

## MINUTES

### JOINT COMMITTEE ON KANSAS SECURITY

September 5, 2006  
Room 514-S—Statehouse

#### Members Present

Senator Jay Emler, Chairman  
Senator Nick Jordan  
Senator Carolyn McGinn  
Representative Mario Goico  
Representative Carl Krehbiel  
Representative Julie Menghini  
Representative Lee Tafanelli

#### Members Absent

Senator Jim Barone  
Senator Chris Steineger  
Representative Judy Loganbill

#### Staff

Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Amy VanHouse, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ann McMorris, Committee Secretary

#### Conferees

Major General Tod Bunting, Adjutant General  
Colonel William Seck, Kansas Highway Patrol  
Captain Mark Bruce, Kansas Highway Patrol

## Approval of Minutes

*Moved by Representative Krehbiel, seconded by Representative Tafanelli, the minutes of the August 11, 2006 meeting of the Joint Committee on Kansas Security, be approved. Motion carried.*

## State Response Plan

General Bunting introduced Angee Morgan, Planner for the State Emergency Management Division, and Gene Kruse, Division of Emergency Management.

General Bunting explained the revised State Response Plan and compared it to the old plan (Attachment 1). All units are function based. In emergencies, all states now have a consistent format and terminology at all levels, public and private. Each unit has clear and defined roles and responsibilities. Private and public partners are included in the new plan. There is a common operating picture with adoption of the Incident Command System (ICS). All agencies receive their training together in one class.

He noted the weaknesses in the State Response Plan:

- Quantified and listed resources were not included;
- Special needs populations were not pre-identified (“special needs” population is difficult to define);
- Animal care and control was not addressed;
- Lack of emergency management funds and personnel;
- No process to maintain patient tracking system; and
- No procedures for licensing out-of-state medical personnel.

He explained the strengths in the new plan:

- Critical areas of the plan, which include increased levels of incident intensity, were sufficient;
- The plan addressed the most likely and dangerous hazards, direction and control, and emergency public information;
- State agencies that provide social service programs participate;
- There are new primary and support agencies included;
- Greater emphasis on “worst case” scenario;
- National Incident Management System (NIMS) institutionalized;

- Relationship with nongovernmental agencies, *i.e.*, Red Cross, Salvation Army;
- Regional Incident Management Teams (IMTs) established; and
- Regional Homeland Security Coordinators assigned and trained.

Questions from the Committee included:

- Licensing of hospitals and possible revision of current law to cover the licensing of medical personnel in private hospitals;
- Pandemic emergency;
- Support from other state agencies;
- Need for greater authority;
- Homeland Security funding administered by the Kansas Highway Patrol;
- Are funds being channeled to the areas with greatest need in emergencies?;
- Portable hospital;
- Definition of "special needs."

The Chairman recessed the meeting at 10:50 a.m., as the Adjutant General was participating in the State Preparedness Day activities being held on the south lawn of the Statehouse, and the Committee members were lending their support. The Committee reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

### **Update on Homeland Security Funding and Discussion of Future Funding Issues**

Colonel Seck, Kansas Highway Patrol, introduced Captain Bruce, who provided an update on Homeland Security Funding.

Captain Bruce had a Power Point presentation with graphs and charts (Attachment 2). Graphs showing Homeland Security Grant Program funding for FFY 1999-2006 and Kansas Homeland Security Grant Program funding for FFY 1999-2006 were explained. A chart on the correlation of Kansas funding to National Allocation for FFY 1999-2006 was discussed. The funding allocation process covering the same period was explained. Expenditure of the state's 20 percent holdback for FFY 2004, 2005 and 2006 were displayed with individual slides in pie chart form that showed percentages for the eight agencies receiving the funds. The Project Synopsis for FFY 2004, 2005, and 2006 indicated how these funds were used by the various agencies. The local distribution of funds for FFY 1999-2006 was discussed and the shift in funding distribution showed the changes that occurred in the various years. Captain Bruce noted that for FFY 07, the local funds would be allocated to the regional areas only, as indicated in the chart.

Questions by the Committee covered the current status of the contract with Fisher: (1) the status of the Fisher contract after 2007; (2) reduction of third-party fees by Fisher from 12 percent to 6 percent for purchases under \$20,000 and from 5 percent to 2.5 percent for purchases over \$20,000; and (3) the Fisher data base for tracking all expenditures and location of the equipment.

The Kansas Highway Patrol provided data on the counties to the regional administrators. They have a listing of the inventory and locations for all equipment costing over \$500 since 1999.

The next meeting of the Joint Committee on Kansas Security had been scheduled for November 16, 2006, but due to former commitments of several members who could not attend, another date will be selected. Information will be provided to the Committee on this change. The Committee adjourned.

Prepared by Ann McMorris  
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Approved by Committee on:

December 12, 2006

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