

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The committee joined a legislative health-policy orientation for the legislature co-sponsored by the Kansas Health Institute and the Kansas Legislative Research Department. The meeting was held from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on January 19, 2005, in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

Representative Mike Kiegerl- excused

Committee staff present:

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Presenters:

Alice Burton, Director, State Health Advisory Group, AcademyHealth

David Helms, President and CEO, AcademyHealth

Len Nichols, Vice President, Center for Studying Health System Change

The presenters covered the following topics:

- How federal health policy environment will affect Kansas;
- Why health-care costs and insurance coverage costs so much;
- Whether health savings accounts will control rising health-care costs;
- State perspectives on the Medicaid program;
- State roles in expanding drug benefits for seniors.

The meeting began at 11:00 a.m. and concluded at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting for the committee is scheduled for Thursday, January 20, 2005.