

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mary Pilcher-Cook at 1:35pm on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 118-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Garrett Love – Excused

Committee staff present:
Renae Jefferies, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Randi Walters, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Scott Abbott, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Iraida Orr, Legislative Research Department
Jennifer Ouellette, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
Alexandra Blasi, JD, MBA, Executive Secretary, Kansas Board of Pharmacy

Others in attendance:
[See Attached List](#)

Presentation on:

Chairperson Pilcher-Cook opened the presentation on the Kansas Tracking and Reporting of Controlled Substances (K-TRACS).

Alexandra Blasi, Kansas Board of Pharmacy, presented an overview on K-TRACS. Ms. Blasi provided information on the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Advisory Committee, some PMP comparisons with other states, information on Reporting, examples of Controlled Substances, Drugs of Concern, Substances Monitored, Data Confidentiality, Threshold Letters, Violations and Penalties, Funding, Potential Improvements, and some Preliminary Findings. Questions by the committee were addressed by Ms. Blasi and Carly Haynes, Pharmacy Inspector. In response to a question from a committee member, Ms. Blasi addressed some of the challenges that would be presented regarding the use of K-TRACS to monitor the use of psychotropic drugs on senior citizens in long-term care settings. Ms. Blasi stated that it may be challenging in the long-term care setting to identify what level is beyond normal or an appropriate standard of care and then identifying that in the K-TRACS system. Ms. Blasi indicated that because psychotropic drugs are not on any one list of schedule, they would each have to be identified and added to the drugs of concern. ([Attachment 1](#))

Ms. Blasi concluded with a short demonstration of the K-TRACS program.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2016.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Public Health and Welfare at 1:35pm on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 in Room 118-N of the Capitol.

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