

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Peggy Mast at 1:30 P.M. on January 17, 2007 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Norman Furse, Revisor's Office
Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research
Mary Galligan, Legislative Research
Patti Magathan, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Billie Hall - The Sunflower Foundation

Others Attending:

See Attached List.

Vice-Chair Mast told the committee that they had committee rules and conferee rules to consider, and opened the floor for discussion. Attachments 1 & 2) Representative Patton asked how rule 16 "There shall be no recording, audibly, photographically or otherwise, of committee voting except by the committee secretary" might interplay since this committee is broadcast on the internet. Representative Mast replied that the video broadcast is live and is not recorded.

Representative Hill made a motion to approve the committee and conferee rules which was seconded by Representative Patton. Motion carried.

Chair Landwehr introduced **Billie Hall** of the Sunflower Foundation. Ms. Hall gave an update on the foundation and some of their directives. (Attachment 3)

The mission of the Sunflower Foundation is to "serve as a catalyst for improving the health of Kansans." The Foundation was created in 2000 to resolve Blue Cross' charitable obligation to the state. We were created with an endowment of \$75 million which has grown to approximately \$110 million today. We were charged by the settlement agreement to serve the health needs of all Kansans. Highlights of our work are working to expand Health care access and coverage, enabling nonprofit organizations in capacity building, encouraging the public in healthy behaviors and prevention, and being attuned to emerging issues.

There is a great deal of interest in finding solutions to the many issues regarding health and health care. We believe that a public/private response is the best way to find these solutions.

Chair Landwehr opened the floor for questions. Questions asked were regarding the assets of the foundation for grant making, whether the program deals with dental care, and the under-insured population. A plea was also made to not neglect the disparity between racial groups which exists today.

Chair Landwehr reminded the committee to bring their tablet PCs tomorrow since training would be provided.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is January 18, 2007.