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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE VISION 2020 COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tom Sloan at 3:30 PM on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 in 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Randy Garber
Broderick Henderson
Michael Peterson

Committee staff present:

Mary Koles, Committee Assistant
Jay Hall, Legislative Research Department
Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department
Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Matt Sterling, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Shawn Sullivan, Kansas Department on Aging

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Chairman Sloan asked if there were bill introduction requests. There were none. Chairman Sloan welcomed and introduced Shawn Sullivan, Secretary, Kansas Department on Aging, to the Committee.

Secretary Sullivan's remarks focused on the future of technology in social services for senior citizens. He presented charts illustrating demographic changes ahead, decade by decade, for Americans 85+ years old and discussed home tele-health services which could allow many to age at home. He cited practices utilized in and promising results reported in the Kansas University Medical Center's "Year 3 Telehealth Pilot Report." (Monte Coffman's Windsor at Home pilot project) He discussed the in-home technology KanCare uses with Medicaid clients. Tele-health, he declared, will be very important in and for the future.

Secretary Sullivan also provided highlights from a recent LeadingAge Center for Aging Services Technology (CAST) Study. He discussed the five technology categories

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included in the study: infrastructure, safety, health and wellness technologies, documentation, and social networking. The study also lists three major concerns: health reform, challenges (lack of funding, lack of infrastructure, technology learning curve, and others), and the ability to think strategically today for tomorrow (Attachment 1).

Chairman Sloan and Representatives Barbara Bollier and Vern Swanson asked questions following Secretary Sullivan's presentation.

In closing, Chairman Sloan asked Secretary Sullivan how the Legislature might help advance the use of technology in Social Services. Funding, Sullivan said, was the primary inhibitor. The Legislature, he observed, can help by funding pilot studies, providing broadband access throughout the state - lack of access is a huge barrier - and helping create awareness of the need and possibilities for highly technological social services.

Chairman Sloan thanked Secretary Sullivan for his presentation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.