

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Susan Wagle at 1:30 p.m. on February 19, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee: Ms. Sally Finney, CAE, Executive Director,
Kansas Public Health Association
Mr. Jim Murphy, Office of the Secretary,
Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Mr. Thomas Bell, Executive Vice President,
Kansas Hospital Association
Ms. Terri Roberts, R.N.,
Kansas State Nurses Association
Ms. Christina Collins, Director of Government Affairs,
Kansas Medical Society

Others attending: See attached guest list

Approval of Minutes

Upon calling the meeting to order, the Minutes of January 28, 29, and 30, February 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, and February 13 were distributed to the Committee. Chairperson Wagle asked that the Committee call Ms. Cianciarulo with their comments and if none are received by the end of the work day of Friday, February 28, 2003, the above minutes would stand approved.

Hearing on **SB106** - an act relating to the public health and welfare of all Kansas; identifying major health care issues and establishing objectives and priorities

Chairperson Wagle announced the next order of business would be a hearing on **SB106**, an act relating to the public health and welfare of all Kansas; identifying major health care issues and establishing objectives and priorities. She called upon Mr. Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes, to give a brief overview of the bill. Highlights include what the act was established for, the state's concerns, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's role, endeavors subject to available appropriations, and the Secretary's responsibilities.

The Chair then called upon the first proponent, Ms. Sally Finney, CAE, Executive Director, Kansas Public Health who stated that their members recognized that using a science-based approach to planning is an integral part of public health. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The second proponent called upon was Mr. Jim Murphy, Office of the Secretary Kansas Department of Health and Environment who stated that the responsibility for a statewide health planning process is appropriate for and well within the mission and goals of the state health agency. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

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The third proponent was Mr. Thomas Bell, Executive Vice President, Kansas Hospital Association, who stated KHA supports the bill because it uses existing resources and agencies to identify major health issues pertinent to this decade and formulates needed objectives and priorities. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Ms. Terri Roberts, R.N., Kansas State Nurses Association, was the next proponent to testify. She stated that the purpose of this statute embraces the concept of continuing the agency focus on Healthy Kansans 2010 and that registered nurses work in the many settings where the prevention campaigns can be supported and bench marking can be facilitated. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment 4) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The last proponent to testify was Ms. Christina Collins, Director of Government Affairs, Kansas Medical Society who stated some of the uses of Healthy Kansans, what the project is subject to, its value, and what it provides. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment 5) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there was no proponent or neutral testimony, the Chair referred the Committee to the written testimony from Mr. Keith Landis, Committee on Publication, Christian Science Committee on Publication for Kansas who has suggested an amendment is testing of adults will result from this bill. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 6) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair then asked the Committee for questions or comments. Senators Wagle, Harrington, Salmans, Brownlee, and Barnett and Ms. Correll asked a range of questions including: are there federal dollars available, indirect fiscal note, under available appropriations, Mr. Landis' amendment, if secretary sets goals legislation may not be needed, HB2115 and HB2095 heard last year, to methodology for Healthy Kansans 2000.

The Chair announced that the hearing was closed and asked that the Committee pull HB2116 and look it over as she would like to act on SB106 at the February 20, 2003, Committee meeting.

Adjournment

Chairperson Wagle then adjourned the meeting. The time was 2:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2003.

SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

GUEST LIST

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2003

NAME	REPRESENTING
Bob Williams	Ks Pharmacists Assoc
John Federico	Humana
Sister Therese Bangert	Ks. Cath. Conference
Monica Mayer	SRS
Karen Seals	KDHE
Christina Collins	Kansas Medical Society
Sally Finney	Public Health Assoc.
Larrie Ann Lower	KAHP
Gina Portner	Senator Barnett
Viccie Burgess	Burgess & Assoc.
Jim Byrnes	Sen. SALVARIAS
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To: Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
From: Sally Finney, CAE, Executive Director
Re: Senate Bill 106
Date: February 19, 2003

The Kansas Public Health Association supports Senate Bill 106.

Our members recognize that using a science-based approach to planning is an integral part of public health. While the national initiative, Healthy People, does provide some useful guidance for Kansas-based programs, it has limitations because it relies on national health data rather than state-specific information. Using Kansas-specific health data, as is the case with the Healthy Kansans initiative, helps to assure that the priorities identified through the process are appropriate for this state.

The Kansas public health community has participated in many planning efforts over the decades, and the Healthy Kansans effort has shown itself to be among the more useful of these. It is important that this process be ongoing to assure that program administrators and decision-makers have current information.

The Kansas Public Health Association appreciates the work of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in the area of health planning and urges the agency to continue with a Healthy Kansans 2010 initiative.

Our members also appreciate your interest in this effort and ask you to support SB 106.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

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**Testimony on Senate Bill 106
presented to
Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee**

by

**Jim Murphy, Office of the Secretary
Kansas Department of Health and Environment
February 19, 2003**

Chairwoman Wagle and members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, I am pleased to appear before you today to discuss SB106. The department commends the Senate leadership for recognizing the importance of initiating a collaborative health planning process that embraces the Healthy People 2010 Objectives, as this will undoubtedly result in identification of health issues of common interest to participants and subsequently lead to opportunities for collective response to the greatest health threats we currently face.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment enthusiastically supports the intent of SB106 to identify major health care issues in Kansas and to establish objectives and priorities. Responsibility for a statewide health planning process is appropriate for and well within the mission and goals of the state health agency. Successful implementation of the project will be contingent, however, upon the agency's success in identifying new resources necessary to complement existing resources to carry it out effectively.

Healthy People 2010 outlines a comprehensive, nationwide health promotion and disease prevention agenda. It is designed to serve as a roadmap for improving the health of all people in the US during the first decade of the 21st century. Like the preceding Healthy People 2000 initiative which was driven by an ambitious, yet achievable, 10 year strategy for improving the Nation's health by the end of the 20th Century,

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Healthy People 2010 is committed to a single, overarching purpose: promoting health and preventing illness, disability and premature death.

The Healthy Kansans 2000 process involved more than 200 people from across the state; approximately 15 requested assistance for travel and per diem in order to participate in meetings. Because such a process is dependent upon active involvement of a broad base of people representing a wide spectrum of interests, it is essential to be inclusive in the planning process.

Previous experience in facilitating a number of other statewide planning processes, such as Healthy Kansans 2000 and the RWJ Turning points initiative, indicates that a planning project of this magnitude will require significant dedicated staff time. Existing staff in the Division of Health have first hand experience in designing and implementing statewide health planning processes and would be well positioned to oversee such a project.

However, the extensive involvement of external partners, while crucial to the success of a statewide health planning initiative, is a labor intensive project which needs the full time attention of specified staff in order to be effective and timely. Other cost considerations include travel costs or per diem reimbursement for participants of the process. While experience has shown that most organizations will contribute this type of support, it is expected that some participants representing disparate groups would need reimbursement assistance in order to participate.

Major gains have been made in public health during the past 40 years, to the point where acute and infectious diseases have been replaced as the leading causes of death. Kansas must remain diligent in addressing acute and infectious diseases, so as not to lose ground on the progress made. Additionally, the progress made in infectious disease, combined with changes in lifestyle have given way to a new era in which chronic diseases, such as coronary heart disease, hypertension, asthma and diabetes have replaced infectious disease as leading causes of death, affect more than 100 million Americans and account for three-quarters of the nation's annual health care costs. (Institute for Health and Aging 1996)

With the continued aging of the American population, both the prevalence and costs of chronic illness care are expected to rise by at least 15% by the year 2010 and by 60% by 2050. Yet, much of this growing chronic disease burden is preventable through more effective prevention and management. McGinnis and Forge (1993) estimate that 50% of mortality from the ten leading causes of death is attributable to lifestyle behaviors that cause or complicate chronic illness. Finding effective strategies for prevention and managing chronic disease will be a major challenge for health care in the 21ST Century.

I thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Senate Public Health and Welfare committee and will gladly stand for questions the committee may have on the topic.

Memorandum



Donald A. Wilson
President

To: Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
From: Kansas Hospital Association
Thomas L. Bell, Executive Vice President
Re: Senate Bill 106
Date: February 19, 2003

The Kansas Hospital Association appreciates the opportunity to comment in support of Senate Bill 106. This bill is intended to build on the efforts of the Healthy Kansans 2000 project and to work within the parameters of the national initiative, Healthy People 2010. Healthy People 2010 is a set of health objectives for the nation to achieve over the first decade of the new century. Healthy People 2010 builds on initiatives pursued over the past two decades. The 1979 Surgeon General's Report, *Healthy People*, and *Healthy People 2000: National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives* both established national health objectives and served as the basis for the development of State and community plans. Like its predecessors, Healthy People 2010 was developed through a broad consultation process built on the best scientific knowledge and designed to measure programs over time.

SB 106 outlines the various issues that would be involved in this initiative, including care and staffing (particularly in underserved areas of the state), financing, insurance (including the problems of the uninsured and underinsured), the role of the state and local government in the development and delivery of health services, and the role of education and technology in health care.

We support the direction of SB 106 because it uses existing resources and agencies to identify major health issues pertinent to this decade and to formulate needed objectives and priorities. It also links Kansas to an ongoing national effort and allows the use of those resources.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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S.B. 106 Identifying Major Health Care Issues and Establishing Objectives and Priorities

Chairperson Wagel and members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, my name is Terri Roberts R.N. and I am representing the KANSAS STATE NURSES ASSOCIATION (KSNA) in support of SB 106.

KSNA supports that the state health agency provide leadership and direction on health prevention activities. For the past 13 years we have partnered with KDHE in establishing and promoting priorities, most significantly the Healthy Kansans 2000 health objectives, and now the 2010 Healthy People objectives for Kansas. Registered nurses work in the many settings (acute care, home health, community health to name just a few) where the prevention campaigns can be supported and benchmarking can be facilitated. We that progress has been made, that Kansans are aware of risk factors in maintaining health, and assuming greater responsibility for changing behaviors (activity, diet, etc.).

The Bureau of Chronic Disease and Health Promotion has been very successful in soliciting federal grants to support Healthy Kansans. Currently the Bureau receives over 7 Million in federal grants and does an excellent job of re-distributing the dollars for targeted health promotions in Kansas communities. Their efforts to date should not go unrecognized. The Directors of Health, namely Dr. Potsic and now Dr. Mosier have been very receptive to focusing the Division of Health on these very important concepts of prevention and reducing risk factors to promote greater health for all ages of Kansans.

This proposed statute embraces the concept of continuing the agency focus on Healthy Kansans 2010. We anticipate that this leadership will continue if this bill is passed.

Thank you for this opportunity to present testimony. *Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee*
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The mission of the Kansas State Nurses Association is to promote professional nursing, to provide a unified voice for nursing in Kansas and to advocate for the health and well-being of all people.

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To: Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

From: Christina Collins *Christina Collins*
Director of Government Affairs

Date: February 19, 2003

Subject: SB 106

The Kansas Medical Society appreciates the opportunity to appear today on SB 106, which charges the Kansas Department of Health and Environment with continuing the work of the Healthy Kansans 2000 project.

The Healthy Kansans program utilized a statewide opinion survey and a coalition of key decision makers representing business and industry, health related organizations, education, and community groups to define health objectives related to seven priority health areas (heart disease, cancer, intentional and unintentional injury, maternal and child health, drug and alcohol abuse, AIDS and STDs, and immunization and infectious disease) plus four cross-cutting risk factors (tobacco, physical activity, nutrition, and access to preventive health care). Healthy Kansans has been used extensively across the state since its publication. Some of the uses include: 1) coalitions designing action plans to achieve HK2000 objectives, 2) development of community specific health objectives by communities, 3) standardization of measurement for health indicators, 4) identification of data collection and data access deficiencies and determining policies for correcting these deficits, 5) design of data collection instruments and special surveys needed to measure health status, 6) justification for financial policies supporting HK2000 priority areas, 7) teaching of health policy and surveillance, 8) demonstration of need to increase preventive medicine focus in medical school curricula, and 9) identifying health disparities for minority populations and the need for minority-specific health risk data. In short, the Health Kansans 2000 project has been a rich source for data that is invaluable when forming wise health policy.

SB 106 charges the Department of Health and Environment to continue its lead agency status in continuing this important project. It provides an opportunity for dialogue and collaboration by government agencies and health organizations on important health initiatives for Kansans. The project is subject to available appropriations and also charges the Secretary of KDHE with finding alternate funding sources. This program's value stems from its reliance on local

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community resources to evaluate their own needs, set goals and promote only the programs they need while looking to their colleagues in other communities and to the state for guidance.

The Kansas Medical Society applauds the work done by the Healthy Kansans 2000 project and encourages the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee to recommend this bill favorably for passage and allow this important project to continue.

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To: Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare

Re: Senate Bill No. 204

Questions arose at the hearing on SB 204 regarding the accommodation of religious beliefs on page 3, lines 3-5. This provision was included, at my request, when the implementing language for the program originally was passed.

I have talked with representatives of the Department of Health & Environment and am of the belief that either the original language or the language as amended by SB 204 will meet our present needs regarding children as the program is now conducted.

If testing of adults will result from this bill, we suggest amending page 3, lines 3-5, to read, after the comma in line 3:

“..., except that no adult or child shall be screened or tested if the adult or the child’s parent or guardian objects in writing on the ground that such testing is contrary to the adult’s or the parent’s or guardian’s religious beliefs and practices;”

I appreciate the Committee’s interest in addressing our concerns and hope this information will be helpful to you.



Keith R. Landis
Committee on Publication
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