

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Susan Wagle at 1:30 p.m. on February 19, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ms. Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mr. Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes  
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: Ms. Sally Finney, CAE, Executive Director,  
Kansas Public Health Association  
Mr. Jim Murphy, Office of the Secretary,  
Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
Mr. Thomas Bell, Executive Vice President,  
Kansas Hospital Association  
Ms. Terri Roberts, R.N.,  
Kansas State Nurses Association  
Ms. Christina Collins, Director of Government Affairs,  
Kansas Medical Society

Others attending: See attached guest list

### **Approval of Minutes**

Upon calling the meeting to order, the Minutes of January 28, 29, and 30, February 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, and February 13 were distributed to the Committee. Chairperson Wagle asked that the Committee call Ms. Cianciarulo with their comments and if none are received by the end of the work day of Friday, February 28, 2003, the above minutes would stand approved.

### **Hearing on SB106 - an act relating to the public health and welfare of all Kansas; identifying major health care issues and establishing objectives and priorities**

Chairperson Wagle announced the next order of business would be a hearing on SB106, an act relating to the public health and welfare of all Kansas; identifying major health care issues and establishing objectives and priorities. She called upon Mr. Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes, to give a brief overview of the bill. Highlights include what the act was established for, the state's concerns, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's role, endeavors subject to available appropriations, and the Secretary's responsibilities.

The Chair then called upon the first proponent, Ms. Sally Finney, CAE, Executive Director, Kansas Public Health who stated that their members recognized that using a science-based approach to planning is an integral part of public health. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The second proponent called upon was Mr. Jim Murphy, Office of the Secretary Kansas Department of Health and Environment who stated that the responsibility for a statewide health planning process is appropriate for and well within the mission and goals of the state health agency. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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The third proponent was Mr. Thomas Bell, Executive Vice President, Kansas Hospital Association, who stated KHA supports the bill because it uses existing resources and agencies to identify major health issues pertinent to this decade and formulates needed objectives and priorities. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Ms. Terri Roberts, R.N., Kansas State Nurses Association, was the next proponent to testify. She stated that the purpose of this statute embraces the concept of continuing the agency focus on Healthy Kansans 2010 and that registered nurses work in the many settings where the prevention campaigns can be supported and bench marking can be facilitated. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment 4) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The last proponent to testify was Ms. Christina Collins, Director of Government Affairs, Kansas Medical Society who stated some of the uses of Healthy Kansans, what the project is subject to, its value, and what it provides. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment 5) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

As there was no proponent or neutral testimony, the Chair referred the Committee to the written testimony from Mr. Keith Landis, Committee on Publication, Christian Science Committee on Publication for Kansas who has suggested an amendment is testing of adults will result from this bill. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 6) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair then asked the Committee for questions or comments. Senators Wagle, Harrington, Salmans, Brownlee, and Barnett and Ms. Correll asked a range of questions including: are there federal dollars available, indirect fiscal note, under available appropriations, Mr. Landis' amendment, if secretary sets goals legislation may not be needed, HB2115 and HB2095 heard last year, to methodology for Healthy Kansans 2000.

The Chair announced that the hearing was closed and asked that the Committee pull HB2116 and look it over as she would like to act on SB106 at the February 20, 2003, Committee meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Chairperson Wagle then adjourned the meeting. The time was 2:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2003.