

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Susan Wagle at 1:30 p.m. on January 29, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Mr. Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
Ms. Renae Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dr. Lorne A. Phillips, Ph.D., Chair
Health Care Data Governing Board & Director
Center for Health & Environmental Statistics, KDHE
Ms. Jerri A. Freed, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Board

Others attending: See attached guest list.

Annual Report of Health Care Data Governing Board

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Wagle introduced Dr. Lorne Phillips, Ph.D., Chair, Health Care Data Governing Board and Director, Center for Health and Environmental Statistics, Kansas Department of Health and Environment to present the Health Care Data Governing Board's 2000 Annual Report as required. Dr. Phillips touched on the trauma registry, HIPUP, health initiatives, infectious diseases and grants. At this time he introduced, Dr. Elizabeth Saadi, Director Information Services, Office of Health Care Information, KDHE, whose grants he had just spoken on. Highlights of his handouts included:

- Development of initiative to acquire health services utilization data for Kansas
- Prioritization of health conditions that should be evaluated once health services data are acquired
- Acquisition of hospital discharge data through partnership with the KHA; and
- Develop health information partnerships such as the trauma system plan.

A written copy of his presentation and handout are (Attachments #1 and 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. A copy of the Health Care Governing Board Annual Report is on file in the office of Chairperson Wagle.

Following Dr. Phillips' presentation, Chairman Wagle requested comments or questions from the Committee. A short question and answer discussion between Senators Praeger, Harrington, and Wagle and Dr. Phillips followed ranging from medical errors and state bio-terrorism, comments on a turn around time, hepatitis, to are physicians mandated to report findings to the Agency.

Introduction of bill

The next order of business was bill presentation. The Chairperson recognized Ms. Jerri A. Freed, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Board. The bill being offered related to the dental practice's act; to introduce changes in increasing the statutory limitation for examination and fees; elimination of the 65 years of age requirement for retirement designation and clarify details of the dental hygiene screening permit process. A copy of her proposal is (Attachment 3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. A copy of the proposed bill was placed before the committee. Senator Steineger made the motion to hear the proposed bill. Senator Praeger seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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Legislative Overview of SB 50 - elimination of the dental assistant sunset provision

The next order of business was a Staff overview of **SB 50**. Ms. Renae Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes, who gave a brief history of the act, stated that the bill basically “gets rid of the sunset provisions” which had been introduced as **HB 7274** during the 1998 legislation. No written presentation was made available.

Adjournment

Request was made for further bills or business, and with none coming forth, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2001.