

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Susan Wagle at 1:30 p.m. on February 4, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ms. Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Mr. Norm Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dr. Lorne Phillips, PhD,
Director of the Center for Health and
Environmental Statistics, KDHE
Ms. Janet Schlansky, Secretary of Social Rehabilitation
Statistics

Others attending: See attached guest list

Approval of Minutes

Upon calling the meeting to order, the Minutes of January 21, 22, and 23 were distributed to the Committee. Chairperson Wagle asked that the Committee call Ms. Cianciarulo with their comments and if none are received by the February 11, 2003 Committee meeting, the above minutes would stand approved.

Introduction of Bills

The next order of business was bill presentation. The Chair recognized Senator Jim Barnett who asked that the Committee introduce legislation for the American Heart Association regarding automated external defibrillators. Senator Barnett then made a motion to introduce the proposed legislation and Senator Salmans seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Chair then recognized Senator Salmans who asked that the Committee introduce previous legislation that had passed the Senate but has not made it thru the House pertaining to the licensure of drug alcohol counselors. Senator Salmans then made a motion to introduce the proposed legislation and Senator Barnett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. John Peterson, representing Kansas Speech and Hearing Association was next to be recognized. He asked that the Committee introduce legislation creating a narrow additional exception to the Hearing Aid Dealers Licensing Act. A copy of the proposed amendment is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference. Senator Salmans made a motion to hear the proposed legislation. Senator Haley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The last to present a bill request was Mr. Bud Burke, regarding the physical therapists licensure. A motion was made by Senator Jordan to hear the proposed legislation. Senator Brungardt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Distribution of Handouts

The Chair then called the Committee's attention to a hand out she received from Ms. Correll, Legislative Research. A copy of this handout is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

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Annual Report of Health Care Data Governing Board

The Chair then 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 2002 Annual Report as required. Dr. Phillips presented highlights of the work of the Board which included:

- Legislative issues, ex. Mental Health Parity;
- Informational Initiatives, ex. Supported the works of HARK (HIPAA Awareness & Readiness for Kansas);
- Bioterrorism, ex. Data collection was expanded to enhance the Health Alert Network;
- Data Partnerships, ex. State Trauma Registry Database coordination;
- Publications, official and contributions;
- Data Requests, ex. More than 106,000 successful website hits recorded through the Information Network of Kansas; and
- Presentations, ex. Project Access: A Study of the Uninsured in Sedgwick County.

A copy of his presentation is ([Attachment 3](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced. A copy of the Health Care Data Governing Board's 2002 Annual Report has been filed in Chairperson Susan Wagle's office.

Overview of the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services

As there were no questions from the Committee for Dr. Phillips, the Chair then introduced Ms. Janet Schlansky, Secretary, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, who presented an overview of the SRS Agency. Highlights of her presentation included:

- The mission, principles, and vision of the SRS;
- New leadership team introductions;
- Expenses by category, revenue, and summary of expenditures and persons assisted;
- SRS employee count - downsizing overview;
- Highlights for 2003/4 sessions (including proposals and budgets); and
- Emerging issues (including adjustments in Governor's budget recommendations).

A copy of her presentation is ([Attachment 4](#)) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

Adjournment

As it was going on 2:30 p.m., the Chair announced they would try to visit with Ms. Schlansky at a later date to answer any questions the Committee might have.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2003.