

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Susan Wagle at 1:30 p.m. on February 6, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ms. Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department
Ms. Renae Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

Legislative Overview on Bills

Chairperson Wagle opened the meeting announcing that the Legislative Research Staff would brief the Committee on credentialing issues. Ms. Emalene Correll introduced Kansas Statutes 65-5001, Chapter 65, Public Health, Article 50, credentialing. There was nothing offered in writing except three handouts, copies of which are (Attachments #1 and 2,) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. A third handout is filed in Chairperson Wagle's office.

In reference to Attachment #1, she mentioned that the Secretary appoints the Technical Committee who submits their findings after holding a viewing meeting, an analysis meeting, and holds public hearings, to the KDHE Secretary.

Ms Correll stated an enormous amount of consumers have moved to alternative providers that have not yet been recognized. The bad thing is that people are not telling their primary physician that they are using these alternative methods. The traditional providers now need to ask their patients. (Ex. Is the patient taking any medication not prescribed by their primary?)

Regarding **SB 122**, Ms. Correll stated that consumers have a right to choose. Acupuncture is recognized, but it is too early to see if these methods are valid.

Ms. Correll stood for questions. Senators Barnett, Steineger, Praeger, and Wagle asked questions ranging from the soybean discussion in the Utility Committee, third party payment to a story on out patient surgery that was relayed by Ms. Correll.

Adjournment

As there was no further discussion, the Chairperson thanked Ms. Correll for her review. The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2001