Chairman Owens requested a map showing the RADAC regions, where the agency offices are located and which regions each agency covers. Treatment completion rates were explained in regards to the 4th Time DUI Program and the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant. Mr. Dalton included with his testimony copies of the 4th Time DUI Treatment Locations in Kansas, graphs showing the Department of Correction's 4th Time DUI Clients Admitted or Assessed, and a list of the licensed Alcohol/Drug Facilities in Kansas (Attachment 1). Mr. Dalton stood for questions.

Chairman Owens brought to the attention of the committee a template for House Substitute for SB 214 (Attachment 2). Also furnished to the committee was a copy of an email to Chairman Owens from Legislative Research concerning DL penalties and a hardship license (Attachment 3). He requested each member study the template and bring questions and suggestions to the next meeting of the committee. This template emphasizes more treatment for earlier offenses and less treatment and more punitive measures for each subsequent offense. The Department of Corrections, Sentencing Commission and SRS are researching how this possible bill will impact their individual department. Legislative Research was asked to report to the committee what other states charge on DUI's and information on demographics of a DUI offender.

The next meeting will be Thursday, March 20 at 11:30 a.m. in room 526-S.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.