

MINUTES
Legislative Post Audit Committee
March 8, 2017

Call to Order

Welcome by the Chair. The meeting was called to order by Chair Barker at noon in Room 112-N of the Statehouse. The Chair recognized Senator Olson who thank Scott Jones with KCP&L for providing lunch. Committee members present:

Representative John Barker, Chair	Senator Rob Olson, Vice-Chair
Representative Tom Burroughs	Senator Elaine Bowers
Representative Pete DeGraaf	Senator Laura Kelly
Representative Don Schroeder	Senator Julia Lynn
Representative Ed Trimmer	

Approval of Minutes. Senator Olson moved approval of the February 8 minutes. Senator Lynn seconded the motion; motion carried.

Presentation of Contracted Financial Audits

Statewide Single Audit, Fiscal Year 2016. This audit was presented by Sean Walker from CliftonLarsonAllen.

In addition, Bob Seitz, Director, Program Finance and Informatics, KDHE, and Brad Ridley, Director of Operations, KDADS, answered members' questions. Representative Burroughs asked whether the information presented by Mr. Seitz related to the Medicaid backlog was consistent with the division's earlier audit findings. Scott Frank, Legislative Post Auditor, indicated it was consistent with the earlier report.

Senator Lynn asked how nursing facility prepayments work. Mr. Ridley explained that there are currently several nursing homes involved in a pilot project being led by KDHE to help resolve eligibility issues. Senator Bowers asked which facilities are involved and which get advance payments. Mr. Ridley said he would provide the committee with a list of the facilities involved in the pilot project. Senator Lynn also asked for contact information for citizens and legislators who may have further questions.

Agency representatives present to respond to the audit were:

Department of Administration

- DeAnn Hill, Chief Financial Officer

- Department of Labor
- Dawn Palmberg, Chief Fiscal Officer
- Brett Flachsbarth, Director of Unemployment Insurance

Department for Aging and Disability Services

- Brad Ridley, Director of Operations

Department for Children and Families

- Andrew Wiens, Director of Policy and Legislative affairs
- Mary Hoover, Director of Audit Services

Department of Health and Environment

- Dan Thimmesch, Chief Financial Officer
- Bob Seitz, Director, Program Finance and Informatics
- Melissa Keller, Manager Reporting & Payments

Because this was a financial audit, no motion to approve was needed. All legislators will receive the audit highlights document and the following committees will be notified that the committee thought the report might be of special interest:

House Committees

- Appropriations
- Federal and State Affairs
- Health and Human Services
- Children and Seniors
- Social Services Budget Committee
- Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development

Senate Committees

- Ways and Means
- Federal and State Affairs
- Public Health and Welfare
- Commerce

Other Committees

- Robert G. (Bob) Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Services and KanCare Oversight

Consideration of Performance Audit Topics

Limited-scope audit requests. Scott Frank, Legislative Post Auditor, briefly

explained the process for handling limited-scope audit requests. He noted that the chair had preliminarily approved the following requests, and unless there is a motion to disapprove, the requests will be approved automatically.

Justin Stowe, Deputy Post Auditor, presented the requests:

- Department of Commerce: Evaluating the Department's Compliance with Statutory Caps for the PEAK Program (Requested by Senator Jim Denning)
- Kansas Department of Corrections: Evaluating the Use of Former Honor Camp Facilities (Requested by Representative Mary Martha Good)
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment: Evaluating Issues Related to Department Services for Individuals with Phenylketonuria (PKU) (Requested by Representative Kyle Hoffman)
- Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism: Evaluating the Cost of the Department's Cabin Rental Program (Requested by Representative Ken Corbet)
- Office of the Governor: Comparing Staffing and Expenditure Levels for Three Commissions (Jointly requested by Representative John Alcala and Representative Louis Ruiz)

There was no motion to disapprove, and so the requests were automatically authorized.

Wrap-Up

Additional business. Mr. Frank said there was no additional business.

Date of next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for April 28.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.



4/28/2017

Nicole Blanchett, Secretary
Legislative Post Audit Committee

date

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