

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Carlos Mayans at noon on March 9, 1995 in Room 423-S of the State Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Phyllis Gilmore - excused
Representative Greta Goodwin - excused
Representative Jerry Henry - excused
Representative Gary Merritt - excused
Representative Joel Rutledge - excused
Representative Jonathan Wells - excused

Committee staff present: Lois Hedrick, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: See commentary below

Others attending: None

The committee toured the Sterling House Retirement Home at 5820 SW Drury Lane, in Topeka. The purpose of the tour was to allow committee members to view an assisted living facility in operation as a background to consideration of SB 8 (definition of adult care homes), which will be heard by the committee on Monday, March 13, 1995.

Sterling House is an assisted living facility that contracts with each resident to provide privacy, independence, and assistance (including skilled nursing services) for long term care. Presently there are 40-some residents in 37 apartments of the facility; with an average age of 82.

The structure is a one-story building with individual apartments on the three back sides, and general meeting spaces and dining facilities as you enter the front. Each private apartment, though small, gives a resident sufficient space for a living area, bedroom, private bath, and a small kitchen that the resident can furnish. At this time the cost for each resident varies from \$1,500 to \$3,000 per month, depending on the type and amount of services required by the resident. The facility provides four major types of services: hospitality, personal care, nursing care, and special care, so as the needs change the resident can have a full range of coordinated services (including such services as Hospice) without having to move from place to place to find the services required.

The tour ended at 2:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 1995.