

MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH CARE STRATEGIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Susan Wagle at 1:30 P.M. on February 2, 2005 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

Committee staff present: Ms. Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ms. Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mr. Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes Office
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Mr. Chad Austin, Senior Director of Health Policy & Data
Kansas Hospital Association
Mr. Larry Pitman, MPA, President & CEO
Kansas Foundation for Medical Care

Introduction of bills

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Wagle introduced Mr. Chad Austin, Senior Director of Health Policy & Data, Kansas Hospital Association who requested the Committee introduce legislation dealing with limited service providers. The purpose of the bill would amend Kansas laws (K.S.A. 65-451 and 65-452) and reinstitute a moratorium on the establishment of any new hospitals until July 1, 2006. A copy of his request is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced. Senator Jordan made a motion the Committee introduce the proposed legislation. It was seconded by Senator Palmer and the motion carried.

Presentation on “Mission, Data Collections and Quality Improvement”

The next order of business was a presentation from Mr. Larry Pitman, MPA, President & CEO of the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care (KFMC), who presented Public Reported Data and its impact on quality of care in Kansas nursing homes, home health agencies, and hospitals. A copy of his presentation is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced. Highlights included:

Background

- KFMC's history;
 - incorporated in 1972 by the KS Medical Society
 - originally formed to provide a mechanism for physician peer review process addressing questions of utilization and quality
- Works directly with:
 - Kansas healthcare providers
 - Medicare beneficiaries (KFMC also has several contracts with state agencies)

Public Reported Data

- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, three National Quality Initiatives providing access to new objective quality information about how nursing homes, home health agencies, and hospitals are doing in Kansas. A similar launch for physicians may occur sometime in the future, possibly 2008.

Mr. Pitman then stood for questions and comments which came from Senators Schmidt, Wagle, Palmer, and Journey and Ms. Correll including: how would a consumer access this information besides the web, is there someone to walk the consumer through the process or do it for them, how does the consumer know this information is available, on page 5 of handout regarding heart failure - how do you receive this information from the hospitals, what kind of time line does this have by the time you get this information, data collection regarding prescription drugs, why are we limited to cardiac control, any initiatives for infection prevention, has factoring been included in this raw data being reported (ex. types of hospitals, patients, etc.) is there distinction between teaching and practicing hospitals, the website, do you coordinate with the Department of Aging or are any other agencies coming to you asking to share information, and what can we do to get this information out?

As there were no further questions or discussions, Chairperson Wagle thanked Mr. Pitman for his

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presentation.

Adjournment

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2005.