

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Clark Shultz at 3:30 P.M. on February 11, 2008 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Tom Burroughs- excused  
Representative Mitch Holmes- excused  
Representative Oletha Faust-Goudeau- excused

Committee staff present:

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Bruce Kinzie, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Ken Wilke, Revisor of Statutes Office

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ronald R. Hein, Mental Health Credentialing Coalition  
Dan Lord, Ph.D., Academic Affairs Friends University  
Rusty Andrews, Ph.D., Kansas State University, Program in Marriage & Family Therapy  
Elaine Hayes, Self - Written Testimony  
Carla Hattan, testifying for Elaine Ptacek  
Barrie Arachtingi, Kansas Psychological Association  
Larrie Ann Lower, Kansas Association of Health Plans - Written Testimony  
Brad Smoot, BCBS of Kansas

Others attending:

See attached list.

Hearing on:

**HB 2696**      **Insurance reimbursement for certain services**

Melissa Calderwood, Legislative Research Department, provided a brief overview on **HB 2696**.

Proponents:

Ronald R. Hein, Mental Health Credentialing Coalition, (Attachment #1), presented testimony before the committee in support of **HB 2696**.

Dan Lord, Ph.D., President, Academic Affairs Friends University, (Attachment #2), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2696**.

Rusty Andrews, Ph.D., Kansas State University, Program in Marriage & Family Therapy, (Attachment #3), gave testimony in support of **HB 2696**.

Elaine Hayes, Self, (Attachment #4), presented written testimony in support of **HB 2696**.

Carla Hattan, testifying for Elaine Ptacek, (Attachment #5), appeared before the committee in support of **HB 2696**.

Opponents:

Barrie Arachtingi, Kansas Psychological Association, (Attachment #6), gave testimony in opposition to **HB 2696**.

Larrie Ann Lower, Kansas Association of Health Plans, (Attachment #7), presented written testimony in opposition to **HB 2696**.

Brad Smoot, BCBS of Kansas, (Attachment #8), appeared before the committee in opposition to **HB 2696**.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE House Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee at 3:30 P.M. on February 11, 2008 in Room 527-S of the Capitol.

Hearing closed on **HB 2696**.

Representative Grant moved without objection to accept the February 5, 2008 minutes.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 12, 2008. 3:30 PM, in Room 527-S.

Meeting adjourned.