

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON HEALTHCARE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 7:00 A.M. on March 30, 2005, in Room 514-S of the Capitol.

All members present except:

Rep. Clark Shultz - excused

Committee staff present:

Alan Conroy, Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Legislative Research Department
Susan Kannarr, Legislative Research Department
Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department
Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes
Nikki Feuerborn, Administrative Analyst
Shirley Jepson, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Ira Stamm, American Board of Professional
Gary Daniels, Acting Secretary, Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Jerry Slaughter, Kansas Medical Society

Others attending:

See attached list.

- Attachment 1 Overview of each section of **HB 2531**
- Attachment 2 Proposed Technical Amendments to **HB 2531**
- Attachment 3 Testimony by Dr. Ira Stamm, Psychologist, on **HB 2531**
- Attachment 4 Testimony on **HB 2531** by Gary Daniels, Acting Secretary of Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
- Attachment 5 Testimony on **HB 2531** by Jerry Slaughter, Kansas Medical Society
- Attachment 6 Written testimony on **HB 2531** by Thomas Bell, Kansas Hospital Association
- Attachment 7 Written testimony on **HB 2531** by Sandy Praeger, Kansas Insurance Department
- Attachment 8 Written information from Dr. Robert St. Peter, Kansas Health Institute
- Attachment 9 Proposed amendment to **HB 2531**

Hearing on HB 2531 - Kansas health policy authority.

Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes, explained the sections contained in **HB 2531** (Attachment 1) and presented proposed technical amendments to **HB 2531** (Attachment 2). Responding to questions from the Committee, Mr. Wilson stated that all rules and regulations as well as policies currently in place will roll forward with the transfer of programs to the Authority as designated in the legislation. Mr. Wilson indicated if the legislation is passed by the legislature, the appropriations for the Authority will be dealt with in the Omnibus bill. Mr. Wilson noted that the legislation does not limit the number of advisory members who can be appointed.

Dr. Ira Stamm, psychologist in independent practice in Topeka, presented testimony in a neutral position on **HB 2531** (Attachment 3). Dr. Stamm encouraged the legislature to look at the total healthcare system for all citizens of Kansas.

Gary Daniels, Acting Secretary of Department of Social and Rehabilitations, presented testimony in opposition to **HB 2531** (Attachment 4).

Jerry Slaughter, Kansas Medical Society, presented testimony in support of **HB 2531** (Attachment 5), noting that there were concerns with the legislation; however, supported the basic function. Mr. Slaughter expressed a concern to insure that members of the voting board, as well as the non-voting board, have the expertise and resources to work with the Medicaid program.

Written testimony in support of **HB 2531** was received from:

- Thomas L. Bell, President, Kansas Hospital Association (Attachment 6)

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- Sandy Praeger, Kansas Insurance Department ([Attachment 7](#))

Information, with regard to the organization of Medicaid functions, was received from:

- Robert F. St. Peter, Kansas Health Institute ([Attachment 8](#))

Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes, explained that **SB 306** and **HB 2531** are identical bills, therefore, a proposed amendment for consideration on **SB 306** is also proposed for **HB 2531** pertaining to the disclosure of data or other information collected by the Kansas health policy authority ([Attachment 9](#)).

Larry Pittman, President of the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, commented, with reference to the proposed amendment, that the issue of addressing the protection and confidentiality of data is complex and needs to be addressed to insure that the desired results from the collected data can be accomplished.

Dr. Robert St. Peter, Kansas Health Institute, reiterated the comments of Mr. Pittman noting that some data results cannot be accomplished without the use of information identifiers.

Chair Neufeld requested that Mr. Pittman and Dr. St. Peter work together to develop a policy on protection and confidentiality of data that works best for Kansas and to make sure language in the legislation is appropriate to accomplish the desired results.

Chair Neufeld stated that a fiscal note is not available at this time because of the need to further develop the policies and functions of the new health authority; however, they will work to have a fiscal note available before passage of the bill. It was noted that the Medicaid function is funded the same as in the Governor's Executive Reorganization Order No. 33 (**ERO 33**).

Representative Morrison moved to strike the language in **HB 2531** on page 3, line 29 starting with the words "Members of any advisory--" through line 35. The motion was seconded by Representative Mast. Motion carried.

Essentially this action will provide for the advisory board to serve on a volunteer basis and without mileage reimbursement as was stated in **ERO 33**.

The Chair stated that no action will be taken on the bill until the language on the data component in the bill is proper to reach the desired results.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m. The next meeting will be "on call of the Chair".

Melvin Neufeld, Chair