

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Peggy Mast at 1:30 P.M. on March 20, 2007 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Jim Ward

Committee staff present:

Jason Thompson, Revisor's Office

Rena Jefferies, Revisor's Office

Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research

Mary Galligan, Legislative Research

Patti Magathan, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Secretary Don Jordan, Social and Rehabilitative Services (S.R.S.)

Candy Shively, Deputy Secretary, S.R.S.

Richard Morrissey, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (K.D.H.E.)

Others Attending:

See Attached List.

Vice-Chair Mast opened the floor for hearings on **SB 201 - Child placement agencies; secretary of health and environment; information on persons at child care facilities or family day care homes.**

Overview of **SB 201** was presented by Rena Jefferies, revisor, who explained that the bill places restrictions on persons residing in or working in a child care home. The bill adds new language for a conviction of a conspiracy.

Candy Shively, Deputy Director S.R.S., proponent of the bill said that this bill is an attempt to comply with federal regulations which now require states, prior to licensing foster homes, to conduct finger print background checks with the National Crime Information Center. Failure to comply by July 1, 2007 may result in a loss of federal funds. The amendments add clarity to existing wording. (Attachment 1)

Dick Morrissey, Deputy Directory of the division of Health for K.D.H.E. testified as a proponent. He said that language has been added to clarify the Department's authority to prohibit a person from residing, working or volunteering in a child care facility or family day care home if the person has a criminal conviction, juvenile adjudication, or child abuse or neglect determination in another state. The bill adds an offending condition of conspiracy to commit a prohibiting offense, and permits the Department to conduct national criminal history record checks. **SB 201** further authorizes the Department to require fingerprints for identification purposes and to conduct the national criminal history background checks.

K.D.H.E. has proposed amendments to accomplish the changes requested. On page 3, beginning with line 24, the bill proposes to require the Department to share the results of the background checks with child placement agencies for the purposes of adoption and to assess the suitability of prospective foster parents to become licensed. With this provision child placement agencies would not need to request background checks separately from the Department's process. The Department supports the passage of **SB 201** with the amendments. (Attachment 2)

Chair Landwehr closed the hearings on **SB201**. She said we would compile questions and provide to Kyle Kessler with S.R.S. She then introduced **Secretary Don Jordan** with S.R.S.

Secretary **Don Jordan**, SRS, made an informational presentation on Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan (P.A.H.P.) And Prepaid In-Patient Health Plan (P.I.H.P). He said that in response to multiple concerns raised by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (C.M.S.) Regarding the operation of Kansas' public mental health, behavior management and substance abuse services, S.R.S. has worked with providers and stakeholders to build effective solutions. S.R.S. realizes these are major system changes and there will be some disruption, but are striving to continue client services, appropriately place children, and support providers to keep services in place.

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The core solutions include P.A.H.P for mental health services and P.I.H.P for substance abuse services.

S.R.S. has contracted with Kansas Health Solutions, a CMHC-sponsored entity for all outpatient mental health management services and with Value Options, one of the nation's largest behavioral health care companies, for substance abuse services.

P.A.H.P - Kansas Health Solutions will manage all outpatient mental health services and will subcontract with providers to deliver both traditional therapy services and specialized rehabilitation services. S.R.S. is currently awaiting C.M.S approval of the P.A.H.P. contract and waiver review. Next steps include finalized the monthly rate to be paid per member, establishing administrative services for training and member services, staff training, and stakeholder informational meetings.

P.I.H.P. S.R.S. will leverage the extensive experience of Value Options to serve as the statewide managed care organization for both Medicaid and federal substance abuse services. Value Options will subcontract with providers to deliver all substance abuse services. Next steps for the P.I.H.P. include finalizing the contract with Value Options of Kansas, and submitting it to C.M.S. for final review and approval. Administrative procedures will be defined. Comprehensive implementation readiness, including provider and staff training, member information, provider recruitment/credentialing, development of payment process, and access protocols. S.R.S. staff have held numerous provider and stakeholder informational meetings and have many more scheduled to fully inform and help prepare for this transition.

S.R.S. continues to work with the Governor's Office throughout the development of these programs. We are presently updating cost estimates to be provided to the Kansas Division of Budget as part of the Governor's Budget Amendment. We will revisit and revise cost estimates next fall as these programs progress and actual costs become more defined. We believe that we will be back in good standing with CMS by July 1. (Attachment 3)

Chair Landwehr announced that the agenda for Wednesday lists all remaining bills that this committee will work for this session, with the addition of **SB 201** which was heard today.

Representative Metsker announced that the committee has been challenged to participate in a fitness challenge and asked if they would be interested in participating. Chair Landwehr asked Representative Metsker to find out what would be involved and report back.

Representative Mast made a motion to approve committee minutes for February 14, 15, 19, 20, and March 5 and 12 which have been submitted for consideration. Motion seconded by Representative Metsker. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting will be March 21 at 1:30 P.M.