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**SRS Capital Improvement Plan**

Chairman Morris and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present the Department's capital improvement plan. I am Gary LaShell, Architect for SRS. Before I go into the specifics of our request I would like to bring you up to date on the progress of the new State Security Hospital project at Larned State Hospital and the backlog of Rehabilitation and Repair projects funded last year.

**New State Security Hospital**

The new 250 bed State Security Hospital at Larned State Hospital is under construction and is approximately 55% complete and on schedule and on budget. The new facility is expected to be completed in March 2005.

**Backlog of Rehabilitation & Repair Projects for SRS Hospital**

In FY 04, we received approval to proceed with the design and construction of projects to address the backlog of projects at Larned State Hospital and Osawatomie State Hospital that have been delayed over the years. The major funding of these projects is coming from the sale of revenue bonds. We have 45 projects that are in various stages of design and construction. We are making good progress on each project. For the latest progress report refer to the appendix for the list of projects by hospital.

In FY 05, we received \$ 6.8 million in funding, subject to State Finance Council approval, to address the backlog of Rehabilitation and Repair projects for Parsons State Hospital and Training Center and Kansas Neurological Institute. As of this meeting we have not obtained approval from the State Finance Council to proceed with the projects.

**State Hospital Rehabilitation and Repair**

This year our request is to continue the rehabilitation and repair of the hospitals. We have identified projects that are in need of repair or replacement due to age and usage and grouped them into first and second priority. The funds for the first priority totals \$ 2.3 million and the funds for the second priority totals \$ 2.6 million. Also, we have two remodeling projects at Larned State Hospital for which we are requesting funds. They are the completion of the Jung building remodel Phase 2 of 2 and the remodel of Meyer Building.

SRS respectfully requests approval of these projects and funding. I will be glad to answer any questions you may have either now or after I present our plan. Thank you.