

MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH CARE STRATEGIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Susan Wagle at 1:30 P.M. on February 3, 2005 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

Committee members absent: Senator Palmer

Committee staff present: Ms. Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ms. Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mr. Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes Office
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Secretary Roderick Bremby,
Kansas Department of Health & Development

Introduction of bills

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Wagle announced that she would be introducing a bill for Senator Taddiken concerning one of his constituents who is wanting to become a licensed counselor. She has taken the required classes in the program, in addition, 12 hours of residency and clinic, which is one of the requirements of becoming licensed as a counselor. The constituent voluntarily took this class, however, the requirement states the class has to be in the program and since it was not, she was unable to get her license. Senator Taddiken would like to request the Committee to introduce legislation to correct this situation with the Board of Behavioral Sciences. A copy of the request is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced. Senator Jordan made a motion the Committee introduce the proposed legislation. It was seconded by Senator Barnett and the motion carried.

Overview of "Health Care Data Collections"

The next order of business was a presentation from Secretary Roderick Bremby, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), who stated he was presenting this overview on behalf of KDHE in response to an inquiry about the data collected by KDHE. A copy of his presentation and attachment are (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced. Highlights included background information. (In 1995, the Health Care Data Governing Board published a document entitled Kansas Health Data Resources in an attempt to catalog the health data resources existing in Kansas, identifying 15,000 databases within the organization and their Office of Information Technology, and an attached spreadsheet that lists key health related databases along with their purpose and typical users of the data.)

Secretary Bremby then stood for questions and comments which came from Senators Barnett and Wagle and Ms. Correll including: are we utilizing the Health Insurance Data System and can it be enhanced, is there other information available on cost containment, did we over utilize, what type of data is coming in, would information collected by KDHE be transferred to the Cancer Registry, are we trying to combine/collaborate to use information to determine inference of disease, as the information must be turned into the insurance commissioner does the law allow the commissioner to request more information, do other states collect insurance information, is the Health Care Data Governing Board under KDHE, and what has been the story of financial support regarding collecting?

As there was no further questions or discussion, Chairperson Wagle thanked Secretary Bremby for his presentation.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2005.