

MINUTES OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandy Praeger at 10:00 a.m. on February 18, 2000 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Norman Furse, Revisor of Statutes
Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes
Hank Avila, Legislative Research Department
JoAnn Buntten, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Michael H. Fox, Asso. Chair, Health Policy and Management, University of Kansas
Elizabeth W. Saadi, Ph.D., Center for Health and Environmental Statistics and Health
Care Data Governing Board Staff
Robert St. Peter, MD, Kansas Health Institute
Charles Hunt, Epidemiologist, Bureau of Health Promotion, KDHE
Jerry Slaughter, Executive Director, Kansas Medical Society
Melissa Hungerford, Senior Vice President, Kansas Hospital Association
Sally Finney, Kansas Public Health Association
Robert Day, Director, Medical Policy/Medicaid, Health Care Policy, SRS
Chip Wheelan, Kansas Osteopathic Medicine

Others attending: See attached list

Hearing on: SB 554 - Collection of health service utilization data

Michael H. Fox, Department of Health Policy and Management, University of Kansas, addressed the Committee and expressed his support for **SB 554** which would authorize the Kansas Health Care Data Governing Board to receive patient-level health services data from all health providers in the state. Mr. Fox stressed the importance of adequate data, and noted that this legislation would allow Kansas to minimize the expense and inconvenience to providers while maximizing the usefulness of having this great resource. He felt the greatest usefulness of this legislation would be to the providers who can participate, and the data would have great importance for policy makers also. (Attachment 1)

The Chair briefed the Committee on proposed amendments to **SB 554** that would clarify existing statutes. (Attachment 2) The Revisor noted that a substitute bill for **SB 554** would be advisable. Senator Steineger made a motion that language in the proposed amendments create a substitute bill for SB 554, seconded by Senator Hardenburger. The motion carried.

Elizabeth W. Saadi, Ph.D., Center for Health and Environmental Statistics and Health Care Data Governing Board staff, expressed her support for **Sub SB 554** noting that language in the bill solidifies the provisions in the enabling legislation for the Health Care Data Governing Board to collect health services utilization data from health care providers, and the data would tell what kinds of health problems occur in Kansas communities. (Attachment 3)

Robert St. Peter, MD, Kansas Health Institute, also expressed his support for the bill. Dr. St. Peter emphasized four points to consider regarding collection of data: (1) To think about the burden and cost of collecting data from providers, (2) a need to proceed in the data collection in a realistic manner, (3) resources needed to be available within state agencies getting data, and (4) safeguard issues needed to be addressed. He also felt it would be beneficial to bring in technical experts from other states who have gone through the data collection process.

Charles Hunt, Epidemiologist, Bureau of Health Promotion, KDHE, expressed his support for the bill and briefed the Committee on statistics relating to Recurrent Assaultive Injury in Missouri: A Retrospective Cohort Study Examining Assault as a Risk Factor for Assault. (Attachment 4)

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Jerry Slaughter, Executive Director, Kansas Medical Society, stated that KMS is not opposed to the state beginning an effort to collect patient level data from individual providers so long as the following conditions are present: data collected for a specific purpose which is communicated to the providers who will be asked to supply the data; data collected in a manner that does not involve a significant amount of cost, intrusion and administrative hassle for the providers; and data collected in a manner that assures confidentiality of patient and provider information. (Attachment 5)

Melissa Hungerford, Senior Vice President, Kansas Hospital Association, expressed her support for **Sub SB 554** and the conditions expressed by Mr. Slaughter, KMS. Ms. Hungerford's written testimony refers to the original bill. (Attachment 6)

Sally Finney, Kansas Public Health Association, expressed her support for the bill, (Attachment 7) and the Chair noted support was also received from representatives of the Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine and the Kansas State Nurses Association.

Action on Sub SB 554

Senator Steineger made a motion the Committee recommend Sub SB 554 favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Hardenburger. The motion carried.

Hearing on SB 555 - Voting status of governmental members of the health care data governing board

Elizabeth Saadi, KDHE, expressed her support for **SB 555** which would expand the voting membership of the Health Care Data Governing Board from nine to 12 members (Attachment 8) and Robert Day, Director, Medical Policy/Medicaid, Health Care Policy, SRS, also expressed his support for the bill.

Action on SB 555

Senator Steineger made a motion the Committee recommend SB 555 favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Salmans. The motion carried.

Action on SB 512 - Controlled substances scheduled under the uniform controlled substances act

The Revisor noted that the bill needed to be amended that would change the effective date from publication in the statute book to Kansas register. Senator Steineger made a motion to adopt the amendment that would change the effective date to "Kansas register", seconded by Senator Langworthy. The motion carried.

Senator Steineger made a motion that the Committee recommend SB 512 as amended favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Langworthy. The motion carried.

Action on SB 541 - Non-human institutional drug rooms

Senator Steineger made a motion to rename reference to "non-human institutional drug rooms" to "Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital Pharmacy", seconded by Senator Hardenburger. The motion carried.

The Revisor pointed out that a typo needed to be corrected on page 6, line 6. Senator Steineger made a motion to remove the parentheses on page 6, line 6, and add the word "or" between on and administration to, seconded by Senator Hardenburger. Further discussion concluded that the words "or experimentation on" should be deleted too. Senator Steineger withdrew his original motion. Senator Steineger made a motion to delete the parentheses on page 6, line 6, and the words, "or experimentation on", insert the word "or" before the word "administration", seconded by Senator Hardenburger. The motion carried. Senator Steineger made a motion the Committee recommend SB 541 as amended favorably for passage, seconded by Senator Langworthy. The motion carried.

Conclusion of Hearing on: SB 599 - Physician Assistant licensure

Chip Wheelan, Kansas Osteopathic Medicine, offered an amendment to **SB 599**. (See Attachment 9)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2000.