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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sandy Praeger at 10:00 a.m. on January 27, 1997 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Jones, excused

Committee staff present: Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department
Bill Wolff, Legislative Research Department
Jo Ann Bunten, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Jim Cain, Chairman, Governor's Mental Health Services Planning Council
Canda Byrne, Advocacy Coordinator, Kansas Mental Health Coalition
Ellen Z. Piekalkiewicz, Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas
Richard Morrissey, Bureau of Local and Rural Health, KDHE

Others attending: See attached list

Hearing on SB 60 - Governor's mental health services council

Jim Cain, Chairman of the Governor's Mental Health Services Planning Council, appeared before the Committee in support of SB 60. Dr. Cain noted that the bill under consideration originated as a joint effort of the Governor's office and the Governor's Mental Health Services Planning Council, and he suggested changes in the bill which would broaden the definition of mental illness and family as noted in his written testimony. (Attachment 1)

Canda Byrne, Advocacy Coordinator for the Kansas Mental Health Coalition, expressed support for SB 60 and requested an amendment that would add "siblings and spouses" in the definition of family as noted in her written testimony. (Attachment 2)

Ellen Piekalkiewicz representing the Association of Community Mental Health Centers of Kansas, Inc., also expressed support for SB 60 with the suggested amendments. She noted the proposed changes would have the potential to strengthen the council. (Attachment 3)

There were no opponents to SB 60. After Committee discussion, the Chair noted that staff would draft a balloon of the bill showing the proposed amendments, and action would be taken by the Committee on the bill at a later date.

Briefing on Local and Rural Health Systems

Richard Morrissey, Bureau of Local and Rural Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, briefed the Committee on the activities of the Office of Local and Rural Health Systems which provides assistance to communities in Kansas by establishing or modifying health care delivery systems. Mr. Morrissey noted that the three primary functions of his office are to assist local health departments, promote access to primary care, and provide a rural health advocacy role. Some of the programs administered by the agency include Kansas EMS/Trauma Planning Project, Kansas Community Health Assessment Process, Underserved Areas/Kansas Medical Scholarship Program, and the EACH/RPCH project. A packet of material was distributed to each Committee member outlining these programs in detail as well as a county health profile of their county.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 1997.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 60 BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

Thank you for the opportunity to be here this morning. I am Jim Cain and I Chair the Governor's Mental Health Services Planning Council. Senate Bill 60 addresses this Council.

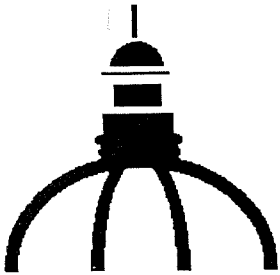
The Bill under consideration originated as a joint effort of the Governor's Office and The Governor's Mental Health Services Planning Council. Some wording changes have been made since our original draft and those words are somewhat significant.

On page 2 section c should read:

(c) eleven members shall be individuals who are not state employees or providers of mental health services. Of the 11 members, four members shall be adult consumers with serious and persistent ^{and} mental illness; *who are receiving or have received mental health services;* three members shall be *[parents]* family members of consumers with serious and persistent mental illness; and four members shall be *[parents]* family members of children/youth with severe emotional disturbances.

On page 1 our original version was as listed in this bill. However as an afterthought, your committee may want to consider adding a representative of the new ^{and} Youth Authority to the other state representatives.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to be here today. Our Council supports This bill and I would be happy to answer your questions.



Terry Latson Chair

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Testimony for Public Health and Welfare Committee on Senate Bill 60

Senator Praeger and members of the Public Health and Welfare Committee, I am Canda Byrne. I am the Advocacy Coordinator for the Kansas Mental Health Coalition. The Kansas Mental Health Coalition is comprised of consumers, families, providers and advocates of persons with mental illness. The Coalition promotes the achievement of a broad array of integrated community and institutional services so that individual needs are met to provide the highest quality of life in the least restrictive environment.

I am here today to speak in support of Senate Bill 60. We would, however, like to request one change in the wording of this bill. On line 9 of page 2, we would request that instead of saying "parents of adult consumers with serious mental illnesses" that siblings and spouses be added. The new language would read **"three members shall be parents, siblings or spouses of adult consumers with serious mental illnesses"**. It is our belief that by limiting those who can serve to only parents of children and adult consumers it will restrict the number of family members who could serve and be a strength to the Council.

I would also like to express our concern about lines 14 and 15 on page 2 which reads:

The terms of members who are currently serving on the council shall expire on the effective date of this act.

We are very aware of the work the council has been involved with and feel a full turnover of the Planning Council would leave much of this important work undone. Therefore, we would hope to see a gradual change in membership.

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. I would be happy to stand for questions.

Senate Public Health & Welfare

Date: 1-27-97

Attachment No. 2



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Testimony to Senate Public Health and Welfare
on S.B. 60
January 27, 1997

Ellen Z. Piekalkiewicz

Ron Denney
President
Independence

Thank-you for this opportunity to testify today in support of S.B. 60. The Governor's Mental Health Services Planning Council, required by federal law, serves as an important advisory body to the Governor on mental health issues. It also serves as an important forum for the various mental health interest groups, providers, families, and direct consumers to meet on a regular basis to discuss issues of concern.

David Wiebe
President Elect
Mission

Scott Jackson
Vice President
Columbus

Kermit George
Secretary
Hays

We support the intent of S.B. 60 which is to streamline the council, per federal requirements and to ensure equal representation. We believe that the suggested changes have the potential to strengthen the council.

Keith Rickard
Treasurer
Leavenworth

David Boyd
Member at Large
Columbus

Bill Persinger
Past President
Topeka

Paul M. Klotz
Executive Director
Topeka

STATE OF KANSAS
GOVERNOR'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL
BY LAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the council shall be The Governor's Mental Health Services Planning Council.

ARTICLE II

DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL

- A. To serve as an advocate for adults with serious mental illness, children with a severe emotional disturbance, and other individuals with mental illness or emotional problems.
- B. Confer, advise and consult with the Secretary of SRS with respect to the policies governing the management and operation of all state psychiatric hospitals and facilities and community based mental health services
- C. Monitor, review and evaluate, not less than once each year, the allocation and adequacy of mental health services within the state.
- D. Perform such other planning, reviewing and evaluating of mental health services in this state, as may be requested by the Secretary of SRS or as may be prescribed by law.
- E. Consult with and advise the governor, from time to time, with reference to the management, conduct and operations of state psychiatric hospitals and community mental health programs.
- F. A member or members of the Governor's Mental Health Services Planning Council, at least once each year, shall visit each state psychiatric hospital and shall visit other providers of community based mental health services for the purpose of inspecting the state psychiatric hospital, mental health center or the facility of other such providers of community based mental health services, including consumer residence, with their permission. Such visits shall be made at such times and in such manner as the council determines at a regular meeting.