

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Susan Wagle at 11:00 a.m. on April 10, 2002 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Mr. Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Ms. Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ms. Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes  
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See attached guest list.

**Handouts**

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Susan Wagle announced that copies of testimony from Ms. Janet Schlansky, Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services regarding yesterday's meeting on **HB2905** have been handed out. Ms. Schlansky was unavailable to testify yesterday. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

**Hearing on consideration of appointments**

The Chair then announced the next order of business was the consideration of reappointments for Member, University of Kansas Hospital Association for the following:

- 1) Mr. Eric T. Jager, Executive Vice President - Investments at Bartlett and Company; and
- 2) Mr. Charles T. Sunderland, Vice President of Administration, Ash Grove Cement Company.

As these were reappointments, Senator Praeger made the motion to confirm Mr. Eric T. Jager and Mr. Charles T. Sunderland as Members, University of Kansas Hospital Association. Senator Jordan seconded and the motion carried.

As there was no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.

**Adjournment**

Adjournment time was at 11:10 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2002 at 12 p.m.

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Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, Room 231-N  
April 9, 2002 at 1:30 p.m.

House Bill 2905

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**Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services**  
**Janet Schalansky, Secretary**

Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, Room 231-N  
April 9, 2002 at 1:30 p.m.

**House Bill 2905**

Madam Chair and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2905. HB 2905 proposes to create a commission on health to oversee and make recommendations on all aspects of health in Kansas. The commission will focus primarily on prevention, health promotion and the reduction of health disparities throughout Kansas.

HB 2905 provides Kansas the opportunity to develop health policy in a comprehensive way by requiring participation on the commission of a broad array of professionals including policy makers, health care providers, insurers, educators, consumers and state agency representatives, among others. The commission will be charged with determining appropriate levels and delivery of health care services in Kansas, focusing in particular, on mental and physical health and under-served areas throughout the State. These are areas of concern to SRS and the consumers it serves.

SRS supports this comprehensive approach to creating health care policy in Kansas. I would be glad to answer any questions the Committee may have.