

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Morrison at 1:33 p.m. on January 20, 2004 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Dr. William Wolff, Legislative Research Department  
Renaë Jefferies, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Gary Deeter, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

None

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Representatives Wilson and Sharp offered a proposal for helping committee members become more adept in using the Liberty document management system and other electronic functions of a paperless committee. Assuring members that they want the electronic committee process to succeed, they will be available every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in 526-S to assist members, beginning with the log-in process for the tablet PCs, log-in to Liberty, and log-in to Messenger; they will help members develop facility in launching and loading Liberty, using the committee folder, and showing how constituents can access committee information. The series will conclude with the Chairman laying out a vision for the committee.

The committee, by proper motion and second, passed a motion to sponsor **HB 2513**, which was introduced by Representative Neighbor at the January 15 meeting.

Staff Bill Wolff briefed the committee on **HB 2513**, which seeks to provide real-time electronic reporting for communicable diseases. He said the bill directs the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to establish a state-wide, real-time electronic reporting system which will widen the number of reporters to include not only hospitals, but clinics and other health-care providers. The proposed system would supplant or interface with the present reporting systems. He noted that the bill is contingent upon funding through the appropriations process.

Commenting that **HB 2513** would increase the volume of reporting by widening the reporting base, Dr. Wolff noted that KDHE already has an established reporting system created in 1999 named HAWK, a web-based disease-information system which interfaces with local health departments. He said the proposed system would necessarily include hardware and software that would allow reporters to communicate with a central repository.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE at 1:30 p.m. on January 20, 2004 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

Representative Schwab, noting that the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Human Resources reduced the medical reimbursement fee schedule for pharmacists under the Workers' Compensation rules and regulations, requested a bill establishing parameters for the fee schedule that would return the reimbursement to its previous level. He noted that the Rules and Regulations Committee reviewed the decision, but took no action on it. By motion and second, the request for a bill passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:09. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2004.

**HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
GUEST LIST**

DATE: JANUARY 20 2004

NAME	REPRESENTING
Heather Trace	Damron & Associates
LARRY R BAER	LKM
LEON LEMKE	GUEST OF REP. BETHELL
Chip Wheelen	Assn of Osteopathic Med.
Eréndocyn Carguel	ACS
Mary Hillebrandt	Conlu Consulting
Amy Biel	KDHE - Bureau of Epi.
Candy Bahner	KPTA
Gary Hancock	Leiner
Dick Morrissey	KDHE
Jen Silvey	Page
Michelle Hale	Page
Sally Finney	Ks. Public Health Association
Brittany Weaver	Page (Rep. Sharp)
Forrest Salsob	Page (Rep. Sharp)
Nikki <del>Stoba</del>	Page (Rep. Sharp)
Christine Gordon	Federico Consulting
Michelle Peterson	Kansas Governmental Consulting
DEBORAH STERN	KS. HOSP. ASSOC.