

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

The Joint Committee of the House Eco Devo-Tourism and the Senate Commerce Committees was called to order by Chairman Lana Gordon at 11:50 a.m. on January 28, 2009, in Room 748 at the Docking Building.

All members were present except:

- Senator Jay Emler- excused
- Senator Susan Wagle- excused

Committee staff present:

- Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Committee Assistant
- Mr. Ken Wilke, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
- Mr. Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

- Dr. Roy Jensen, Director, The Cancer Center
- Mr. Gary Sherrer, Chairman, Midwest Cancer Institute

Others attending:

- No sign up sheet offered

**Presentation on the Cancer Institute Initiative Updates**

Upon opening the meeting, the Chair thanked the Senate Commerce Committee for being able to attend as they had been in Senate session.

She then introduced Dr. Roy Jensen, Director of The Cancer Center, offering the 2009 facts and figures in Kansas from the American Cancer Institute including

- patients having to travel 200 to 700 miles to reach an NCI-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center and the cost of \$2.08 billion is the annual figure in medical expenses and lost productivity
- their vision and their mission
- the process - NCI's Roadmap which are six essential criteria (what NCI looks at)
- NCI designation differentiations and their results

Dr. Jensen then introduced Mr. Gary Sherrer, Chairman, Midwest Cancer Institute, who continued the testimony from page 5 and 6 including:

- listing some of the members of the Midwest Cancer Alliance located through the state such as Stormont-Vail, Via Christi, Goldband and Children's Mercy;
- Highlights of Phase I (2006 - 2008) which covered drug discovery, delivery and development and clinical research.

He concluded by saying the economic impact of this project would be the creation of 9,000 jobs and a billion dollars plus each year of economic impact.

Dr. Jensen continued with the testimony covering the next steps:

- NCI - designation Critical Success Factors and Phase II & Phase III (2009 - 2016)
- extramural funding goals (NCI funding FY 05-07 & projection FY 11 & FY 16)

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- the benefits (\$1 million in NIH funding = \$2.21 million in new state economic activity
- and, their focus on the future.

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

The Chair thanked Dr. Jensen and then asked for questions or comments from the Committees which came from Senators Faust=Goudeau, Lynn, and Wysong and Representatives Furtado and Gordon including:

- With respect to the NCI patients on clinical trials, will their care or other needs be coordinated with any of the hospitals throughout the state or will they have to go to a specific hospital in coordinated care and does the NCI designation encourage serving the indigent or uncompensated?
- Do you have any major competition from any other neighboring states with doing any other innovative research centers?
- Regarding the Salina Regional, is Via Christi taking care of them or is there talk to include them?
- Regarding KBA, what are they doing now and where are they headed?

### **Adjournment**

As there was no more discussion, the Chair adjourned the meeting. The time was 12:50 p.m.

The next Commerce Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 29, 2009.