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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Peggy Mast at 1:30 P.M. on January 31, 2007 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present:

Committee staff present:

Norman Furse, Revisor's Office
Rena Jefferies, Revisor's Office
Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research
Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Patti Magathan, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Sam Boyanjian	Registered Pharmacist
Debra Billingsley	KS Board of Pharmacy
Dan Morin	KS Medical Society
Chip Wheelen	
Dr. Gail Hansen	Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Barbara Woods	KU School of Pharmacy
Bud Burke	
Dr. Barbara Vail	Dr. Of the Day

Others Attending:

See Attached List.

Vice-Chair Mast opened the floor for bill introductions.

Bud Burke requested a bill on behalf of Kansas Physical Therapists which would provide direct access to physical therapists. Motion was made by Representative Patton and seconded by Representative Morrison. Motion carried.

Representative Flaharty motioned to introduce a bill establishing an advisory committee dealing with hospital infection. Motion seconded by Representative Kiegerl. Motion carried.

Representative Kiegerl motioned to introduce a bill dealing with disposition of fetal remains. Motion seconded by Representative Metsker. Motion carried.

Vice-Chair Mast opened the Hearing on **HB 2009** - Vaccinations by pharmacists to persons of any age.

Proponent **Sam Boyanjian**, Registered Pharmacist from Gardener, KS stated that in some smaller communities a pharmacist is the only health care professional available. Pharmacists are able to provide vaccinations to persons 18 and older today. This bill would allow them to provide vaccinations to those younger than 18. When a pharmacist gives a vaccine that fact is reported to the person's doctor. Pharmacists today receive training necessary to give vaccines. Doctors and pharmacists will need to write a protocol for providing vaccines. (Attachment 1)

Opponent **Debra Billingsley**, Executive Director of the KS Board of Pharmacy explained that they had changes to **HB 2009** and had filed a similar bill **HB 2097**. She asked that her testimony be held for the hearing on **HB 2097**.

Opponent **Dan Morin** of the Kansas Medical Society spoke in opposition to both **HB 2009** and **HB 2097**. On 2009 he stressed continuity of care for children. He said that they have questions regarding the need for and possible negative effects of increased vaccination access points. Kansas is ranked 11th nationally concerning immunization rates. On 2097 he stated that there is no need for this bill. He cites problems with protocol that is non-existent, record keeping, and the balance of greater good versus safety. (Attachment 2)

Opponent **Charles L. Wheelen**, who spoke on behalf of the KS Association of Osteopathic Medicine stated

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that they oppose both **HB 2009** and **HB 2097** for the same reason. Either bill, if enacted, would interfere with the opportunity for children to be evaluated by physicians or nurses. Mr. Wheelen also provided information related to similar provisions in neighboring states. ([Attachment 3](#))

Following questions, Chair Landwehr closed the Hearings on **HB 2009** and opened hearings on **HB 2097** Administering of vaccines by pharmacists, pharmacy students and interns to persons age five and older.

Debra Billingsley, Executive Director of the KS Board of Pharmacy explained that the Board of Pharmacy had problems with no age limit provision of **HB 2009**, so asked for **HB2097** which stipulates that vaccinations can be administered to persons five years of age or older. She explained that the Center for Disease Control has laid out immunization schedules by age group. The three groups are childhood, adolescent, and adult. She stated that since immunization training is an integral part of the pharmacy curriculum, the board endorses allowing pharmacy interns to perform immunizations under the supervision of a pharmacist. ([Attachment 4](#))

Dr. Gail Hansen, Epidemiologist for Kansas Department of Health and Environment (K.D.H.E.), presented a neutral position on **HB 2097**. She said that K.D.H.E. supports increased access to immunizations throughout the community. She emphasized that coordinating care between providers is critical, and encouraged Pharmacists and physicians to enroll in a joint vaccination endeavor. ([Attachment 5](#))

Barbara Woods from University of Kansas School of Pharmacy spoke to inform the committee about what the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy is doing regarding education of students and pharmacists on the topic of immunizations. They offer a course "Immunization Theory and Practice to both students and practicing pharmacists. The course has been offered since 2000. ([Attachment 6](#))

Dr. Barbara Vail, Dr of the Day, spoke as an opponent of **HB 2097**. She stated that children don't always appear on schedule with current records. She also said that doctors use the immunization time for patient evaluation.

Written testimony was provided by the American Academy of Pediatrics as an opponent to **HB 2097**. ([Attachment 7](#))

Chair Landwehr closed the hearings on **HB 2097** and adjourned the meeting. She announced that the next meeting would be February 1 at 1:30 P.M.