

Approved: February 20, 2012

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vicki Schmidt at 1:00 p.m. on February 8, 2012, in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Senator Dick Kelsey, excused

Committee staff present:  
Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Renaee Jefferies, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Iraida Orr, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Melissa Calderwood, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Carolyn Long, Committee Assistant

Others attending:  
See attached list.

The Chair opened the meeting by asking for approval for the minutes of January 17, January 18, and January 19 2012. Moved by Senator Huntington, seconded by Senator Kelly that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried.

The Chair then opened the hearing on **HB 2428—Health care providers; including the university of Kansas medical center for purposes of peer review.** Staff said that this legislation added the University of Kansas Medical Center to the definition of “health care provider group” for purposes of peer review.

Kathy Damron, on behalf of the KU Medical Center, said the bill was needed to correct a technical oversight from 1998 when the University of Kansas Hospital Authority was established as a legal entity separate from the KU Medical Center. KU Medical Center was a health care provider and as such, was covered by KSA 6050-4915, the quality assurance/peer review statute. When the KU Hospital Authority statutes were drafted, language that defined KUMC as a “health care provider” for matters of quality assurance and peer review were not included. By passing this legislation, the medical center would have the same protections as any other health care provider to engage in risk management and peer review (Attachment #1).

There being no further discussion, **HB 2428** was closed.

The Chair called for final action on **HB 2428—Health care providers; including the university of Kansas medical center for purposes of peer review.** *Moved by Senator Kelly, seconded by Senator Reitz that **HB 2428** be placed on the consent calendar and moved out favorably. Motion passed.*

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2012. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

