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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brenda Landwehr at 1:30 P.M. on January 22, 2007 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Clark Shultz- excused
Jeff Colyer- excused
Peggy Mast- excused
Tom Holland- excused

Committee staff present:

Norman Furse, Revisor's Office
Rena Jefferies, Revisor's Office
Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research
Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Patti Magathan, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kevin Robertson, Kansas Dental Association

Others Attending:

See Attached List.

Chair Landwehr opened the floor for bill introductions.

Representative Colloton asked that the committee introduce a bill for a complete ban on tobacco use in schools or school property and creates a penalty for not posting a notice. Motion was made by Representative Morrison, seconded by Representative Garcia to introduce this committee bill. Motion carried.

Representative Tietze motioned to introduce a committee bill allowing family members of suicide victims to view the scene and to view records. Motion seconded by Representative Neighbors. Motion carried.

Representative Storm made a motion that the committee introduce a bill regarding Cosmetology that makes changes related to skin care. The bill allows the Cosmetology Board to set rules and regulations for practice of cosmetology. Motion seconded by Representative Garcia. Motion carried.

Representative Landwehr then closed the floor to bill introductions and introduced **Kevin Robertson** of the Kansas Dental Association.

Mr. Robertson, Executive Director of the Kansas Dental Association, gave an overview of Kansas "Mission of Mercy" program. (**Attachment 1**) This is a program providing free dental care to low income persons on a first-come first-served basis. The first program was put on in Garden City in February 2003. They are currently doing one program a year in February, coinciding with "Children's Dental Health Month." This program uses no public monies, utilizing volunteer labor and relying on local community resources.

The program has been extremely well received by the communities where it has been held. They have been instrumental in helping other states establish similar programs. They have benefitted from the assistance of Dentists and Hygienists from other states who come in to familiarize themselves with our program and how it works, made possible by the ability to issue a 14-day temporary dental license.

Mr. Robertson invited the committee members to tour the portable facility tomorrow. The 53' semi trailer is currently at the Topeka Expo Center in preparation of their next clinic to be held in Topeka this weekend.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15. Next meeting is January 23 at 1:30 P.M.



Kansas Dental
Charitable Foundation

Date: January 22, 2007

To: House Committee on Health and Human Services

From: Kevin J. Robertson, CAE
Executive Director

RE: Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM-Wichita)

Thank you for the opportunity to address you today, I am Kevin Robertson, Executive Director of the Kansas Dental Association (KDA) representing approximately 80% of Kansas' 1,200 licensed dentists. I'm hear today to briefly provide you on the activities of the Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM) free dental clinic conducted by the KDA's 501c3 foundation – the **Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation (KDCF)**. Our sixth KMOM, KMOM-Topeka, will be held at the Kansas Expocentre on February 2-3, 2007. Each of you should have received an invitation via email last week to tour the event.

Let me first apologize to the long-time members of the committee who are quite familiar with KMOM, but for the new member of legislature and the committee let me take few minutes to explain what the Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM) is and what it is all about. KMOM is the world's largest dental free clinic – we didn't start it – we've just perfected it! Currently there are five "MOM states," Kansas having "seeded" Nebraska in 2005 and we are currently assisting both Arkansas and Colorado which have MOM projects scheduled for later this year.

Over a weekend during a single KMOM event 150-200 dentists, 75-100 dental hygienists, 200 dental assistants and another 350 or so lay volunteers will treat approximately 2,000 patients and provide free dental care valued around \$1 million. In all, the five previous KMOM events have provided 10,800 patients worth \$4.4 million in free dental care.

The KDCF owns a 53' semi trailer as well as two smaller 10' foot trailers which serve to store and move our equipment. Some equipment is borrowed from other MOM states.

KMOM receives NO PUBLIC DOLLARS, though in some cases city/county governments have provided facilities, security etc. at a free or reduced charge. Kansas is fortunate to have several strong and active statewide foundations like the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, Kansas Health Foundation, Sunflower Foundation and Delta Dental Foundation which have provided the majority of the funds that have made it possible for the KDCF to purchase the necessary portable dental equipment. Locally, each KMOM is supported by local community/hospital foundations, businesses etc. which donate their time, goods, services and money to

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the event. In Topeka, the Topeka Community Foundation, Stormont-Vail Foundation, Capitol Federal and United Way of Greater Topeka are our four largest supporters. Among other things, this money is used to buy dental supplies as well as food for both patients and volunteers while they are at the clinic.

The KDCF targets low-income persons for KMOM, however, we do no on sight "income means testing" of any kind. All patients are seen on a "first come, first served" basis and complete a health history form before receiving a health and dental screen to ensure they are capable of being treated and to assess their dental needs. Procedure options include fillings, extractions, cleanings, and limited repair to partials/dentures. The patients are then escorted to their treatments areas. After treatment they go through a checkout procedure that includes an exit survey and perhaps a trip to the pharmacy for any prescribed post-treatment medications.

I've put together a packet of information for the committee that includes a KMOM "Cook Book" DVD which we provide to other states to assist with their KMOM planning, the compiled exit survey data from last years' KMOM-Wichita, a patient form and informational fliers.

For more information, visit the KDCF website (www.ksdentalfoundation.org).

Thank you for the opportunity to talk to you about KMOM today. I will be happy to answer questions at this time.



The
Kansas Dental Association
and the
Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation

Invite you to attend an informational tour of our working Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM) free dental clinic



Kansas Mission of Mercy
Making a Difference

Friday, February 2, 2007

Kansas Expocentre, Landon Arena
Topeka

Shuttles will pick up legislators on the east side of the Statehouse at
9:00 A.M. and return around 10:30 A.M.

(alternative arrangements will be made if the House & Senate schedules require it)

Please RSVP to reserve a seat on the shuttle

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For more information about the KMOM charitable dental clinic go to
www.ksdentalfoundation.org.