

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Daniel Hawkins at 1:30pm on Monday, February 08, 2016, 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

James Fisher, Legislative Research Department
Renaë Hansen, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Erica Haas, Legislative Research Department
Eileen Ma, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Renaë Jeffries, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Dr. Buddahadeb Dawn
Dr. Jim Mitchell
Dr. Sunil Abhyankar
Dr. David Prentice

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Last day to introduce bills

Representative Hawkins introduced an act concerning the mental health technician's licensure.

Representative Scott Schwab introduced a bill that would allow pharmacists to give immunizations to individuals above the age of 6.

Representative Dick Jones introduced a bill conceptually for abortion full disclosure by doctors that would require them to inform patients if they have done abortions previously on patient.

Without objection all bills were accepted by the committee.

Final action on: HB2518 — Mandatory electronic filing of death certificates.

Chairman Hawkins opened the floor for action on **HB2518**.

*Representative Willie Dove moved to pass **HB2518** favorably, seconded by Representative Bud Estes.*

Discussion ensued.

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Representative Dick Jones moved to amend **HB2518** by removing the shall language on page 2, line 5, to may or to offer another option if the electronic system fails, seconded by Representative Brett Hildebrand.

Discussion ensued. Clarifications were given by Revisor Eileen Ma.

Representative Scott Schwab asked for a point of order regarding rather the chair accepted conceptual amendments. The chair noted that he did so indeed, and that they had been allowed previously.

The question was called.

Motion to call the question passed.

Motion to amend failed.

There was no further discussion.

Motion to move **HB2518** passed.

Action on **HB2518** was closed.

Informational briefing:

Introductions and Overview of the Center and Activities:

Dr. Buddhadeb Dawn, Director, Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center ([Attachment 1](#)), spoke to the committee regarding the progress of the Midwest stem cell therapy center. He spoke about the clinical trials that are currently in progress.

Research Advances:

Dr. Jim Mitchell, GMP facility manager, Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center, spoke to the committee about a few pre-clinical projects, projects in the proof of concept stage, and those in the actual clinical trial stage.

KU Cancer Center Update and Graft-versus-Hose Disease Collaboration:

Dr. Sunil Abhyankar, Professor and Medical Director, Cell processing and pheresis, KU Cancer Center, spoke to the committee about the advances in the stem cell transplantation and cellular therapeutics. He spoke about how they find donors for patients that are a match. He noted that often a family member is

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the closest match. Dr. Abhyankar also commented that one of the issues they have to deal with is graft vs. host disease as one of major reasons a patient dies after undergoing a stem cell transplant. He also gave the committee information about treating graft vs. host disease with the stem cells from umbilical chords.

Limitless Future of Stem Cell Therapy:

Dr. David Prentice, Member, advisory board, Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center, spoke to the committee regarding the adult stem cell therapy and the number of adult stem cell centers in the United States that are moving more to the adult stem cell research due to the success rate of the adult stem cells regeneration compared to the embryonic stem cells. He noted that Kansas has performed better in actual patient treatment in 3 years than some states have in 10 years. He shared a number of studies that are showing great promise of being successful from around the world([Attachment 2](#)). Included in his testimony was the annual stem cell update ([Attachment 3](#)) .

Communications, Finances, Resources:

Dr. Buddhadeb Dawn, Director, Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center, See pages 9-11 ([Attachment 4](#)) spoke to the committee regarding their income sources and potential sources as well as the expenses associated with the stem cell research project.

Questions were asked and comments made by Representatives: John Wilson, and Dan Hawkins.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00PM.