

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandy Praeger at 10:00 a.m. on January 31, 2000 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present:

Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
JoAnn Buntun, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Larry Froelich, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Pharmacy
Mary Lou Davis, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Cosmetology
Elizabeth W. Saadi, Ph.D., Center for Health and Environmental Statistics and Health Care Data
Governing staff

Others attending: See attached list

Introduction of bills

Larry Froelich, Executive Director, Board of Pharmacy, requested the Committee introduce legislation that would change the Pharmacy Practice Act to allow for registration of the Kansas State College of Veterinary Medicine Pharmacy from the Kansas Board of Pharmacy. (Attachment 1) Senator Salmans made a motion the Committee introduce the proposed legislation, seconded by Senator Becker. The motion carried.

Mary Lou Davis, Executive Director, Board of Cosmetology, requested the Committee introduce legislation that would update the statutes relating to fees, student instructors, out-of-state licensure applications, and recognition of another state's disciplinary action against a Kansas licensure applicant or licensee. (Attachment 2) Senator Salmans made a motion the Committee introduce the proposed legislation, seconded by Senator Langworthy. The motion carried.

Annual Report of Health Care Data Governing Board

Elizabeth Saadi, Ph.D., KDHE, presented the Health Care Data Governing Board's 1999 Annual Report as required by K.S.A. 65-6807. The Health Care Data Governing Board was created in 1993 to guide development of the Kansas Health Care Database at KDHE and to provide a forum for discussion of health information issues. Highlights of Dr. Saadi's presentation to the Committee included: Appointment of Senator Sandy Praeger as Chair of the Health Care Data Governing Board, collaboration with evaluation of the HealthWave Program, increasing awareness in collecting external cause of injury data in hospital discharge data systems, contributing to the Kansas Health Statistics newsletter to disseminate information, capacity improvements, solidified partnerships with credentialing boards, and beginning the dialogue to collect health services utilization data as outlined in her written testimony. (Attachment 3) Copies of the Health Care Data Governing Board Annual Report can be obtained from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. During Committee discussion, the Chair introduced Robert Day, a member of the Governing Board and Director of Medical Policy and Medicaid at SRS who expressed his support for collaborative efforts between the two agencies.

Approval of Minutes

Senator Salmans made a motion to approve the Committee minutes of January 26 and 27, 2000, seconded by Senator Becker. The motion carried.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2000.