

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Barnett at 1:35 P.M. on January 10, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Mark Gilstrap
Pete Brungardt
Phil Journey

Committee staff present:

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

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Teresa Schwab - Executive Director, Oral Health Kansas
Mack Smith - Executive Secretary, Kansas Board of Mortuary Arts
Kevin Robertson - Executive Director, Kansas Dental Association
Dr. Marcia Nielsen - Executive Director, Kansas Health Policy Authority

Others attending:

See attached list.

Introduction of Staff

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairman Barnett welcomed the Committee Members and introduced staff members, Morgan Dreyer, Committee Secretary, Nobuko Folmsbee, and James Wilson in the Office of Revisor of Statutes, Emalene Correll, and Terri Weber in the Kansas Legislative Research Department.

Introduction of Bills

Chairman Barnett then asked for the introduction of bills. Teresa Schwab, Executive Director, Oral Health Kansas presented the introduction of the bill. The proposal concerns the field of dental hygiene; relating to Extended Care Permits. The drafts of these bills were not available at the time of the meeting. A handout explained the contents that the bill will address to change the current statutes. A copy of her presentation is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Vice Chairwoman Senator V. Schmidt motioned to adopt the introduced bill. Senator Jordan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Chairman asked any other bill introductions. Mack Smith, Executive Secretary, Kansas Board of Mortuary Arts presented the introduction of the bill. The proposal concerns mortuary arts; relating to funeral directors and licenses. Drafts were given to be copied for the Committee. A copy of his bill draft is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Senator Palmer motioned to adopt the introduced bill. Senator V. Schmidt seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

Announcement

The Chair then called for Kevin Robertson, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Association for an announcement. He stated that The Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation will be holding its sixth Kansas Mission of Mercy free dental clinic on February 2-3, 2007 at the Landon Arena in Topeka. He also invited the members of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee to the clinic on the morning Friday, February 2, 2007 for a brief informational tour. A copy of his announcement and informational pamphlet is (Attachment 3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee at 1:30 P.M. on January 10, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

Discussion of Committee Session Agenda

Chairman Barnett discussed with the Committee a few of the main issues, bills that the Committee would be looking at as well as the Committee's chance to work hard in the advancement of effective legislation.

Presentation on Kansas Health Policy Authority Overview

Chairman Barnett then introduced guest speaker Dr. Marcia Nielsen, Executive Director, Kansas Health Policy Authority to give her overview presentation. Dr. Nielsen stated she would be giving the Committee an overview of the Kansas Health Policy Authorities activities since the last legislative session and the work that the agency has done and continues to do in the mission of improving health care for Kansans. Highlights of her presentation included:

1. Focused on Budget and Finance
2. Increased Communication
3. Developed and Maintained Relationships with Stakeholders
4. Renewed Emphasis on Health and Wellness
5. Strengthened Medicaid and Health Wave Programs
6. Access to Health Care
7. Quality and Efficiency
8. Affordable and Sustainable Health Care
9. Health and Wellness
10. Responsible Stewardship
11. Education and Engagement of the Public
12. Kansas Health Policy Authority: Legislative History
13. The General Charge of the Authority
14. Kansas Health Policy Authority: Time Line
15. Kansas Health Policy Authority: Board Members
16. Programs Transferred to Kansas Health Policy Authority

A copy of her presentation is ([Attachment 4](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair asked for questions or comments from the Committee. Questions came from Senators Barnett, Wagle, V. Schmidt, and Palmer regarding KHPA reports to the legislature, Health Wave, and data access.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2007.