

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The joint meeting of the Senate Public Health and Welfare and the House Health and Human Services Committees was called to order by Chairperson Senator Susan Wagle at 1:30 p.m. on January 30, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Chris Steineger

Committee staff present: Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dr. Rick Kellerman, Family Physician, Chair of the
Department of Family and Community Medicine,
University of Kansas, Wichita Center for Graduate
Medical Education
Dr. Glendon Cox, M.D., Vice-Dean and Senior Associate
Dean for Education and Academic Affairs at the
University of Kansas Medical Center

Others attending: See attached guest list

Presentation on the Wichita Graduate Medical Education Programs

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Wagle announced that she and Chairperson Morrison had decided to have this joint presentation from the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education and introduced Dr. Rick Kellerman, who began by stating he is a family physician and chairs the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Kansas Medicine at Wichita, Kansas, and the physician representative on the Board for the above mentioned medical center. A copy of his presentation is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced. Highlights of his presentation included:

- 1.) The history of the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education (WCGME) (ex. A consortium, why formed, how many in the program, the different practices, and funding);
- 2.) Why residency programs are vital to Kansas (ex. For undeserved areas, provide care for uninsured & indigent patients); and
- 3.) Financial facts (revenue & expenses); GME cuts (breakdown & total loss), policy considerations (who will care & provide and what is the impact), and solutions (ex. restore Medicaid GME funding).

Dr. Kellerman then introduced Dr. Glendon Cox, M.D., Vice Dean and Senior Associate Dean for Educational and Academic Affairs at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Dr. Cox stated he was appearing before the Committee on behalf of the University of Kansas to express their concerns related to a proposal that would have a significant adverse impact on the ability of the WCGME to conduct training programs in various medical specialties in Wichita. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

Chairperson Wagle then thanked both of the doctors for their presentations and asked both Committees for questions and/or comments.

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A range of questions was asked from Senators Wagle, Barnett, Salmans, Brownlee, Jordan, Representatives Long, Goico, Miller, and Schwab including: how is the school funded, cuts coming from universal system, state funding, are Wichita residents willing to help, public policy division made by SRS, is the Olberlin hospital a result of their program, foundations contacted, how much is affected by malpractice, TORT reform put into place, specifics on allotments, the National Resident Matching Programs, residence salary, to, how is the decision made to cut from WCGME?

Adjournment

As it was going on 2:30 p.m., Chairperson Wagle again thanked both conferees for traveling to Topeka and sharing their information with the Committee. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2003.

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35 in all.

GUEST LIST

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NAME	REPRESENTING
DEBORAH STERN	KS. HOSP. ASSOC.
RICK KEUERMANN	KUSM - WICHITA / WCGME
Penny L Vogelsang	WCGME
Dorinda Welschard Jensen	Ko Academy of Family Physicians
Mike	Wichita Medical Assn.
Chip Wheeler	Assn of Osteopathic Med
Rich Pittman	Health Midwest
Jon Josseland	KU
Don Hagen	KUMC
Jane Murray	KAFP Dr of The Day
Ed Dismuke	KUSM - Wichita
Randall G. Nyp	Via Christi Regional Medical Center, Wichita
BOB SAULTER	KUS
Christina Collins	KMS
Bob	KUSM
Elier Phelps	Ks. Leg.
Bill Sneed	UK HA
Dennis McCulloch	UKHA
Amber Kjelshus	Sen. Peter Brungardt - Intern

WICHITA GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS JEOPARDIZED BY BUDGET CUTS

About GME in Wichita:

- Graduate medical education is the training of resident physicians
- The Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education (WCGME) is a consortium (consisting of the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita (KUSM-W), Via Christi Regional Medical Center and Wesley Medical Center) that was formed to employ all KUSM-W residents in Wichita. Salina residents are also sponsored by KUSM-W, but they are employed by the Salina Health Education Foundation.
- 260 resident physicians in 14 residencies receive training in all major hospitals in Wichita and Salina.
- Residency programs include primary care programs in family practice, internal medicine, medicine/pediatrics, and pediatrics, specialty training in adult reconstructive surgery, anesthesiology, geriatric psychiatry, obstetrics and gynecology, orthopaedic surgery, psychiatry, radiology and surgery.
- Funding for GME is provided through Medicare, Medicaid and the State of Kansas to the hospitals.

Why Residency Programs Are Vital to Kansas:

- Wichita graduated physicians reduce underserved areas in Kansas
- Of 900 graduates since the formation of WCGME in 1989, over 500 practice in Kansas – half in Wichita; half in rural communities
- Residents provide care for uninsured and indigent patients (More than 134,000 patient visits to residency clinics in 2001)
- Wichita GME programs improve quality of care in Wichita and rural Kansas
- The residency programs attract quality physicians to Kansas
- Without the residency program, emergency and trauma care will suffer
- Residents improve in-hospital care of unassigned and indigent patients

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- The residency programs have a strong economic impact upon Wichita and the surrounding areas (250 residents, 300 dependents, and numerous faculty members)

Financial Facts:

2001 Revenue	\$38,100,000
2001 Expenses	<u>\$38,200,000</u> (\$100,000)

GME Cuts:

Medicare GME funding (BBA 1997)	(\$1,900,000)
SRS GME cuts 1/1/03*	
SRS State General Fund cut	(\$1,500,000)
Federal match	<u>(\$2,200,000)</u>
Total Loss	(\$5,600,000)

Policy Considerations:

- Who will care for medicaid/medicare and uninsured patients?
- Who will provide physicians for Kansas?
- What will be the economic impact on Wichita and rural areas?

Solution:

Restore Medicaid GME funding:

- To keep providers for the uninsured and Medicaid patients
- To sustain the supply of physicians to Kansas

*\$3.7 million cut to Wichita is only a \$1.5 million savings to the State (federal government matches state funding by 60%).

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Testimony
Senate Committee on Public Health & Welfare
House Health and Human Services Committee
January 30, 2003

Glendon Cox, MD
Vice Dean and Senior Associate Dean for Educational and Academic Affairs
University of Kansas School of Medicine

Chairman Wagle, Chairman Morrison, and members of the committees.

My name is Glendon Cox. I am Vice Dean and Senior Associate Dean for Educational and Academic Affairs at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. I appear before you today on behalf of the University of Kansas to express the University's concerns related to a proposal that would have a significant adverse impact on the ability of the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education (WCGME) to conduct training programs in various medical specialties in Wichita.

The internships and residencies are funded through a three-way partnership between Via Christi Regional Medical Center, Wesley Medical Center, and the University of Kansas School of Medicine (Wichita). The leadership and vision of the hospitals and the School of Medicine has made WCGME a remarkably successful example of community-based model for graduate medical education. The University of Kansas, as the sponsor of the residencies in Wichita, is proud of the achievements of our faculty members and educational partners.

The entire University recognizes the contributions of the Wichita campus of the School of Medicine in producing physicians for the state of Kansas. The proposed elimination of graduate medical education funding provided through Medicaid program of Kansas SRS is a great threat to the strength of the School of Medicine.

Since its founding, nearly 100 years ago, the University of Kansas School of Medicine has consistently worked to meet its mission of providing physicians of all specialties to the state of Kansas. As of this month, the records of the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts shows that of the 5500 or so practicing physicians in the state, over 2200, roughly 40%, are products of the KU School of Medicine. Not only do our physicians practice in nearly all rural counties in the state, they provide service to a whole spectrum of medically underserved individuals in our urban areas in Wichita, Topeka, Salina, and Kansas City. It is only through the continued joint operation of the Wichita and Kansas City facilities, to put it another way, the School of Medicine as organic whole, that the University can continue to meet its mission.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I will be glad to try to answer any questions.

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