

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brenda Landwehr at 1:30 P.M. on February 18, 2008 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Storm, excused

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Committee staff present:

Dianne Rosell, Revisor of Statutes Office

Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department

Shelley Barnhill, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Marcia Nielsen, PhD, MPH; Executive Director of Kansas Health Policy Authority

Others Attending:

See Attached List.

Marcia Nielsen, PhD, MPH, Executive Director of the Kansas Health Policy Authority gave a presentation about the Health Policy Authority. (Attachment 1) The mission of the KHPA is to develop and maintain a coordinated health policy agenda that combines effective purchasing and the administration of health care with promotion oriented public health strategies. Chairperson Landwehr asked for Kansas specific data from Dr. Nielsen on slide 16. Dr. Nielsen will provide this. Chairperson Landwehr asked for a breakdown of the uninsured, by age brackets on slide 26. Dr. Nielsen said she could provide that data, by area. Representative Garcia asked for a breakdown of the data by ethnicity and gender. Dr. Nielsen can provide that also.

Dr. Nielsen pointed out the Bill Guide for Health Reform Recommendations. (Attachment 2) This guide is meant to take the data in the Health Reform Recommendation delivered on November 1, 2007 and correlate this data with some of the bills that have been introduced.

Also included in her presentation were the Components of KHPA Health Reform FY 2009. (Attachment 3) This attachment breaks down, by subject matter, reforms requiring statutory language, reforms requiring funding through the existing KHPA budget, reforms that require a new appropriation but no statutory changes and reforms requiring no legislative action.

The KHPA's 21 Health Reform recommendations are paid for through increased tobacco user fees and increased federal matching dollars.

Dr. Nielsen also referenced two other handouts, the Kansas Health Policy Authority Board Health Reform Recommendations dated January 10, 2008 (Attachment 4) and the Estimated Costs of Health Reform Proposals and SB11 (Premium Assistance: Kansas Healthy Choices) Detailed Cost Estimate, by Principle (Attachment 5).

Chairperson Landwehr adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m. The next meeting will be February, 19, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.