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Date

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 29, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Mr. Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Ms. Renae Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dr. Lorne A. Phillips, Ph.D., Chair
Health Care Data Governing Board & Director
Center for Health & Environmental Statistics, KDHE
Ms. Jerri A. Freed, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Board

Others attending: See attached guest list.

Annual Report of Health Care Data Governing Board

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Wagle introduced Dr. Lorne Phillips, Ph.D., Chair, Health Care Data Governing Board and Director, Center for Health and Environmental Statistics, Kansas Department of Health and Environment to present the Health Care Data Governing Board's 2000 Annual Report as required. Dr. Phillips touched on the trauma registry, HIPUP, health initiatives, infectious diseases and grants. At this time he introduced, Dr. Elizabeth Saadi, Director Information Services, Office of Health Care Information, KDHE, whose grants he had just spoken on. Highlights of his handouts included:

- Development of initiative to acquire health services utilization data for Kansas
- Prioritization of health conditions that should be evaluated once health services data are acquired
- Acquisition of hospital discharge data through partnership with the KHA; and
- Develop health information partnerships such as the trauma system plan.

A written copy of his presentation and handout are (Attachments #1 and 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. A copy of the Health Care Governing Board Annual Report is on file in the office of Chairperson Wagle.

Following Dr. Phillips' presentation, Chairman Wagle requested comments or questions from the Committee. A short question and answer discussion between Senators Praeger, Harrington, and Wagle and Dr. Phillips followed ranging from medical errors and state bio-terrorism, comments on a turn around time, hepatitis, to are physicians mandated to report findings to the Agency.

Introduction of bill

The next order of business was bill presentation. The Chairperson recognized Ms. Jerri A. Freed, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Board. The bill being offered related to the dental practice's act; to introduce changes in increasing the statutory limitation for examination and fees; elimination of the 65 years of age requirement for retirement designation and clarify details of the dental hygiene screening permit process. A copy of her proposal is (Attachment 3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. A copy of the proposed bill was placed before the committee. Senator Steineger made the motion to hear the proposed bill. Senator Praeger seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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Legislative Overview of SB 50 - elimination of the dental assistant sunset provision

The next order of business was a Staff overview of SB 50. Ms. Renae Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes, who gave a brief history of the act, stated that the bill basically “gets rid of the sunset provisions” which had been introduced as HB 7274 during the 1998 legislation. No written presentation was made available.

Adjournment

Request was made for further bills or business, and with none coming forth, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2001.

SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

GUEST LIST

DATE: Monday, January 29

NAME	REPRESENTING
L. PHILLIPS	KDHE
hou Saadi	KDHE
Julie Numrich	Federico Consulting
Jeni Freed	KS Dental Bd
Reenie Olson RDH, BS	KDHA
Dennis Maurer, RDH, BS	KDHA
LARRY MAGILL	KS. ASSN. OF INS AGENTS



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Health Care Data Governing Board Annual Report

Lorne A. Phillips, Ph.D., Chair
Health Care Data Governing Board and
Director, Center for Health and Environmental Statistics
Kansas Department of Health and Environment

As chair of the Health Care Data Governing Board, I am proud to present to this committee the Health Care Data Governing Board's 2000 Annual Report as required by KSA 65-6807. As you know, Senator Sandy Praeger was chair last year. We appreciated the contribution she made to this Governing Board and the accomplishments made under her leadership. The document before you summarizes the work of the Governing Board and its Task Forces for the year. Highlights include:

- ✓ Development of initiative to acquire health services utilization data for Kansas
- ✓ Prioritization of health conditions that should be evaluated once health services utilization data are acquired
- ✓ Acquisition of hospital discharge data through partnership with the Kansas Hospital Association on behalf of its members
- ✓ Development of several health information partnerships such as the trauma system plan database development, federal grant funding to improve health data in Kansas and collection of Worker's Compensation data
- ✓ Provided a forum to discuss HIPAA implementation and impact and
- ✓ Coordinated health information presentations of significance for the state.

Even though many of these projects seem very specific, the common theme throughout these efforts and the work of the Governing Board is to assure that good health information is made available to bodies such as this committee and other policy makers so that informed decisions can be made. Please remember the Health Care Data Governing Board establishes for you the forum through which health information issues can be discussed and recommendations made. Its structure, with its experienced members and associates is conducive to convening the necessary experts in Kansas that can make informed, relevant recommendations for you.

Finally, I'd like to take a moment to ask if you have any questions that come to mind that the Governing Board and its colleagues could address or prepare for in the future.

Thank you for your time.

Background/Accomplishments

Health Care Data Governing Board

The Health Care Data Governing Board was created to guide development of the Kansas' Health Care Database at KDHE and to provide a forum for discussion of health information issues. Members of this board include the major health information representatives in the state. Since its inception in 1993, the Governing Board has numerous accomplishments:

√ Developed rules and regulations for submission, confidentiality and dissemination of data from the database.

The rules and regulations the Governing Board developed for confidentiality and security of the health care database provide significant protections for individual privacy. Recent developments in federal privacy rules under HIPAA prompted the Governing Board to facilitate discussions on HIPAA and to determine its role in the HIPAA privacy regulations implementation.

√ Recommended and has guided standardized data collection for health professional licensure.

The Health Care Database now contains data centralized from 8 licensure boards encompassing 44 health professions—all collected in cooperative efforts with the boards and without initiating duplicative data collection systems.

√ Recommended collection of health status indicator information to monitor the health of Kansas' citizens.

Data for a total of 120 indicators are being collected and analyzed.

√ Conducted strategic planning to expand data and information collection to evaluate the quantity and quality of health care delivery in the state.

Current projects include:

- *Proposed indicators to evaluate the efficacy of the HealthWave program*
- *Working to improve the collection of external cause of injury coding in*

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- *Kansas health care facilities to better identify causes of injury in Kansas*
- *Acquisition of hospital discharge data for Kansas in partnership with the Kansas Hospital Association. Beginning discussions to expand data collection to other health care settings.*

√ Fostered partnerships among the owners of health data within Kansas.

- *Garnered assistance from universities, associations and state government (e.g. licensure boards) to collect physician and other health care professional data.*
- *Partnered with the Kansas Hospital Association to raise awareness for the need to collect external cause of injury data.*
- *Partnering with the Advisory Committee on Trauma to assist in developing the trauma registry database for Kansas*
- *Partnering to collecting health insurance claims data for the Worker's Compensation program*

√ Produced numerous publications (see <http://www.ink.org/public/hcdgb/>)

- *These include health care professional inventory reports*
- *Reports with hospitalization data and*
- *Mini-statistical reports contributed to the Kansas Health Statistics Newsletter (www.kdhe.state.ks.us/ches/)*

√ Serves the legislature and the Governor in determining health information policy for Kansas.

Uses of Data Provided from the Health Care Database

Data from the Health Care Database are used in a variety of ways by a number of data consumers. KDHE staff, businesses, schools/universities, and non-profit agencies are among the most frequent data users. These entities also submit complex data requests that require substantial staff time to complete. Uses of data by the Governing Board's customers are reported as follows:

- **Businesses**
 - Internal and external planning purposes*
 - Distribution of information on available continuing education opportunities*
 - Bench marking*
 - Grant writing*
 - Strategic planning*
 - Publication preparation*
 - Licensure status validation*
 - Recruiting*
 - Consulting*

- **Health Care Providers**
 - Planning resource allocation*
 - Recruiting other providers*
 - Seeking and analyzing employment opportunities*
 - Research*

- **Government Entities**
 - Policy development*
 - Program management*
 - Preparation of legislative updates*
 - Community health needs assessments*
 - Notification of physicians regarding reporting changes and disease outbreaks*
 - Resource allocation*
 - Recruitment*

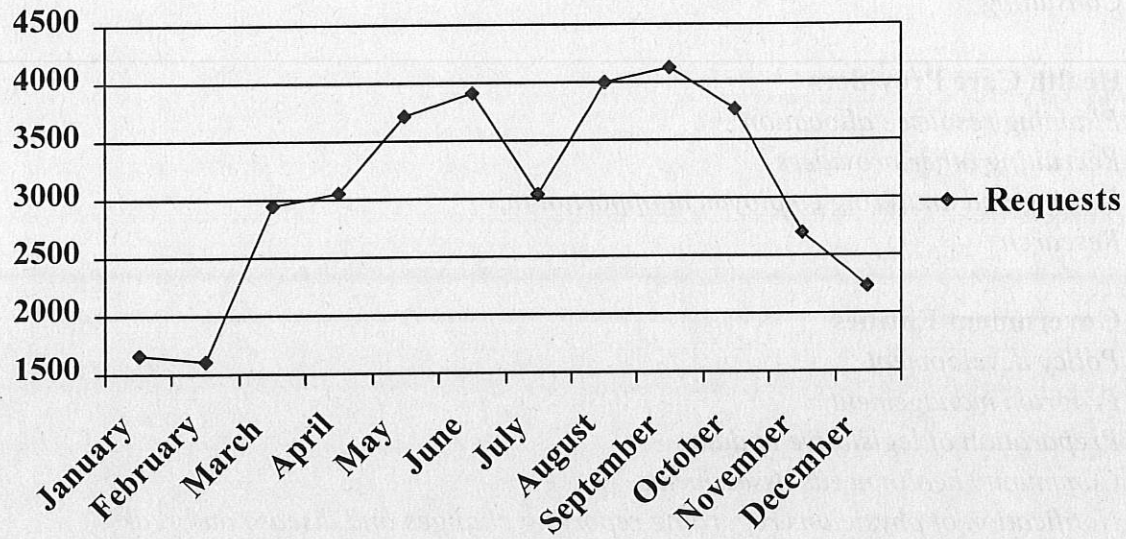
- **Universities**
 - Evaluative study preparation*
 - Research*
 - Medically Underserved Area Designation Report*
 - To gain support from the Legislature to expand education programs*

- **The Public**
Locating service providers
Seeking employment opportunities

Year 2000 Successful Requests for Website Pages for the HCDGB

Development of capacity to share information via the Internet has been an effective means to disseminate information generated from the Health Care Database. The Governing Board's website has been available since 1996 with publications and information added continually. In 2000, INK, the service provider for the Governing Board's website generated a statistic that better represents true Internet usage of the website. This statistic, "Successful Requests" is presented here and represents data users that actually accessed material within the site. "Internet Hits", presented in the past, simply represented those users who visited the site but did not pursue the material within the site further.

Successful Requests



As depicted above there were a total of 37,756 successful requests for pages for the Governing Board's website. The largest number of requests were observed during September with the lowest number in January.

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KANSAS DENTAL BOARD

January 29, 2001

RE: **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

Dear Members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee:

The Kansas Dental Board is requesting that the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee introduce changes to the Dental Practices Act as a committee bill.

The substantive changes are the following:

1. Eliminate the 65 years of age requirement for retirement designation;
2. Increase the statutory limitation for examination and licensure fees;
3. Clarify details of the dental hygiene screening permit process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerri A. Freed".

Jerri A. Freed
Executive Director
Kansas Dental Board

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