

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE AND HOUSE HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairpersons Senator Susan Wagle and Representative Jim Morrison at 1:30 p.m. on February 10, 2003 in Room 243-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Nancey Harrington
Senator Jim Barnett

Committee staff present: Ms. Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Development
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: Ms. Barbara Langner, Associate Professor,
School of Nursing, University of Kansas

Others attending: See attached guest list

Presentation on Uninsured in Kansas

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Jim Morrison recognized Chairperson Susan Wagle who introduced Ms. Barbara Langner, Associate Professor, School of Nursing, University of Kansas. Chairperson Wagle went on to say Ms. Langner was involved in a project implemented by Governor Sebelius when she was the Commissioner of Insurance. Then, Commissioner Sebelius had obtained a large federal grant to study the uninsured in Kansas.

Ms. Langner gave a brief overview of the findings and the project which gave an important data set for Kansas. A copy of her handout is ([Attachment 1](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the reference as Covering the grant activities from September 28, 2001 through March 1, 2002, highlights included:

- 1.) Secondary analysis of the Kansas Health Insurance Survey Data;
- 2.) Phase two consensuses building strategy; and
- 3.) Policy options' menu impacts analysis.

Next, Ms. Langner presented the Kansas State Planning Grant Finding and Filling the Gaps. A copy of her presentation is ([Attachment 2](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced. Highlights of this presentation included:

- 1.) Statistics of uninsured Kansans under age 65 by specific age, race, ethnicity, income, the source of health insurance, and industry type;
- 2.) Statistics of uninsured Kansans age 18-64 by employment status, full-time employed by size and firm;
- 3.) Statistics of uninsured Kansas working families with non access to employer-sponsored health insurance, one who is offered coverage but declines, and those with no link to employer coverage;
- 4.) Insurance decision model based on individual choice, the facing of an initial price, and insurance expansion options in both the private and public sector; and
- 5.) Take-up of employer-based, Medicaid, and other options by current insurance status, plus the cost per newly insured person in relation to each of these options.

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The Chairs then thanked Ms. Langner for her presentation and asked both Committees if there were questions or comments. Senator Wagle, Representatives Showalter and Long asked a range of questions including economic time changes, Medicare population, patterned policy on the statute, plan one and two not being subsidized, marketing a low-cost option, to the uninsured areas looking at heavily insured areas.

Adjournment

As it was going on 2:30 p.m., the time for the Senate session, Chairperson Morrison announced that the meeting would adjourn.

The next scheduled Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2003.