

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Barnett at 1:30 P.M. on January 18, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Pete Brungardt
Vicki Schmidt

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Morgan Dreyer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Mindee Reece, Director, Center for Public Health Preparedness, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Lawrence Buening, Executive Director, Kansas State Board of Healing Arts
Patti Artzer, Administrative/Fiscal Officer, Board of Emergency Medical Services

Others attending:

See attached list.

**Presentation on Public Health Emergency Response in Kansas:
Assistance from Out-of-State Clinicians**

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairman Barnett called on Mindee Reece, Director, Center for Public Health Preparedness, Kansas Department of Health and Environment who stated information on public health emergency response in Kansas concerning the assistance from out-of-state clinicians. Highlights from her presentation included:

1. Background
2. Emergency system for the Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals
3. Current Interstate Cooperation

A copy of her presentation is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair asked for questions or comments from the Committee. Questions came from Senators Jordan, and Barnett regarding preparedness in terms of a pandemic such as vaccines and equipment, EMAC, good samaritan policy, sharing information.

Presentation on Information Understanding Hurricane Katrina on related Public Emergency Issues

The Chair then called upon Lawrence Buening, Executive Director, Kansas State Board of Healing Arts who presented information concerning problems faced in Hurricane Katrina and responding out-of-State physicians. Highlight of his presentation included:

1. Information concerning the Victims of Hurricane Katrina
2. Statute concerning the Healing Arts - 65-28, 125, Limited permit to practice a branch of the healing arts; issuance; qualifications; practice limitations; renewal.
3. Booklet: Responding in Times of Need - Katrina and Beyond by the Federation of State Medical Boards
 - a. Executive Summary
 - b. The Crisis and The Response
 - c. Responding to the Crisis
 - d. Reinventing the Credentialing Wheel
 - e. In Search of Credentials
 - f. Key Lessons Learned
 - g. Resources Available from the FSMB

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A copy of his presentation is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Chairman Barnett asked if there were any questions or comments from the Committee. Questions came from Senator Barnett regarding the development of a draft for legislation.

Presenatation on Pandemic: Out-of State Health Providers concerning EMS

The Chair asked if anyone else would care to share information on this topic. Patti Artzer, Administrative/Fiscal Officer, Board of Emergency Medical Services who stated that EMS did not have the legal authority to allow personnel from other states to enter the state to aid during a disaster. Testimony was not provided for the Committee, but a copy of her presentation would be sent to the Committee Secretary to copy for the Committee at a later time.

There were no questions from the Committee.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2007.