

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE VISION 2020 COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 1:30 p.m. on February 2, 2009, in Room 711 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mary Koles, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ryan Spaulding, PhD, KU Medical Center  
Marlon Dauner, Preferred Health Insurance Systems  
Janell Moerer, Via Christi Health System  
Mark Gagnon, Via Christi Health System  
Chad Austin, Kansas Hospital Association  
Kevin Sanderson, Goodland Regional Medical Center  
Tim Vanzandt, Saint Luke's Health System  
Dale White, Horton Community Hospital

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Sloan welcomed the conferees and introduced each as they spoke.

Ryan Spaulding, PhD, Director, Telemedicine and Telehealth, KU Medical Center, Kansas City, narrated a PowerPoint presentation. He briefly compared the equipment of the 1990's with that available today and focused on the current priorities of the KU Medical Center and those established in 2008 by the American Telemedicine Association ([Attachment 1](#)).

Marlon Dauner, President and CEO of Preferred Health Insurance Systems, Wichita, discussed IT initiatives for health insurance coverage and the potential for telemedicine to be cost effective and provide access to better care ([Attachment 2](#)).

Janell Moerer, Via Christi Health System, Wichita, spoke briefly about the Via Christi Health System and introduced Mark Gagnon, Director of ePharmacy, Via Christi Health System. Mr. Gagnon discussed telepharmacy and noted the current need in Kansas and projected need nationally for pharmacists ([Attachment 3](#)). He reported that work is underway to provide regulations for e-pharmacy in Kansas.

Chad Austin, Vice President, Government Relations, Kansas Hospital Association, testified about current and future benefits of telemedicine ([Attachment 4](#)).

Kevin Sanderson, IT Director, Goodland Regional Medical Center, Goodland, described GRMC's four year involvement with telemedicine: initially a telemedicine clinic in Child Psychiatry, most recently the addition of cancer consultation telemedicine. Teleradiology capabilities are in place and telepharmacy services are in active discussion ([Attachment 5](#)).

Tim Vanzandt, Director of Public Affairs, Saint Luke's Health System, Kansas City, MO, presented a series of PowerPoint slides portraying telehealth today and driving market forces. He mentioned several measures Kansas could implement to move ahead quickly in the telehealth field ([Attachment 6](#)).

Dale White, CEO, Horton Community Hospital, Horton, discussed the benefits that more than a decade of experience with telemedicine has brought to NE Kansas and noted both concerns and opportunities for the future. Telemedicine ER/primary care and home services/monitoring could be offered soon or even now. Barriers to address in order to provide telemedicine services to all rural providers are connectivity, equipment, supply and demand ([Attachment 7](#)).

## CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the House Vision 2020 Committee at 1:30 p.m. on February 2, 2009, in Room 711 of the Docking State Office Building.

Following the presentations, Chairman Sloan opened the meeting for questions from the committee. Questions were asked by Chairman Sloan and representatives Bill Feuerborn, Tom Hawk, and Kay Wolf.

Responses were given by the appropriate conferees. Several brief discussions occurred.

Chairman Sloan thanked the conferees for their presentations.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.