

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Daniel Hawkins at 1:30pm on Thursday, February 11, 2016, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

James Fisher, Legislative Research Department
Renae Hansen, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Erica Haas, Legislative Research Department
Eileen Ma, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Renae Jeffries, Office of the Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Kyle Kessler, Association of Community Mental Health Centers
Stuart Little for Dullcinea Rackstraw, Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals
Representative Marc Rhoades for Jessie Kay, Prairie Vies
Sky Westerlund, national Association of Social Workers
Kelli Ludlum, KDADS
Rachel Sisson, KDHE
Sandra Kimmons DCF
Charles Hunt, KDHE
Brandon Beck, Kansas EMS Association
Kevin Robertson, Kansas Dental Association
Marc Dugan for Andrew Brown, Foundation for Government Accountability Action
Chip Wheelen, Healthcare Stabilization Fund
Kathleen Lippert, Kansas Board of Healing Arts

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

There were at least 43 guests including those who signed the guest list.

Hearing on: HB2571 — Licensure renewal of community mental health centers.

The hearing on **HB2571** was opened.

Revisor Eileen Ma, gave the committee an overview of **HB2571**.

The fiscal note for **HB2571** was presented ([Attachment 1](#)).

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Proponents:

Kyle Kessler, Association of Community Mental Health Centers ([Attachment 2](#)) spoke to the committee regarding **HB2571** as a proponent.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Jim Kelly, John Wilson, and Dick Jones.

Stuart Little spoke for Dullcinea Rackstraw, Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals, ([Attachment 3](#)) noting their support of **HB2571**.

Representative Mark Rhodes spoke for Jessie Kaye, Prairie View, ([Attachment 4](#)), noted the services that the center provides to its patients. He let the committee know why Prairie View Behavioral Healthcare was supporting **HB2571**.

Chad Austin, Kansas Hospital Association addressed one of the questions asked by the committee.

Opponents:

Sky Westerlund, Kansas chapter of the National Association of Social Workers ([Attachment 5](#)), spoke to the committee about **HB2571** in its current form and their opposition to this form of the bill. They believe that accreditation is an important component of establishing and holding an organization to a recognized national standard of care. But accreditation serves a very different purpose than the state licensure.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: John Whitmer, Les Osterman, and John Wilson.

Neutral:

Kelli Ludlum, KDADS ([Attachment 6](#)) spoke to the committee from a neutral standpoint noting the current state practice, state licensure, and national accreditation. Additionally, she offered two legislative considerations as the committee considers this legislation. She asked that the committee include a sunset in two years in order to review this legislation in the future, in effect giving the process a trial period.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Les Osterman, Scott Schwab, Jim Ward, Jim Kelly, and John Wilson.

Nancy Rapp, KDADS helped to answer questions asked by the committee.

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The hearing on **HB2571** was closed.

Hearing on: HB2607 — Restrictions on persons interacting with child care facilities.

The hearing on **HB2607** was opened.

Revisor Eileen Ma gave the committee a brief overview on **HB2607**. She noted that she needs to make a technical amendment on page two if the committee should move forward with this bill.

The fiscal note was included for **HB2607** for the committees perusal ([Attachment 7](#)) .

Proponents:

Rachel Sisson, KDHE, ([Attachment 8](#)) spoke to the committee in regards to **HB2607** and offered KDHE's support of the bill.

Written proponent:

Sandra Kimmons DCF, ([Attachment 9](#)) offered written testimony in support of **HB2607**.

Opponents:

There were no opponents for **HB2607**.

The hearing on **HB2607** was closed.

Hearing on: HB2608 — Disclosing to trauma patients the reporting of confidential data to the Kansas trauma registry.

The hearing on **HB2608** was opened.

Revisor Eileen Ma gave the committee a brief overview regarding **HB2608**.

The fiscal note for **HB2608** was presented ([Attachment 10](#)) .

Proponents:

Charles Hunt, KDHE, ([Attachment 11](#)) presented testimony in support of **HB2608**. He noted that this bill would help KDHE have a complete record of the trauma incidents that occur.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Jim Ward, and Scott Schwab.

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Jason White, Kansas EMS Association, ([Attachment 12](#)), noted why the EMS Association believes this bill would help make the system work smoother.

Joseph House, Emergency Medical Service ([Attachment 13](#)), spoke to the committee regarding **HB2608**, noting that the EMS believes that the ability for the Kansas Trauma Registry to obtain identifying information strengthens the quality of data within the registry, and allows for a more effective trauma system within the state.

Written Proponents:

Drs. Allen, Jacobsen and McClintock ([Attachment 14](#)) , presented written support for **HB2608**.

Opponents:

There were no opponents for **HB2608**.

The hearing on **HB2608** was closed.

Hearing on:

HB2615: Charitable healthcare providers; continuing education credits for gratuitous care of eligible patients.

The hearing on **HB2615** was opened.

Revisor Eileen Ma gave a brief overview to the committee regarding **HB2615** noting a technical amendment that is needed to make the language clearer ([Attachment 15](#)).

The fiscal note for **HB2615** was presented ([Attachment 16](#)).

Proponents:

Kyle Kessler, Association of Community Mental Health Centers, ([Attachment 17](#)) spoke to **HB2615** and noted an amendment that would be recommended for this bill.

Mark Dugan spoke for Andrew Brown, Foundation for Government Accountability Action, ([Attachment 18](#)) , offered testimony in support of **HB2615**.

Kevin Robertson, Kansas Dental Association, ([Attachment 19](#)) , noted the associations support to **HB2615** and is suggesting an amendment for the bill to include the dental community in this legislation.

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Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: Jim Ward, and John Whitmer.

Kathleen Lippert helped to answer questions the committee requested answers to.

Neutral:

Kathleen Lippert, Kansas Board of Healing Arts, ([Attachment 20](#)) spoke from a neutral position on **HB2615**. Her testimony included the continuing education standards and their definitions.

Written Neutral:

Rachelle Columbo, KMS, ([Attachment 21](#)) offered written testimony from a neutral position regarding **HB2615**.

Chuck Wheelen, Kansas Healthcare Stabilization Fund, ([Attachment 22](#)) , offered written testimony from a neutral standpoint in reference to **HB2615**.

Opponents:

There were no opponents to **HB2615**.

The hearing on **HB2615** was closed.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 PM.