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## MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH & WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Susan Wagle at 1:30 p.m. on January 25, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senators Salmans and Harrington

Committee staff present: Ms. Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department  
Ms. Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes  
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dr. Michael Moser, Director, Division of Health  
Dr. Gianfrance Pezzino, MD, State Epidemiologist  
Kansas Department of Health & Environment  
Mr. Thomas Bell, Sr. vice President/Legal Counsel,  
Kansas Hospital Association  
Ms. Susan George, ARNP-C, Director  
Kansas State University Research & extension Associate  
Mr. Kevin Robertson, MPA, CAE, Executive Director  
Kansas Dental Board

Others attending: See attached guest list.

### **Hearing on SB65 - an act relating to public health; concerning the reporting of AIDS and HIV**

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Wagle announced that before the hearing, Ms. Emalene Correll, Legislative Research, would present a brief overview of the bill. Ms. Correll explained **SB 65** which is an act relating to public health; concerning the reporting of AIDS and HIV; amending K.S.A. 2000 Supp. 65-6002 and 65-6011 and repealing the existing

Chairperson Wagle then introduced Dr. Michael Moser, Director, Division of Health who introduced Dr. Gianfrance Pezzino, MD, State Epidemiologist who gave a report based on the first 12 months of HIV surveillance that was completed in December 2000. A copy of his presentation is (Attachment #1) attached hereto and incorporated into Minutes by reference.

Next proponent to testify was Mr. Thomas Bell, Senior Vice President/Legal Counsel, Kansas Hospital Association. Mr. Bell stated that the bill makes two changes to current law: adding "hospital administrator" to the category of those who must report cases of HIV infection and it removes the July 1, 2001 sunset provision for the HIV reporting requirements. They do support the bill but do suggest that the "hospital language" is not well defined in Kansas law. A copy of his presentation is (Attachment #2) attached hereto and incorporated into Minutes by reference

A healthy discussion of questions, comments, and answers ensued between Committee members and Mr. Bell, Dr. Moser, and Dr. Pezzino.

### **Overview of the Kansas Rural Stroke Prevention Project**

The Chairperson then introduced Ms. Susan George, ARNP-C, Director, Kansas rural Stroke Prevention Project, Kansas state University Research & Extension Associate. A copy of her presentation is (Attachment #3 and #4) attached hereto and incorporated into Minutes by reference. Ms. George shared information on the history of the Kansas Rural Stroke Prevention Project, stroke warning signs, its coalition partners, and its educational programs. Ms. George also introduced Mr. Kevin Walker, Director of Public Advocacy, American Heart Association.

A healthy discussion of questions, comments, and answers ensued between Senators Barnett, Brungardt, and Praeger and Ms. George and Mr. Walter.

### **Introduction of Bills**

The next order of business was bill presentation. Dr. Moser introduced legislation concerning child care records. Mr. Kevin Robertson introduced legislation that would allow certain practices to practice under a trade name. A copy of Dr. Moser and Mr. Robertson's proposals are (Attachments #5 and 6) attached hereto and incorporated into Minutes by reference. Senator Praeger also introduced legislation that she said somewhat related to dentists that would require the Board of Regents to negotiate education placements. And lastly, legislation was introduced by Chairperson Wagle for Senator Salmans who had to leave for a meeting. Senator Salmans wanted to call for an individual bill allowing addiction counselors to receive licensure.

As there was only one minute left before the meeting was to end, Senator Praeger made a motion the Committee introduce the proposed legislation, seconded by Senator Haley. The motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2001.