

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The joint meeting of the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee and the House Health and Human Services Committee was called to order by Chairperson Susan Wagle at 11:30 a.m. on January 20, 2004 in Room 313-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Chris Steineger

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:
William H. Dietz, M.D., PhD., Director, Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Others attending:
Please See Attached List.

Presentation on “The Epidemic of Obesity”

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Wagle announced that she and Chairperson Morrison had decided to have a joint presentation sponsored by the Kansas Health Foundation. She then introduced Dr. William Dietz, Director of the Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, who began by stating the title of his presentation: “The Epidemic of Obesity; a Model for the Challenges of Chronic Disease Prevention and Control”. A copy of his presentation is ([Attachment 1](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced. Highlights of his presentation included:

- 1) Maps of the United States show “Obesity Trends Among U.S. Adults from 1991 through 2002. The source of this information is taken from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, CDC (BRFSS).
- 2) Regarding adult obesity, he provided charts reflecting changes in the prevalence of severe obesity, the consequences of obesity to them, and medicaid drug costs.
- 3) Regarding childhood and adolescent boys and girls, he provided charts reflecting overweight prevalence, the consequences of obesity to them and its impact, and factors related to the onset of obesity, such as shifts in food practices in the U.S.
- 4) Dr. Dietz then offered charts on behavior change strategies (such as reduce television viewing and increase physical activity), stepped care interventions, intervention sites, and school-based and community-based approaches.

Chairperson Wagle thanked Dr. Dietz for his presentation and asked both Committees for questions and/or comments.

A range of questions and comments came from Senators Barnett, Wagle, Haley, and Salmans, Representatives Miller, Sharp, and Mast, and Committee Secretary Deeter including availability of statistical data on Kansas, where does a politician start, clarification of the BMI Index, are those diagnosed as chronically obese penalized on health insurance as smokers, are there consistencies in diets, mortality rates, alternative medicine, and regarding the cigarette chart usage and what can we do that other states have done.

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Adjournment

As there were no bill introductions and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 1:15 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2004.