

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Peggy Mast at 1:30 P.M. on January 18, 2007 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Renae Jeffries, Revisor's Office  
Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research  
Mary Galligan, Legislative Research  
Tatiana Lyn - Legislative Research  
Patti Magathan, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Marcie Nielson, Executive Director, Kansas Health Policy Authority

Others Attending:

See Attached List.

Vice-Chair Mast opened the floor for bill introductions.

**Susan Kang**, Policy Director of Kansas Department of Health and Environment described a bill which would modernize and enhance enforcement remedies of existing child care law, amend license renewal fees, and technical clean-up of existing statute. (Attachment 1)

Representative Hill motioned to introduce this bill. Representative Trimmer seconded. Motioned carried.

Vice-Chair Mast introduced **Dr. Marcie Nielson**, Executive Director of the Kansas Health Policy Authority (K.H.P.A.). Dr. Nielson stated the K.H.P.A. became an independent Agency in July, 2005. The general charge of the Authority is to develop and maintain a coordinated health policy agenda that combines effective purchasing and administration of health care with health promotion-oriented public health strategies that are driven by data.

Transfer of responsibilities to the Authority are staggered. In 2006 Medicaid, MediKan, State Children's Health insurance Program, Ticket to Work/Working Healthy, Medicaid Management Information System, Medicaid Drug Utilization Review, State Employee Health Insurance, State Workers Compensation, Health Care Data Governing Board, and Business Health Partnership Programs were transferred. The Authority has submitted plans to the legislature for additional program transfers. (Attachment 2)

Following the presentation, Chair Landwehr opened the floor for questions. Questions were related to the make-up of the K.H.P.A. Board and how members are selected, Health Wave, Acronyms included in attachment 2, guidelines for the legislature, and how mental health fits into the Authority mission.

Chair Landwehr introduced **Kyle Kessler**, Deputy Secretary of Social and Rehabilitative Services (S.R.S.) who provided the committee a list of Acronyms (Attachment 3) which had been requested on January 10 when Acting Secretary Don Jordan made his presentation on the agency. Mr. Kessler also provided written responses to several of the questions asked on January 10. (Attachment 4) The committee asked Mr. Kessler several additional questions.

Chair Landwehr announced that the training scheduled for today would be delayed until Tuesday, January 23.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30. Next meeting is January 22.