

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brenda Landwehr at 1:30 P.M. on January 15, 2008 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Otto
Representative Storm
Representative Patton
Representative Kiegerl

Committee staff present:

Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes Office
Dianne Roselle, Revisor of Statutes Office
Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research
Cindy Lash, Legislative Research
Chris Haug, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Gina Maree, Director of Health Care Finance and Organization, Kansas Health Institute

Others Attending:

See Attached List.

Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research, gave an overview of the House Health and Human Services Bill Action Report. This was the final report of the 2007 committee. See ([Attachment 1](#)).

Cindy Lash, Legislative Research, gave a brief summary of the work of the joint committee on children's issues this summer. The full committee reports will be received soon. A copy of the report is ([Attachment 2](#)).

Overview from the Kansas Health Institute, Kansas Mission of Mercy (KMOM). Gina Maree, Director of Health Care Finance and Organization gave the report. The report findings are ([Attachment 3](#)). Questions from the representatives: Rep. Morrison asked whether the patients that received follow-up care received it at low or no cost. Gina said there was no follow-up to the surveys to see if the patients received follow-up care. Kevin Robertson, Kansas Dental Association, said "as far as follow-up care, we allow 3 weeks and we set up a network if people have specific issues regarding the care they have received at KMOM. When the patients go out the door they are provided a list of medicare providers and things like that are available to them and they have to make their own appointments beyond that." Rep. Morrison asked, "What was the most common problem that needed fixed?". Kevin replied, "extractions and a they do a lot of fillings". The report showed only forty two percent of patients who required more dental care after the KMOM clinic had a place to go to receive the needed follow-up service. Rep. Morrison's final question was, "Are there any areas in the state that are really deficient in Dentists?" Kevin said the rural areas are in the most need of dentists. The ratio of dentists to people in Kansas is 1 to 2,150. The national average is 1 to 1,650. Chairperson Landwehr asked Gina if it were possible to get a breakdown of the numbers on page 3, figure 1. She wanted a breakdown of the 19-30 and 31-40 age groups. Gina said she would provide that information. The next KMOM will be in Garden City on February 18th and 19th. Looking to do Emporia and Hays soon. They are planning on going to southeast Kansas after that.

Chairperson Landwehr stated we are doing the hybrid type committee with computers, so please bring the computers to the next meeting.

Chairperson Landwehr adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 17, 2008.