Approved: <u>March 25, 2008</u>
Date

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 19, 2008 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Vice Chairperson Peggy Mast, Excused Representative Trimmer, Excused

Committee staff present:

Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes Office Dianne Rosell, Revisor of Statutes Office Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department Chris Haug, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kevin Robertson, Kansas Dental Association Teresa Schwab, Executive Director of Oral Health Kansas

Others Attending:

See Attached List.

The hearing on **HB2781**, **Dental Offices**; **permitting offices in counties with low population**, was opened.

Kevin Robertson, Kansas Dental Association provided testimony in support of this bill. (<u>Attachment 1</u>) He also provided a map of Kansas with the county populations. (<u>Attachment 2</u>) Mr. Robertson stated this bill will create more dental practice opportunities in the rural areas throughout the state.

Teresa Schwab, Executive Director of Oral Health Kansas, spoke as a proponent of <u>HB2781</u>. (<u>Attachment 3</u>). Ms. Schwab supports the bill with 2 amendments. Changing the language on page 2, line 15 from one to two and changing the mile radius from 75 to 125 miles.

There was no additional testimony for or against this bill.

Chairperson Landwehr asked if there was any objection to closing this bill and working the bill today. There were no objections. Representative Flaharty moved to adopt **HB2781** with the balloon amendment. It was seconded by Representative Neighbor. Representative Schroeder stated if the balloon was adopted with the "two" on line 15, it should also be changed to "offices". The motion carried.

Representative Neighbor moved that **HB2781** be passed out of committee, as amended. Representative Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The hearing on **HB2781** was closed.

HB 2570 - Persons authorized to make adoption assesments

Dianne Rosell, Assistant Revisor of Statutes, presented the proposed amendments. There is some confusion on this bill regarding the job titles and it was agreed the adoption people would get with the revisor of statutes office and make additional changes and we will try to work this bill tomorrow.

Chairperson Landwehr adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m. The next meeting will be February 20, 2008.