

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE AGING & LONG-TERM CARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Bethell at 9:06 am. on March 15, 2011, in Room 144-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Scott Schwab – excused
Representative Kay Wolf – excused
Representative Weber - excused
Representative Henderson - excused

Committee staff present:

Katherine McBride, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Iraida Orr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Craig Callahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Evelyn Walters, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Doug Stark, owner of eight Comfort Care Homes Plus
Artis Perett, RN, owner Heartland Haven Home Plus
Susan Fout, Kansas Department on Aging
Glenna Svanta, Covenant Care Senior Living Home Plus
Mitzi McFatrach, KS Advocates for Better Care
Cindy Luxem, Kansas Health Care Association
Karen James, Mothers & Others Home Plus
Joe Ewert, Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Bethell opened the Roundtable on regulations for Homes Plus:

Chairman Bethell commented that the reason for today's informal roundtable is to discuss any regulations the conferees felt may be in order if **HB 2417** passes.

Above conferees made remarks and asked questions regarding current regulations. Representative Worley, Representative Wolf-Moore, Representative Kelly, Representative Gonzales, and Representative Hill asked questions.

Regulations regarding staffing, survey frequency, training and owner license were main areas of discussion.

Mitzi McFatrach presented a list of Home Plus facilities and a report from the National Center for Assisted Living/American Health Care Association 2010 Report which shows the number of beds other states allow for Home Plus. ([Attachment 1](#)).

Staff presented written information from the Kansas Department on Aging website regarding regulations and construction variances compared to Assisted Living/Residential Health Care, and a historical facility count. ([Attachment 2](#)). KDOA fact sheet and Kansas Home Plus Locations Map also was provided by staff ([Attachment 3](#)).

Chairman Bethell closed the roundtable on regulation discussion at 9:57 am.

Representative Gonzales moved to approve the minutes of February 15, 17, and 22. Seconded by Representative Kelly. Motion carries.

Meeting on call of the chair for March 17, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 am.