

MINUTES OF THE SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwayne Umbarger at 10:30 A.M. on January 29, 2008, in Room 123-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Donald Betts, Jr. - excused

Committee staff present:

Jill Wolters, Senior Assistant, Revisor of Statutes
Kristen Clarke Kellems, Assistant Revisor of Statutes
Amy Deckard, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Audrey Dunkel, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jarod Waltner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Melinda Gaul, Chief of Staff, Senate Ways & Means
Mary Shaw, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Major General Tod M. Bunting, Kansas Adjutant General
Roderick Bremby, Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Teresa Schwab, Oral Health Kansas, Inc.
Shelly Gehshan, Senior Program Director, National Academy for State Health Policy

Others attending:

See attached list.

Bill Introductions

Senator V. Schmidt moved, with a second by Senator Kelly, to introduce a bill concerning controlled substances, enacting the methamphetamine precursor recording act. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The Chairman welcomed Tod Bunting, Kansas Adjutant General, who presented an overview of the state's disasters (Attachment 1). Copies of a State Emergency Operations Center, State of Kansas, Level 5 - Federal Involvement Situation Report were distributed (Attachment 2). General Bunting reviewed the disaster concentrating on the severe storms/flooding and the winter storms. He addressed incident overviews, federal thresholds, FEMA, public and individual assistance, and emergency support functions.

Chairman Umbarger welcomed Roderick Bremby, Secretary, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, who presented an overview of the Agency (Attachment 3) and (Attachment 4). Pat Kuester, Chief Fiscal Officer, reviewed the budget information. Secretary Bremby addressed the Agency's mission and vision. He also reviewed KDHE's notable 2007 accomplishments as follows:

- Disaster/Emergency Response
- Oral Health Plan
- Expanded Surveillance and Epidemiology
- Service Assurance
- Foreign Animal Disease
- Decrease in Tobacco Use

Secretary Bremby also reviewed the 2007 Disaster Response and Key Initiatives as detailed in his written testimony.

The Chairman welcomed Teresa Schwab, Executive Director, Oral Health Kansas, and she introduced Shelly Gehshan, Senior Program Director, National Academy for State Health Policy, who spoke in regard to Why Include Oral Health in Health Care Reform (Attachment 5). She also addressed Options for Adding Benefits (Attachment 6). A publication from the National Academy for State Health Policy, Kansas Health Reform: Options for Adding Dental Benefits, by Andrew Snyder and Shelly Gehshan, September 2007, were

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distributed to the Committee. Copies of this report are available from the National Academy for State Health Policy. Ms. Gehshan suggested several things that could be done regarding oral health that included flouridated water, putting money into sealant programs and looking at delivery system issues.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for January 30, 2008.