

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

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

All members were present except:

- Representative John Wilson – Excused
- Representative Susan Concannon – Excused
- Representative John Edmonds – Excused
- Representative Barbara Bollier – Excused
- Representative Roderick Houston – 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:

- Douglas Girod MD, Executive Vice Chancellor, KU Medical Center
- David Prentice, PhD, Vice President & Research Director with the Charlotte Lozier Institute
- Dana Winegarner, DO, Rowe Neurology Institute
- Buddhadeb Dawn, MD, Maureen and Marvin Dunn Professor, Director of Division of Cardiovascular Diseases, Director Cardiovascular Research Institute, Director of Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center, Vice Chairman for Research Department of Medicine University of Kansas Medical Center

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Informational hearing: Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center

Chairman Hawkins introduced Douglas A Girod, MD, Executive Vice Chancellor KU Medical Center who thanked the committee for their support of this endeavor.

David A Prentice, PhD, VP and Research Director of the Charlotte Lozier Institute in Washington D.C., is as a member of the stem cell center's advisory board. Stem cell treatments which harvest adult stem cells from bone marrow, umbilical cord blood, and other tissue sources continue to be a cutting-edge medical technology. Stem cell therapy is used for the treatment and recovery from various cancers, Type 1 diabetes, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, sickle cell disease, and others. There are other stem cell centers in the United States but none of them provide a comprehensive program of treatment, research, training, and education as does the Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center (MSCTC).

[\(Attachment 1\)](#)

Dana Winegarner, D.O. at the Rowe Neurology Institute in Lenexa, Kansas, shared the need for the MSCTC. One of the principle benefits of this center is the website and knowledge base this center

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provides. The MSCTC is more than an advertisement for the university, rather it is an informative site for doctors to use when diagnosing their patients. ([Attachment 2](#))

Dr. Buddhadeb Dawn, Director of the Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center (MSCTC), described the services the center provides. The center acts as a hub with other hospitals and research institutes to advance adult patient treatment, serves as a core facility, and initiates clinical trials with adult, cord blood, and related stem cells. MSCTC focuses on stroke and neurodegenerative diseases, cancer and immunotherapy, cardiac and vascular diseases, and musculoskeletal diseases.

The objectives of the center are threefold. The center informs the public on available adult, cord blood, and related stem cell therapeutic options, create and maintain a database of available stem cell clinical trials and therapies, and to foster a regional network of physicians trained in adult stem cell therapy. The center's vision for growth includes advancing cutting-edge adult stem cell therapy, producing patient-specific adult stem cells locally and also generating new business, enabling cellular engineering and innovation, and to advance basic stem cell research. ([Attachment 3](#)) ([Attachment 4](#))

The presenters stood for questions from the committee.

Chairman Hawkins adjourned the meeting at 2:26pm.