

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Susan Wagle at 1:30 p.m. on January 24, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ms. Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department
Ms. Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Ms. Chris Collins, Director of Government Affairs
Kansas Medical Society
Mr. Richard Morrissey, Director,
Office of Local & Rural Health
Dr. Paul Harrison, M.D., Chairman
Kansas Advisory Committee on Trauma
Dr. Dennis Allin, M.D., Vice Chairman
Kansas Advisory Committee on Trauma

Others attending: See attached guest list.

Introduction of Bills

Chairperson Wagle opened the meeting inquiring of a request from Ms. Chris Collins, Director of Government Affairs, Kansas Medical Society. Ms. Collins introduced a legislative proposal establishing a Spinal Cord Injury Research Fund administered by the Secretary of Health and Environment. A copy of the proposal is (Attachment #1) attached hereto and incorporated into Minutes by reference. A motion was made by Senator Barnett that the Committee hears the proposal. Senator Steineger seconded the motion and the motion carried. Senator Salmans also introduced the physical therapy legislative proposal relating to licensure. A motion was made by Senator Salmans that the Committee hear. Senator Haley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Overview of Kansas Advisory Committee on Trauma

The Chairperson introduced Mr. Richard Morrissey, Director, Office of Local and Rural Health. Mr. Morrissey presented testimony to continue the Advisory Committee on trauma and in the administering agency role it is now assigned and continue the structure that has been created. A copy of his presentation is (Attachment #2) attached hereto and incorporated into Minutes by reference. Questions and comments followed from Senator Praeger and Mr. Morrissey regarding formal assessment.

Mr. Morrissey then introduced Dr. Paul Harrison who also presented testimony providing statistics on traumatic injuries, FARAS, KDOT, and the goal of the trauma system. He also reported that the Advisory Committee has outlined a trauma system plan which included components necessary to implement a comprehensive trauma system in the state and have been instrumental in developing guidelines for implementation of an inclusive trauma system. A copy of the "KANSAS TRAUMA SYSTEM PLAN" January, 2001 was made available and is on file in the office of Chairperson Wagle. The next conferee introduced was Dr. Dennis Allen, M.D., Vice Chairman, Kansas Advisory Committee on Trauma. Dr. Allen said that the key role of the Advisory Committee is the technical support, getting regional councils up and running, meetings with urban and rural components, implementation of software issues to make sure hospitals have choices. A copy of their presentation and handout are (Attachment #3 and #4) attached hereto and incorporated into Minutes by reference. Senator Harrington did have a question and comments regarding the budget.

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Two written presentations were made available, the first from Ms. Melissa Hungerford, Senior Vice President, Kansas Hospital Association and the second written from Ms. Darlene Whitlock, Immediate Past President, Kansas Emergency Nurses Association. Copies of their presentations are (Attachments #4 and #5) attached hereto and incorporated into Minutes by reference.

Adjournment

As it was 2:31 p.m. and the Senate is in session at 2:30 p.m., Chairperson Wagle announced that since some questions were probably unanswered, that she would ask them to come back at a later date. The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2001.