

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE VISION 2020 COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Sloan at 3:30 p.m. on January 31, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Barbara Bollier- excused  
Representative Gail Finney- excused  
Representative Randy Garber- excused  
Representative Roderick Henderson- excused  
Representative Don Hill- excused  
Representative Mike Peterson - excused

Committee staff present:

Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jay Hall, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Doug Taylor, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Sean Ostrow, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Mary Koles, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ryan Spaulding, PhD, KU Medical Center  
Monte Coffman, Windsor Place, Coffeyville, Kansas

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Sloan welcomed and introduced Ryan Spaulding and Monte Coffman, today's presenters, and requested that questions be asked after both had spoken.

Dr. Spaulding, Director, Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth, KU Medical Center, provided a telemedicine update and highlighted several current projects:

- Completed the evaluation of the KDOA home telehealth three year pilot in Coffeyville – very promising and successful outcomes,
- Implemented the Heartland Telehealth Resource Center,
- Successful TeleStroke intervention program for rural patients – expansion planned ,
- Implemented partnership with Veterans Affairs to provide additional telehealth sites to rural Kansas veterans,
- Expanded cancer 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion consultations,
- Achieved additional insurance coverage and additional Medicare codes for telehealth,
- Successful international demonstration programs in Armenia and Nepal. ([Attachment 1](#))

Monte Coffman, Executive Director, Windsor Place, Coffeyville, Kansas, mentioned the history of the Windsor Place home telehealth pilot project and outlined telemedicine services available today, three major benefits of telehealth, and four key elements to telehealth. Measurement technologies utilized in the pilot, the monitoring process, and a client's typical day were described. The pilot began with fifty units in southeast Kansas and during the three years of the study expanded both in client numbers and service area; recently, the program added fifty units for potential clients in Sedgwick County.

Coffman reported that telehealth intervention fulfills medical/clinical needs, allows individuals to remain in their homes longer, and significantly reduces emergency room visits and hospitalizations. “The cost savings of hospitalizations (\$26,298 per patient annually) are substantial.” Coffman stated telehealth intervention cost \$6.00/client/day. The *big* study, a random control trial, by the Mayo Clinic in partnership with Intel is expected to demonstrate similar positive, promising outcomes. ([Attachment 2](#))

Questions, comments, and numerous brief and lengthy discussions followed the presentations. Participants included Chairman Sloan and Representatives Bill Otto, Vern Swanson, Don Hineman, Joseph Scapa, and Don Hill.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the House Vision 2020 Committee at 3:30 p.m. on January 31, 2011 in Room 142-S of the Capitol.

The next topic of discussion focused on higher education; are there other areas to discuss, recommendations to suggest, or should the committee standby? Comments and discussion followed. Participants included Chairman Sloan and Representatives Vern Swanson, Bill Otto, Brett Hildabrand, Joseph Scapa, Ron Worley, and Don Hill.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.