

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman James Barnett at 1:30 P.M. on March 8, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Peggy Palmer- excused

Committee staff present:
Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Morgan Dreyer, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:
Barbara Atkinson, Dean and Executive Vice Chancellor, University of Kansas Medical Center
Irene Cumming, President and Chief Executive Officer, University of Kansas Hospital

Others attending:
See attached list.

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairman Barnett asked the Committee to review the Minutes for March 7, 2007 for approval at the next meeting since time would be short for today's conferees.

The Chair called the Committee's attention to a letter submitted by officers of the Kansas University Hospital medical staff and as Clinical Faculty of the University School of Medicine. A copy of the testimony is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Presentation on The University of Kansas Medical Center

Chairman Barnett then called upon conferee, Barbara Atkinson, Dean and Executive Vice Chancellor, University of Kansas Medical Center who briefed the Committee on KU Medical Center Affiliations. Highlights from her presentation included:

- **Booklet:** The University of Kansas Medical Center Serves Kansas, Partnerships For Progress: Moving Kansas Forward
- **Letter:** University of Kansas School of Medicine
- **Committee Brief:** Dean's Kansas Primary Care Education Enhancement Task Force
- **Testimony:** Briefing on KU Medical Center Hospital Affiliations - by Barbara Atkinson, MD
 - Partnership with Saint Luke's Hospital and KU Hospital
 - Education and training
 - Medical School and Primary Teaching Hospital
 - Growth and Success
 - Kansas Life Sciences Innovation Center
 - Funding
 - Working with the Kansas Legislature
 - KU-trained doctors practicing in 85 Kansas Counties
 - Financially/Administratively Sound
 - Re-investment and Support
 - Exposure to Students
 - Major Teaching Affiliates
 - Expansion of Residency Positions
 - National Cancer Institute Designation
 - Private Donor Investment
 - National Institute of Health Funding
 - Agreement Guidelines
 - Conclusion

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee at 1:30 P.M. on March 8, 2007 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

A copy of her presentation is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Presentation on The University of Kansas Hospital

Chairman Barnett announced that all questions would be held til the end of the conferees. The Chair then call upon conferee, Irene Cumming, President and Chief Executive Officer, University of Kansas Hospital who briefed the Committee on The University of Kansas Hospital Affiliations. Highlights from her presentation included:

Testimony:

- Quality - rank in country/patient satisfaction
- Recognized by the Wall Street Journal
- Patient Satisfaction
- Patient Volume
- Uncompensated Care
- Financial Strength: Total Revenue
- Capital Investment
- Hospital Support for University and Faculty Physicians
- Hospital Support
- Proposed extension of affiliation of the University to Saint Luke's Hospital
- Consultant
- Non-binding Letter of Intent
- Vital Issues
 - Establish a level playing field that clearly allows the hospital to continue to grow programs for our patients
 - Determine how many residents are needed in Kansas, along with whatever residency commitments are made by KUMC to Saint Luke's, and how we will jointly assure that residency and fellowship needs are met
 - Establish fair plan of support for KUMC that does not create financial problems for the hospital
 - Establish plan to compensate hospital should financial harm result from the proposed affiliation structure
 - Define KU Hospital's role in the cancer program as it seeks National Cancer Institute designation
 - Conclusion
- **Articles:** Two from the Wall Street Journal

A copy of her presentation is (Attachment 3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Questions came from Senators Barnett, Wagle and Haley regarding authority in the statute for this affiliation to go forward, institutions in the State, why move forward with an affiliation when there is not an agreement between the hospital and the medical center, progress in working out objections, hearing from statutory authority, thankful for the opportunity to hear from the conferees today and look forward to working with the institutions on these issues.

Adjournment

With no more time left to ask questions, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2007.