

TESTIMONY OF JAY NACHTIGAL, M.D.
HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
ORAL PROPONENT REGARDING HB 2295
FEBRUARY 18, 2019

The Honorable Brenda Landwehr
Kansas House Health and Human Services Committee
Kansas State Capitol
300 SW 10th St., Room 546-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Chair Landwehr and members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

Thank you for allowing us to speak to you today in support of HB 2295 which will authorize and license a new health care provider in Kansas to assist physician anesthesiologist. The provider would be known as a Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants (CAAs).

I am a physician anesthesiologist practicing in Kansas City, Kansas and a past-President of the Kansas Society of Anesthesiologists (KSA). As a native Kansan, I have been a physician anesthesiologist for 10 years and help teach the next generation of doctors for our state.

To briefly summarize events since we were last before the Committee, KSA and the Kansas Medical Society (KMS) introduced CAA licensure legislation during the 2017 legislative session. At that time, concerns were raised that the KDHE Credentialing of Health Care Personnel process had not been completed. As a result, Chairman Dan Hawkins instructed us to complete the KDHE credentialing process, and also requested KSA to meet with the Kansas Association of Nurse Anesthetists (KANA) and attempt to reach a compromise on the issue. A meeting was subsequently held where both sides had the opportunity to discuss their respective positions. After that meeting, it was reported to us that the KANA board voted to suspend any further discussions with KSA related to CAA licensure.

KSA along with representatives of the CAA community filed an application with KDHE to begin the credentialing process, and that process was recently completed. The KDHE Technical Review Committee, after a series of meetings which included the opportunity to hear from both proponents and opponents of the issue, determined that all nine criteria for provider credentialing had been met, and voted to approve the application for credentialing of CAAs in Kansas. The Technical Review Committee has recommended on their report to the KDHS secretary the CAAs credentialing application be approved and the provider be licensed by the state. That report has been forwarded to the KDHE Secretary for signature. Thus, we have completed the steps requested by the Committee and are now reintroducing legislation to license CAAs in Kansas.

During proponent testimony today you will hear from multiple physician anesthesiologists with significant, long-term experience practicing with CAAs in an anesthesia care team model. They are familiar with the education, training, and quality, safe care CAA's provide. You will also hear from multiple physician anesthesiologists in Kansas whose practices are experiencing severe provider shortages and are desperately seeking an additional provider pool to fill those needs and continue to provide access to safe anesthesia care for their patients. Lastly, you will hear from CAAs from Kansas who would like the opportunity to live and practice in their home state and contribute to the Kansas economy.

On behalf of the Kansas Society of Anesthesiologists, we respectfully request your passage of legislation to allow licensure of CAAs in Kansas and improve access to care for Kansas citizens.

Respectfully,

Jay Nachtigal, M.D.

Kansas Credentialing Review Program

Application for Credentialing of Health Care Personnel - Anesthesiologist Assistants

November 8, 2018

Proponent Testimony

Oral Testimony

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6. Gina Phillips, CAA
7. Kelsey Koehler, CAA
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9. Kathy Perryman, MD Physician Anesthesiologist
10. Eric Weissend MD Physician Anesthesiologist
11. Denise Weiss, DO Physician Anesthesiologist
12. Jessica Sweeney, MD Physician Anesthesiologist
13. Jim Kelly, MD Physician Anesthesiologist
14. James Kindscher, MD Physician Anesthesiologist
15. Jay Nachtigal, MD Physician Anesthesiologist
16. Greg George, MD Physician Anesthesiologist

Written Testimony

Associations & Groups

1. Nick Davies, CAA, President - American Academy of Anesthesiologist Assistants
2. Linda J. Mason, MD FASA Physician Anesthesiologist – President, American Society of Anesthesiologists

3. David Hoyt, MD FACS, Executive Director - American College of Surgeons
4. Michael J. Murphy, MD, Chief Medical Officer – MEDNAX services, Inc.
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8. William Voloch, President & CEO Wesley Healthcare, Wichita KS

Physicians

1. William Anast, MD Physician Anesthesiologist - Springfield, MO
2. Craig Austin, MD Physician Anesthesiologist - Springfield, MO
3. Amy Cabbabe, MD (former CAA) Physician Anesthesiologist - Ladue, MO
4. Jamey Degner, MD Physician - Andover, KS
5. Jason Drennan, DO Physician Anesthesiologist - Springfield, MO
6. Chinwe Dryer, MD Physician Anesthesiologist – Kansas City, KS
7. Andrew Ellet, MD Physician Anesthesiologist - Springfield, MO
8. Kevin Hampel Physician Anesthesiologist - Springfield, MO
9. Randall Hudson, MD (retired) Physician Anesthesiologist - Anesthesia/Critical Care Dept. at Saint Luke’s Hospital, Kansas City
10. Christopher Kerr, MD Physician Anesthesiologist - Springfield, MO
11. Scott Maxwell, MD Physician Anesthesiologist - Edmond, OK
12. Michael McCartney, MD Physician Anesthesiologist - Leawood, KS
13. Keith Neuenswander, DO Physician Anesthesiologist - Liberty, Missouri
14. Shanna Ogden, MD Physician Anesthesiologist - Springfield, MO
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19. Joshua Zinner, MD Physician Anesthesiologist - Springfield, MO
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7. Courtney Degner, CAA
8. Melissa Dell, CAA
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13. Courtney Haanpaa, CAA
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18. Travis Lundell, CAA
19. Brian Maddox, CAA
20. Thomas McManus, CAA
21. Jamie Nafzinger, CAA
22. Jennifer Nguyen, CAA
23. Jennifer Nolan, CAA
24. Gudrun Olasdottir, CAA
25. Jay Osborne, CAA
26. Cecilee Platz, CAA
27. Curtis Prost, CAA
28. Maggie Riffel, CAA
29. Mary Roberts, CAA
30. Michael Roth, CAA
31. Jessica Sadowksy, CAA
32. Amanda Sharp, CAA
33. Landon Streed, CAA
34. Matt Vlach, CAA
35. Colin Warnock, CAA
36. Tyler Werth, CAA
37. Amanda Womack, CAA
38. Morgan Woolsey, CAA
39. Kane Znamenacek, CAA
40. Caleb Hopkins, CAA
41. Alexander Treat, CAA
42. Brent Platz, CAA
43. Megg McCue, CAA
44. Spencer Jones, CAA
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Students

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2. Jason Brogan, AA Student
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11. Asher Herbert, AA Student
12. Tyra Jenkins, AA Student
13. Timothy Kendig AA Student
14. Jason Laughlin, AA Student
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19. Brad Troyer, AA Student
20. Joseph Albright, AA Student
21. Savannah Scott AA Student
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