

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Daniel Hawkins at 1:30pm on Thursday, January 22, 2015, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative John Wilson – Excused

Representative Broderick Henderson – Excused

Committee staff present:

Scott Abbott, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Jennifer Ouellette, Legislative Research Department

Patrick Orr, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Erica Haas, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Kevin Robertson, Kansas Dental Association

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Possible bill introductions

Doug Mays requested the introduction of a bill dealing with the scope of practice for podiatrists.

Representative Carpenter introduced three bills: reporting claim information as billed that would repeal existing statutes, second bill governing mental health technicians fees, and the third bill dealing with the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN) reinstatement of licenses.

Guest speaker:

Chairman Hawkins introduced Kevin Robertson from the Kansas Dental Association (KDA). He gave an update on a program by the KDA and showed a 5 minute video that provided highlights of the 2012 Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM). KMOM is a charitable clinic done each year by approximately 150 dentists and more than 1000 volunteers. ([Attachment 1](#))

Kansas has completed 13 sessions where dentists provide free services to patients that meet income guidelines. The fourteenth free clinic will be held in Salina this year. Kansas was the first state to offer this service which began in 2003. The Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM) has been held in all parts of the state except northwestern Kansas because there is not a facility large enough to house this event. Services provided range from dental hygiene (cleaning) to limited dentures and root canals. A pharmacy is also provided to patients who require this service. KMOM also provides post operative and/or emergency treatment for fourteen days after their procedure as required. Once patients finish their treatment, they complete a short survey that will eventually correlate with statistics provided by Oral Health Kansas to compare patient trends from previous visits. A single event requires the help of many organizations who raise over \$120,000 from private donations. He stood for questions from the committee.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Dropbox invitations will be out hopefully by Friday.

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm.