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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS		·	
The meeting was called to order bySENATOR_AUGUST_"GUS"_BOGINA Chairperson		at	

JANUARY 23 <u> 11:10</u> a.m./**xx**n. on <u></u>

\_\_, 19\_**89**in room \_\_<u>123-S\_</u> of the Capitol.

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All members were present except:

Senators Doyen and Johnston, who were excused.

Committee staff present:

Research Department: Diane Duffy, Kathy Porter

Revisor: Norman Furse

Committee Staff: Judy Bromich, Pam Parker

Conferees appearing before the committee:

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Senator Hayden moved, Senator Allen seconded, the introduction of concerning the Kansas development finance authority, relating finance authority, relating to the issuance of bonds for loans to certain community mental health, mental retardation and drug and alcohol abuse services providers. The motion <u>carried.</u>

Winston Barton, Secretary, presented an overview of the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS). He distributed and reviewed copies of an SRS central office organization chart dated December 18, 1988. (Attachment 1) He noted that they have 12,000 employees at SRS, of which 8,000 are full time equivalent employees.

Secretary Barton briefly reviewed the Governor's budget recommendations for He stated in FY 1989 SRS will spend approximately \$862 million on all of their programs, including the institutional programs. The state portion of that will be about \$428 million in FY 1989 and the Governor is recommending an increase of about \$30 million in FY 1990. He explained that the largest area of expenditure is in the Medical Assistance program on which they will spend about \$325 million in FY 1989. The Medicaid program is matched with about 55 percent federal dollars as is the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC).

In regard to KanWork, Secretary Barton reported the addition of Butler, Ford and Wyandotte Counties to the program. It will take about \$4 million to implement the program in those counties and there will be an increase of about 50 positions.

Secretary Barton reported a major change in hospital reimbursements by SRS in using state Diagnostic Related Groups (DRG). This is an attempt to reimburse hospitals at rates nearer to their actual costs. The Governor has recommended \$9.8 million for this program, of which \$5 million will be The state's three DRG's will not be the same as the federal federal funds. DRG's and he feels the rural hospitals will benefit most from this program.

In regard to the mental retardation waiting list, Secretary Barton stated that the Governor's recommendation for FY 1990 would allow the addition of 200 from the community MR waiting list. In answer to a question, Rick Director of Mental Retardation Placements, stated that funds Schultz, appropriated from the 1988 session allowed for the placement of 125 from the

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waiting list and to date they have been able to place all of the institutional clients and they are currently in the process of starting the awards for the final clients in the communities. He stated the funding was available for less than a full year. The recommendation by the Governor for FY 1990 contains funding for less than six months.

In response to questions, inequities and disincentives in SRS programs were discussed, <u>i.e.</u>, foster care, housing differentials in AFDC, KanWork. Secretary Barton pointed out increased recommendations by the Governor in various areas. He also pointed out the fact that when there is a crisis or need in one area which requires funding, another area of the budget must give up some funds in order to stay balanced.

In answer to a question, Mr. Barton stated that the supplemental request from SRS for FY 1989 is in the amount of \$12 million with the majority for medical assistance.

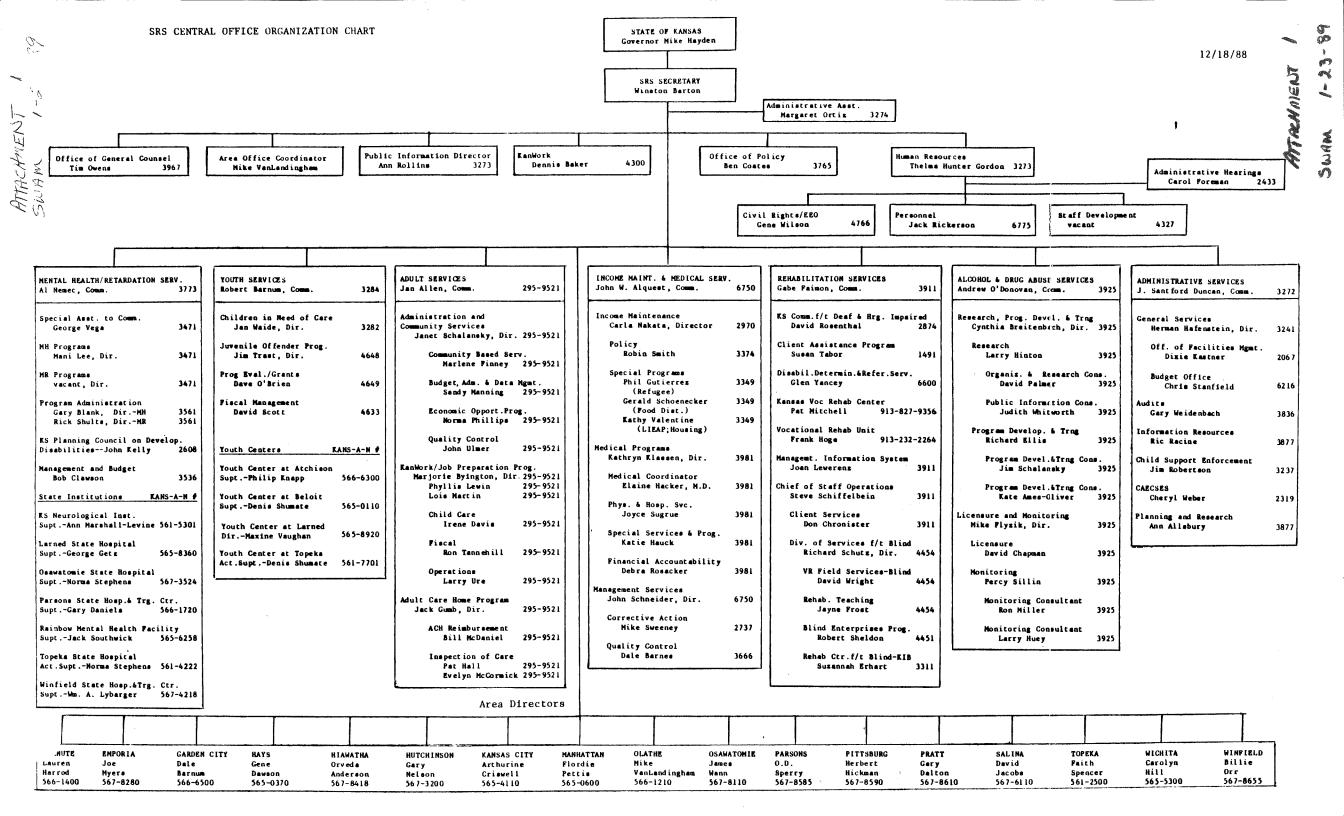
Secretary Barton responded to a question by stating that he has asked the Acting Superintendent at Topeka State Hospital (TSH) to have that institution certified by the Health Care Finance Administration (HCFA) by March 1, 1989. It is costing the state \$400,000 per month until TSH is certified. These are funds which cannot be returned to the state following certification.

The Chairman called attention to written information submitted to each member of the Committee which includes a "Warning to Parents and Step-Parents" and a letter dated November 18, 1988 from Thomas S. White. (Attachment 2)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

# GUEST LIST

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## WARNING TO PARENTS AND STEP-PARENTS

ANONYMOUS AND MALICIOUSLY FALSE TELEPHONE AND WRITTEN REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT ALLEGATIONS TO "SRS" ACCUSING INNOCENT NATURAL AND STEP-PARENTS ARE BEING MADE IN ALARMING NUMBERS.

IF YOU ARE ACCUSED IN SUCH A REPORT, YOUR RESPONSE MAY DETERMINE WHETHER YOU KEEP YOUR CHILD OR CHILDREN OR LOSE THEM, AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL BE PROSECUTED AS AN ACCUSED FELON. SURVIVAL RULES INCLUDE:

- (1) <u>NEVER</u> TALK WITH OR ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM AN SRS INVESTIGATOR OR SOCIAL WORKER, EITHER IN PERSON OR BY PHONE. ASK THEM TO LEAVE; OR HANG UP AND CALL YOUR ATTORNEY OR LEGAL AID FOR ADVICE.
- (2) IF SRS SEIZES YOUR CHILD OR CHILDREN AT SCHOOL OR ELSEWHERE, WHEN SRS NOTIFIES YOU OF THIS (IT MAY BE SEVERAL DAYS), HANG UP PROMPTLY IF NOTIFICATION IS BY PHONE, OR ASK THEM TO LEAVE IF NOTIFICATION IS IN PERSON, AND CALL OR SEE YOUR ATTORNEY FOR ADVICE.
- (3) ALWAYS GO TO THE TEMPORARY CUSTODY HEARING, BUT ALWAYS HAVE AN ATTORNEY REPRESENT YOU AT THE HEARING. DO NOT TRY TO REPRESENT YOUR—SELF, AND LET NO ONE MISLEAD YOU THAT YOU MIGHT SUCCESSFULLY DO SO.
- (4) IF SRS IS AWARDED TEMPORARY CUSTODY OF YOUR CHILD OR CHILDREN, NEVER SIGN ANYTHING WITHOUT THE SPECIFIC APPROVAL OF YOUR ATTORNEY FOR EACH DOCUMENT. NEVER, FOLLOWING THE TEMPORARY CUSTODY HEARING, OR AT ANY TIME THEREAFTER, TALK TO ANY EMPLOYEE OF SRS OR TO ANY OTHER PERSON, EXCEPT YOUR SPOUSE, WITHOUT YOUR ATTORNEY PRESENT AS A WITNESS, AND TO ADVISE YOU; AND EXCEPT FOR YOUR VOCAL COUNSELOR (SEE BELOW).
- (5) NEVER ADMIT ANYTHING TO ANYONE, EVEN IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD ARE THREATENED (YOU PROBABLY WILL BE). ANYTHING YOU SAY CAN AND WILL BE USED AGAINST YOU IN COURT AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS. DO NOT SAY ANYTHING TO ANYBODY AT ANY TIME EXCEPT WHAT YOUR ATTORNEY ADVISES YOU TO SAY, AND WITNESSES YOU SAYING.
- (6) REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE A VICTIM OF A FALSE AND MALICIOUS ACCUSATION, NOT A PERPETRATOR. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO BE ASHAMED OF, AND HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE OUTRAGED AND TO DEFEND YOURSELF.
- (7) CONTACT YOUR STATE RPPRESENTATIVE, AND YOUR STATE SENATOR FOR HELP.
- (8) CALL VOCAL (VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE LAWS) AT 316-283-1785 OR 316-283-3597 FOR SUPPORT AND FURTHER IMPORTANT ADVICE.

<sup>\*</sup> To locate an attorney, call Lawyer Referral Service, Kansas Bar Association, 1-800-432-3593.

## To Whom it May Concern:

Recommendations of the Commission on Families and Children range from the commendable to the dangerous. Expansions in preventive, family support, and preservation programs are on target. The appointment of a special prosecutor in the Attorney General's Office to help County Attorneys and courts process accused abuse/neglect cases would be like appointing a K. State coach to help Larry Brown's staff coach K.U. basketball, and just about as welcome. The creation of a state-wide SRS abuse/neglect hotline would so encourage anonymous, false, and/or malicious reports as to overload the investigative system to the extent as to both endanger innocent families and make impossible the identification and investigation of founded complaints. The expansion of confidentiality of reports and immunity of complainants and the disability of the accused to face their accusers in the tribunal is a shockingly dangerous precedent. Even now, whispers in the night from pay phones bring to countless Kansas parents, and may bring to you, family, financial, and social ruin. Ours is an era in which otherwise fair and rational prosecutors and august courts are sorely afflicted with a prejudicial witch hunt hysteria in abuse/neglect proceedings. Prosecutors take judgemental roles, Judges prosecutorial ones, the Devil takes the accused, and SRS takes their children: The public takes both the bull and the bill, and the abundantly self-righteous "child advocacy groups" and self-serving (not child-serving) SRS bureaucrats must take the blame. Disadvantaged and accused families under stress and receiving SRS "protective services" (paroxyms permitted) desperately need adequate representation on their "day in court." We should ask and hope for considerable caution in the selective implementation by the Governor and Legislature of the Commission's proposals. In the meantime, there is help for the falsely accused through VOCAL (Victims of Child Abuse Laws). Contact me anonymously and I will refer you.

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