

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Patricia Barbieri-Lightner at 3:30 p.m. on January 29, 2004 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Broderick Henderson- excused
Representative Eber Phelps- excused
Representative Ray Cox- excused

Committee staff present:

Bill Wolff Legislative Research Department
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes
Rena Hansen, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Bill Wolff-Legislative Research

Others attending:

See Attached List.

Presentation by:

Dr. Bill Wolff, Kansas Legislative Research, Report of the Health Insurance Issues Working Group to the 2004 Kansas Legislature. (Attachment #1)

The Committee met only 5 days, but accomplished a tremendous amount during that time. They developed a comprehensive study of health insurance affordability and availability to Kansas Citizens. Topics covered in this report are as follows: Health Reimbursement Accounts (HRAs), Association Health Plans, Business Health Partnership, Medicaid, Community Health Centers, Consumer Education (with emphasis on tobacco use, and obesity), and Value-Based Purchasing/Leveraging Market Forces in Purchasing Health Care. Dr. Wolff detailed each of these in his report.

Questions and/or comments were made by Representatives Huff, Kauffman, and Dillmore.

Representatives Dillmore and Huff introduced their interns to the committee.

Discussion on: **HB2549.**

HB2549: Health insurance; HIPAA technical changes.

It was moved by Representative Stephanie Sharp to pass HB 2549 to the house consent calendar, seconded by Representative Stanley Dreyer, passed unanimously.

Discussion on: **HR5027.**

HR 5027: Concurrent Resolution urging the Insurance Department and Insurance Commissioner to pursue creation of interstate compact.

It was moved by Representative Scott Schwab to pass HR 5027 favorably, seconded by Representative Cindy Neighbor, passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.