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**MINUTES OF THE HOUSE VETERANS, MILITARY AND HOMELAND SECURITY  
COMMITTEE**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mario Goico at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Mitch Holmes, Excused  
Representative Robert Montgomery, Excused  
Representative Annie Tietze, Excused

Committee staff present:

Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department  
Rich Mergen, Committee Assistant,

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Howard Sypher, Director, Region 7, Team Rubicon

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Hearing on: **HCR 5031 – Urging department of defense to re-evaluate types of facilities  
where TRICARE covers substance abuse treatment**

Chairman Goico opened the meeting and called for bill introductions. None were made.

*Chairman Goico indicated that the minutes from the first five Committee meetings (Jan 12, Jan 17, Jan 19, Jan 24, and Jan 26) have been appropriately distributed to Committee members for review. No questions or concerns were presented and Representative O'Brien moved that the*

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## CONTINUATION SHEET

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*minutes be approved. Representative Fawcett seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.*

Chairman Goico opened the hearing on **HCR 5031**; made some general remarks about the resolution and noted that it was proposed by the interim Joint Committee on Kansas Security.

Chairman Goico recognized Dennis Hodgins who provided an overview of **HCR 5031** that would encourage TRICARE and the Department of Defense to consider, recognize, and authorize military personnel and their families to participate in substance abuse programs in Kansas.

Chairman Goico recognized Representative Judith Loganbill, a member of the Joint Committee on Kansas Security. Representative Loganbill supports **HCR 5031**; pointing out that TRICARE Health Alliance will cover mental disorders. The resolution encourages TRICARE to authorize substance abuse treatment without having to first diagnose a military member with a mental disorder. No written testimony provided.

Chairman Goico recognized Barbara Walker, Arkansas City, Kansas who supports **HCR 5031** and hopes that the resolution will pass this session. No written testimony provided.

*Chairman Goico recognized Representative Garber who moved that **HCR 5031** be passed. Representative O'Brien seconded the motion and it passed on a voice vote.*

Hearing on **HCR 5031** was closed.

Chairman Goico recognized Howard Sypher who provided information and overview about "Team Rubicon". (Attachment #1) Question and answer period followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

The next House Veterans, Military & Homeland Security Committee meeting is not yet scheduled.

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