

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Susan Wagle at 1:30 p.m. on January 15, 2004 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Chris Steineger
Senator Karin Brownlee - excused
Senator Nick Jordan- excused

Committee staff present:

Ms. Emalene Correll, Legislative Research
Mr. Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Mrs. Diana Lee, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Others attending:

Please See Attached List.

Recognitions

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Wagle welcomed Senator Phil Journey, the new Committee member replacing Senator Nancey Harrington. She also welcomed Diana Lee, Mr. Furse's new staffer who will regularly be sitting in the meetings to assist Mr. Furse. And lastly, Ms. Emalene Correll introduced Ms. Terry Munchmore, who recently filled a vacancy of 3 years in the Research Department. Ms. Munchmore will be working mostly with health issues.

Handouts

The Chair then referred the Committee to the two handouts before them. The first was an email listing a short bio on Dr. William Dietz who will be speaking on obesity at a joint committee between the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee and the House Health and Human Services Committee on January 20, 2004, in Room 313-S, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:15 p.m. A copy of the email is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. The Chair also mentioned there would not be a 1:30 p.m. Committee meeting as scheduled for this date.

The second handout was an invitation from the Flint Hills Center encouraging attendance at a Medicaid Forum to be held on January 21, 2004. The topic is on the "Senate President's Task Force Report on Medicaid Reform." A copy of this handout is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

The Chair then briefed the Committee on the rest of the week's agenda, including a staff review by Ms. Correll concerning the Kansas Quarantine Laws. There will also be a post audit overview regarding "Low-birthweight and Premature Babies: Reviewing Programs Aimed at Reducing Their Incidence and Associated Costs."

Adjournment

As there were no bill introductions and no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 1:25 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2004.