

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE VISION 2020 COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 1:30 p.m. on February 16, 2009, in Room 711 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Clay Aurand- excused
Representative Mario Goico- excused
Representative Joe Seiwert- 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:

Marcia Nielsen, Kansas Health Policy Authority
Dale White, Horton Community Hospital

Others attending:

See attached list.

Marcia Nielsen, PhD, MPH, Executive Director, Kansas Health Policy Authority, described telemedicine and telehealth as a bridge to better coordinate services to improve health. The Medical Home concept and HIT/HIE (Health Information Technology/Health Information Exchange) and Kansas' work on these initiatives were addressed. Kansas is poised to benefit from the Economic Stimulus. Health information security and privacy was discussed ([Attachment 1](#)).

Chairman Sloan opened the meeting for questions from the committee. Questions were asked by Chairman Sloan and Representatives Bill Feuerborn and Tom Hawk. Dr. Nielsen responded.

Dale White, CEO, Horton Community Hospital, reviewed the findings shared during the telehealth hearings. He noted that reliable and appropriate use of technology does significantly improve life and reduce costs to the health care system. It is believed data exists to support this assertion but needs to be gathered in a common data base which will take time, collaboration, and resources. He proposed that a work group, including sub-task forces, be established under the guidance of the Kansas Health Policy Authority. A number of issues for the group to address were delineated ([Attachment 2](#)).

Chairman Sloan opened the meeting for questions. Questions were asked by Chairman Sloan and Representatives Pat George, Tom Hawk, and Lee Tafanelli. Mr. White responded.

Chairman Sloan thanked the conferees for their presentations and for sharing their insight about telemedicine and telehealth.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.