

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brenda Landwehr at 1:30 p.m. on January 26, 2009, in Room 784 of the Docking State Office Building.

Committee Members: All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Norm Furse, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Reed Holwegner, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Janet Grace, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Secretary Roderick Bremby, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Dr. Elizabeth Saadi, Interim Director, Center for Health and Environmental Statistics - Division of Health, Acting State Registrar, Kansas
Susan Kang, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Landwehr welcomed everyone to the committee meeting and introduced Secretary Bremby from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Secretary Bremby, Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), provided the committee with the following brief overview of KDHE ([Attachments 1, 2, 3](#)). Their vision is "*Healthy Kansans living in safe and sustainable environment.*" The mission is "*To protect the health and environment of all Kansans by promoting responsible choices.*" The department is divided into three areas of operations. They are:

- Operations - Human Resources, fiscal, etc.
- Division of Health
- Division of Environment

KDHE implemented "10 Leading Health Indicators for the Healthy People 2010" initiative to track their performance. Kansas is at, or above, standard in most of the indicators. One of the areas of concern is the decrease in the proportion of pregnant women who begin prenatal care in the first trimester. This leads to infant mortality. Kansas is below the nation's standard for infant mortality.

Childhood obesity is increasing at an alarming rate. KDHE is addressing this issue with a coordinated school health program. This report provides an overview of the policy initiatives and the governor's budget recommendations for 2010. Dick Morrissey discussed the bill from 2003 and the change that is needed now. The 2003 bill mentions a qualified person. The current request is for a broadening of the language to any person. It doesn't require a prequalification of the person.

The children's immunization program is ready for schools to sign up on the website. This is offered statewide.

KSWebIZ is a statewide immunization registry with over a million records in the system. It is a birth-to-death immunization record system.

Kansas coordinated school health program was discussed. In order to graduate from school you need 1/4 of the time spent in physical activity in schools. A recommendation has been made to increase the amount of physical activity in schools. Kids perform better with more physical activity; tend to do better academically; and addresses the sharp increase in obesity in youth.

Secretary Bremby addressed the increase in tests for newborns. They went from 4 to 29, which is the national standard and what most states are using. The 29 identify conditions where there is medical treatment and medication.

Secretary Bremby discussed the bioterrorism grants - \$10 million was provided to KDHE from the federal

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government and currently they are not required to do the 5% match. This may change soon and if this does occur, KDHE will be requesting more funds from the state.

The office of KDHE's health promotion is beginning to offer incentives to facilities that use the electronic measurement of chronic disease. This can be incorporated into the medical home model. All sites will be able to access the system to better aid the diabetic. They are starting to establish a promotion for chronic disease. Preventive care is the next step.

Susan Kang from KDHE has three bills to introduce today:

- a. Additional oversight of registered home/day care facilities; would like to increase from 6 children to 10 if the licensed facility can manage it;
- b. Increase in public access to child care information and have it on the web. It is an amendment to 65-525; and
- c. Extend the renewal period of the annual inspection from 1 year to 3 years; this is a paperwork issue only that focuses on the areas that are problematic without closing the entire facility.

A motion was made by Representative Mast to accept all three bills introduced by KDHE. Representative Ward seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Representative Seigfried introduced a bill that requires a clinic social worker to have at least 6 hours of continuing education on safety training. The motion was seconded by Representative Neighbor. The motion was carried.

Dr. Elizabeth Saadi from the Center for Health and Environmental Statistics within the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, provided the committee with a Vital Statistics Report Card (Attachment 4) and an overview of Kansas Health Statistics Report (Attachment 5). The Kansas Information for Communities (KIC) system was introduced to the committee (Attachment 6). KIC gives users the chance to prepare their own queries for vital event and other health care data. The queries designed into this system will answer many health data requests. As KIC continues its implementation more data will be added to the list. KIC programs will allow you to generate your own table for specific characteristics, year of occurrence, age, rate, sex, and county. It provides demographic, social, and health quorum for information that is needed on a regular basis. A statistics newsletter is available at Kansas.Health.Statistics@KDHE.state.ks.us

Today is the deadline for individual bill requests. Friday is the deadline for committee bill requests.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.