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MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Susan Wagle at 1:30 p.m. on January 23, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Jordan

Committee staff present: Ms. Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department
Ms. Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Mr. Robert St. Peter, M.D., President,
Kansas Health Institute
Ms. Billie Hall, Vice President for Public Affairs,
Kansas Health Institute
Ms. Trudy Racine, Director, Office of Planning and Policy
Coordination, Kansas Department of Social and
Rehabilitation Services

Others attending: See attached guest list.

Overview of Kansas Health Institute

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Wagle introduced Dr. Robert St. Peter, M.D., President of Kansas Health Institute who gave an overview of the institute. A copy of the testimony is (Attachment #1) attached and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. Dr. St. Peter said that the institute is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit health policy and research organization. He went on to explain the institute's vision, mission, priorities, activities, and projects concluding with the institute's funding sources. A handout "Kansas Health Institute" was also made available which included a copy of their institute's activity portfolio and their quarterly newsletter. A copy of the hand out is on file in the office of the Chairperson Wagle. Questions and comments followed from Senators Haley and Brungardt.

Continuing with more information on the institute, Chairperson Wagle introduced Ms. Billie Hall, Vice President for Public Affairs for the Kansas Health Institute who gave an overview of the Kansas Health Institute Forums 2001. A copy of the overview is (Attachment #2) attached and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. Questions and comments followed from Senators Haley, Harrington, Barnett, Salmans, and the Legislative Researcher, Ms. Emalene Correll.

Introduction of bills

The next order of business was bill presentation. The Chairperson recognized Ms. Trudy Racine, Director, Office of Planning and Policy Coordination, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. Ms. Racine asked that the Committee introduce legislation that would require a screening and a "ticket letter" from a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) employed by a Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) prior to admission to a state psychiatric hospital. The second legislative proposal amends current legislation requiring a written statement from a QMHP based upon the results of a Pre-Admission Screening and Annual Resident Review (PASARR) is obtained authorizing admission of a patient to a nursing facility for mental health. A copy of her presentation is (Attachment #3) attached and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. The proposed legislation (amendments) were placed before the Committee. Senator Praeger made the motion to hear the proposed legislation. Senator Barnett seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Adjournment

With no further bills or business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 2:18 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2001.

SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

2001
GUEST LIST

6 attending

DATE: Tuesday, January 23

NAME	REPRESENTING
Robert St. Peter	Kansas Health Institute
Susan Kanner	" "
Dr Peterson	
Gudex Racine	Ofc of Plng & Policy Coord.
Mr. St. Peters	KS Health, Institute



KANSAS HEALTH INSTITUTE

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Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

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Introduction to the Kansas Health Institute

Robert F. St. Peter, M.D., President
Billie Hall, M.S.P.H., Vice President for Public Affairs

Kansas Health Institute

Healthier Kansans through informed decisions

The Kansas Health Institute is an independent, non-profit health policy and research organization based in Topeka, Kansas. Established in 1995 with a multi-year grant from the Kansas Health Foundation, the Kansas Health Institute conducts research and policy analysis on issues that affect the health of Kansans.

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- Established in 1995
- Multi-year grant from the Kansas Health Foundation in Wichita



Vision

Healthier Kansans through informed decisions



Mission

To conduct research and policy analysis on issues that affect the health of Kansans and to communicate that information so that informed decisions can be made which optimize our health



KHI Activities

- Policy analysis
- Evaluation and monitoring
- Data development and analysis
- Communication of important findings
- Capacity development



Priorities in Identifying Projects

- Relevance of the project to Kansas and Kansans
- Inclusion of population-based approaches and a broad definition of health
- Potential for collaboration with other research partners in the state
- Generation of non-partisan, high quality and timely information



KHI Basics

- Annual operating budget of \$2.0 million
- Kansas Health Foundation core funding
- Over \$3.5 million in grants since 1999
- About half of all grant revenue flows through to other research partners
- 21 full-time staff (Topeka and Wichita)
- Extensive use of consultants
- Located directly across from State House



Are There Others Like Us?

- Independent and non-partisan
- Not university-based
- Entirely state-focused
- Substantial core funding
- Small group of state-based organizations forming nationally



KHI Projects

- Policy analysis
 - Health Policy Forums
 - ad hoc convening on health policy issues (e.g., use of Medicaid/CHIP funds for expanding coverage; Medicaid capitation rates in Kansas)
 - Analysis of alternatives to standard community water fluoridation in Wichita/Sedgwick County
 - analysis of KDHE reorganization



KHI Projects

- Evaluation and monitoring
 - HealthWave program evaluation
 - Evaluation manager for Kansas Health Foundation
 - Children’s Cabinet technical assistance on evaluation strategies
 - Assessment of local health departments’ abilities to meet minimum standards



KHI Projects

- Data development and analysis
 - Kansas Integrated Public Health Information System (KIHPIS)
 - Minority Health Disparities project
 - Health Care Data Governing Board
 - Predicting Primary Care Provider Capacity in Kansas
 - The Face of Hunger in Kansas
 - Health SourceBook for Legislators 2001



KHI Funding Sources

- Foundations
 - Kansas Health Foundation
 - United Methodist Health Ministry Fund
 - Prime Health Foundation
 - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
 - David and Lucille Packard Foundation



KHI Funding Sources

- Federal Agencies
 - Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
 - Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



KHI Funding Sources

- State/Local Agencies
 - Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)
 - Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS)
 - Board of Health, Wichita/Sedgwick County
 - Kansas Children’s Service League (KCSL)



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Kansas Health Policy Forums ^{att 5} 2001

...a series of interactive sessions for policymakers examining a broad array of health issues.

The State of Children's Health Insurance: *A Work in Progress* **March 9, 2001**

Providing health insurance to children is a priority across the nation and in Kansas. The first KHI Health Policy Forum will examine public health insurance programs in Kansas-- Medicaid and HealthWave (SCHIP).

- Enrollment & Eligibility ■ Reaching uninsured families
- Integrating the two programs ■ Current initiatives (state & national)

What is a Forum?

Forums are public meetings featuring presentations by national and state health policy experts. Audience participation is a key element of a Forum.

Each Forum will provide health policymakers and stakeholders in Kansas with a unique opportunity to engage in objective dialogue in a nonpartisan setting.

Who are health policymakers and stakeholders?

- Kansas Legislators
- Elected and appointed state officials
- Kansas Congressional Delegation
- Key state agency staff
- Leaders in public and private health organizations

Why do we need a Health Policy Forum?

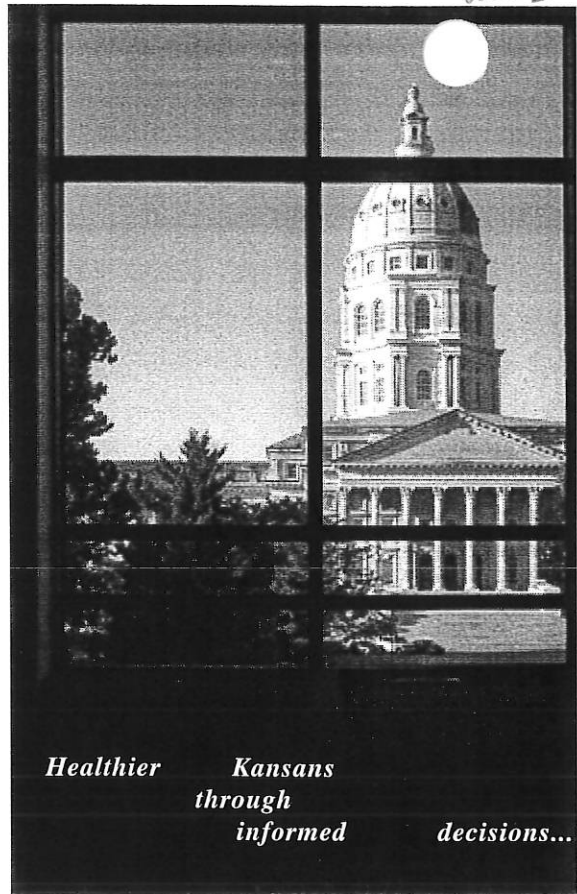
Kansas leaders need an objective and nonpartisan source of information to better understand the changing dynamics of health and health policy issues in their state. Kansas Health Policy Forums will encourage policymakers to evaluate all sides of an issue, analyze diverse ideas and recognize the effects of decisions.

Each Forum will present a wide range of expertise on current health policy issues followed by facilitated discussion. In preparation for each Forum, KHI will provide an "Issue Brief" that presents timely data and background information. The "Brief" will be distributed to policymakers for study in advance of each Forum.

Watch for more information in early 2001!



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*Healthier Kansans
through informed
decisions...*

The forums are presented by the Kansas Health Institute. Funding is provided by a grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), and the Kansas Health Foundation, a Wichita-based philanthropy dedicated to improving the health of all Kansans.



KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
AND REHABILITATION SERVICES

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JANET SCHALANSKY, SECRETARY

January 23, 2001

To: Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

From: Trudy Racine, Director
Office of Planning and Policy Coordination

RE: Bill Introductions

Madame Chair and members of the Committee, my name is Trudy Racine. I am here today to request two bills be introduced into your committee.

The first bill would require a screening and a "ticket letter" from a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) employed by a Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) prior to admission to a state psychiatric hospital. While screenings for civil commitments are already required, this legislation would apply to misdemeanor offenders, juvenile offenders, and children in need of care (CINCs). This is the last "phase" of the original 1990 plan of mental health reform. The CMHCs should be ready to perform these screens in addition to the screens they currently do for civil commitment patients.

The second bill amends current legislation requiring a written statement from a QMHP based upon the results of a Pre-Admission Screening and Annual Resident Review (PASARR) be obtained authorizing admission of a patient to a nursing facility for mental health. This legislation is necessary to achieve the savings proposed in the Governor's budget.

The concept behind both bills is to keep persons who could be better served in the community from being placed in a state hospital or nursing facility.

Thank you for your time this morning. I will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

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