

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brenda Landwehr at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 in Room 784 of the Docking State Office Building.

All members were present except:

Representative Jim Ward - Excused

Committee staff present:

Norm Furse, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Katherine McBride, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jay Hall, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Joseph Leiker, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Debbie Bartuccio, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Rachel Berroth, Director, Early Care and Youth Programs Section, Interim Director,
Bureau of Child Care and Health Facilities (Attachments 1,2,3,4)

Others in attendance:

See attached list.

Chairperson Landwehr welcomed Rachel Berroth who provided a review on new and amended child care regulations. The testimony began with comments concerning changes in 2010 to the Child Care Act, known collectively as Lexie's Law, which increased health and safety protections for children in child care settings. The statutory changes included directions to the Department to develop an online information dissemination system and to adopt additional health, safety, and supervision regulations. She then reviewed the process of input and review from the public and drafting of regulations with the final regulations being adopted by the secretary, published in the Kansas Register as of January 19, 2012 to become effective February 3, 2012. (Attachment 1)

A copy of the regulations (Attachment 2) and a summary of significant post-hearing changes (Attachment 3) were provided.

She indicated implementation of the regulations will be phased in over the next several months to allow time for program staff, licensing surveyors and existing child care providers to learn and implement the regulations. Program staff working in partnership with local county licensing surveyors will provide training, consultations, and technical assistance to child care providers

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with implementing the new requirements. A copy of the implementation plan was provided. (Attachment 4).

After all questions from the Committee were addressed, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2012.

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