

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE VISION 2020 COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 1:30 p.m. on February 9, 2009, in Room 711 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Sean Gatewood- excused  
Representative Raj Goyle- excused

Committee staff present:

Art Griggs, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Scott Wells, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Chris Courtwright, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mary Koles. Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kathy Greenlee, Kansas Department on Aging  
Janet Cairns, Douglas County Visiting Nurses  
Elizabeth Cowboy, MD, Via Christi Health System  
Sunee N. Mickle, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas  
Marlee Carpenter, Kansas Association of Health Plans

Others attending:

See attached list.

Kathy Greenlee, Secretary, Kansas Department on Aging, discussed telemedicine and long term care. PowerPoint slides emphasized key points: recent trends, monitoring devices, the marketing angle of maintaining independence, LTC payer options, and the missing link, data supporting desirable outcomes ([Attachment 1](#)).

Janet Cairns, RN, BSN, Douglas County Visiting Nurses, Rehabilitation, and Hospice Care, addressed positive outcomes from telemonitoring target populations, challenges encountered, future considerations, and opportunities for the near future ([Attachment 2](#)).

Elizabeth Cowboy, MD, FCCP, Medical Director of eCare-ICU, Via Christi Health System, narrated a PowerPoint presentation. She explained Via Christi's eCare-ICU program: the monitoring process at the eCare Center in Wichita, interaction with critical care nurses in remote locations, and use of best care practices. Graphs showed a decline in patient mortality and figures revealed that eCare conserves patient and family financial resources ([Attachment 3](#)). Dr. Cowboy offered to share her expertise and experience in this area with interested others.

Sunee N. Mickle, Director, Government Relations, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, summarized the telemedicine services BCBSKS covers, described the Healthy Options Care Management Program for members with chronic health conditions, and explained a recently introduced program, "A Healthier You," which is marketed to employer groups ([Attachment 4](#)).

Marlee Carpenter, Executive Director, Kansas Association of Health Plans, explained that KAHP members reimburse for telemedicine services but not necessarily for all the same services. The members would like a common definition of telemedicine; a definition developed during discussions with the Kansas Department of Insurance was provided as a starting point for discussion ([Attachment 5](#)).

Following the presentations Chairman Sloan opened the meeting for questions from the committee. Questions were asked by Chairman Sloan and Representatives Clay Aurand and Tom Hawk.

Responses were given by the appropriate conferees. Brief discussions ensued.

Chairman Sloan thanked the conferees for their presentations.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2009.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the House Vision 2020 Committee at 1:30 p.m. on February 9, 2009, in Room 711 of the Docking State Office Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.