

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Garry Boston at 1:30 p.m. on February 19, 2002 in Room 210 Memorial Hall

All members were present except: Representative Sue Storm, Excused

Committee staff present: Dr. Bill Wolff, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Norman Furse, Revisor of Statute's Office
Renea Jefferies, Revisor of Statute's Office
June Evans, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Kyle L. Wendt, Health Benefits Administrator,
State of Kansas Employee Health Care Comm.

Others attending: See Attached Sheet

The Chairman transferred **HB 2912 - Emergency Medical Services, professional levels, activities, licensure** to the Sub-Committee on Credentialing.

The Chairman stated that Kyle Wendt, of the employee Health Care Commission was giving a cost benefit analysis and was appearing voluntarily.

Kyle Wendt, Health Benefits Administrator to the state of Kansas Health Benefits Plan, stated the State of Kansas Employer Health Care Commission (HCC) governs the Group Health Insurance Plan (GHIP). The HCC is authorized the "negotiate and enter into contracts with qualified insurers, health maintenance organizations and other contracting parties for the purpose of establishing the state health care benefits program."

The GHIP's responsibilities include providing a variety of health insurance services to: (1) Active, retired, and disabled state employees and their dependents. (2) People on leave with pay. (3) Elected officials. (4) Blind vending facility operators. (5) Students at higher education institutions and (5) Educational entities-employees of school districts, community colleges and other educational entities (admitted spring, 1999) (Attachment 1).

The Chairman thanked Mr. Wendt for the presentation and stated this was good information.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m. and the next meeting will be February 20, 2002.