

## MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH CARE STRATEGIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Susan Wagle at 1:30 P.M. on January 22, 2008 in Room 136-N of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

Committee staff present: Ms. Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mrs. Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ms. Nobuko Folmsbee, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Mrs. Renae Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Mr. Larry Buening, Executive Director,  
Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

Others in attendance: Please see attached guest list

### Handouts

Upon opening the meeting Chairperson Wagle recognized the returning Staff and Committee Secretary. She then asked the Committee to turn their attention to their first handout which consisted of newspaper clippings concerning an investigation of Dr. Stephen J. Schneider, a Kansas physician. (Attachment 1)

She then called upon Mr. Larry Buening, Executive Director, Kansas State Board of Healing Arts, who had offered to come in today to speak to the Committee about the investigative role for the Kansas Board of Healing Arts when they first received notice and how they responded.

Mr. Buening began his testimony with a history of the Board, ex. When it was created, regulatory functions, statutory responsibilities. etc. He then provided information on the Board's investigative processes, attachment 1 of his testimony, and the disciplinary procedure, attachment 2 of his testimony. And lastly, he provided the Committee with information on the investigation of Dr. Schneider. (Attachment 2)

As there was no further testimony, the Chair asked for questions from the Committee for Mr. Buening, which came from Senators Barnett, Palmer, Brungardt, Schmidt, Journey, and Wagle ranging from: clarification of "Agreed Order of Stay", what can practitioners do to shorten this time frame, do you have a range of sanctions, is this doctor prescribing at this time, does he still have his active license, and is there a time line of when his license will be pulled, can physician assistants prescribe, too, are there other pain management clinics physicians can refer to?

### Adjournment

As it was going on Senate session time, Chairperson Wagle thanked Mr. Buening and the meeting was adjourned. The time was 2:35 p.m.

The next Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 29, 2008.