

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Peggy Long at 1:30 p.m. on February 5, 2004, in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

- Representative Bob Bethell- excused
- Representative Brenda Landwehr- excused
- Representative Don Hill- excused
- Representative Doug Patterson- excused
- Representative Tom Holland- excused
- Representative Joe McLeland - excused

Committee staff present:

- Dr. William Wolff, Legislative Research Department
- Rena Jefferies, Office of Revisor of Statutes
- Gary Deeter, Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

- Sam Umscheid, Environmental Health Specialist, Wyandotte County
- Lesa Roberts, Director, Consumer Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- Kevin Robertson, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Association
- Dr. Jeff Stasch, Kansas Dental Association
- Dr. Jon Tilton, Kansas Dental Association

Others attending:

See Attached List.

The Chair opened the hearing on **HB 2248** - repealing the sunset provision of an act concerning lead poisoning. Sam Umscheid, Environmental Health Specialist, Wyandotte County, spoke in support of the bill, saying that he had worked with Wyandotte County for many years, a county that has one of the highest incidents of lead poisoning in the state. ([Attachment 1](#)) He noted that federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants are provided on a multi-year basis, and without assurances of continuity, HUD is less likely to grant funds. Representative Storm complimented Mr. Umscheid in his work of protecting children from the risk of lead poisoning.

Lesa Roberts, Director, Bureau of Consumer Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, said that passage of the bill would enable KDHE to continue its efforts to prevent lead-poisoning in children. ([Attachment 2](#)) She said the program, through HUD grants, enables the agency to collaborate on a number of initiatives that improve the lives of low-income families, noting the \$3 million grant for Wyandotte County and the possibility of new initiatives in Wichita.

The Chair announced that Sally Finney, Executive Director, Kansas Public Health Association, did not appear before the Committee, but provided written testimony as a proponent. ([Attachment 3](#)) She then closed the hearing on **HB 2448**.

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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Staff Bill Wolff gave a briefing on the Athletic Trainers licensure bill, **HB 2737**. He stated that the basic thrust of the bill was to change the language from registration to licensure: all registration language is deleted and licensure language is inserted. He noted two new sections: one allows the Board of Healing Arts to issue a temporary permit for an athletic trainer, charging a fee for the permit; the second establishes how an athletic trainer practices, requiring the filing of practice protocols with the Board that are signed by the person who delegates services through athletic trainers.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to pass out **HB 2248** favorably and place it on the Consent Calendar.

The Chair welcomed Kevin Robertson, Executive Director, Kansas Dental Association, who introduced the Kansas Mission of Mercy Project, a service project of dentists and dental hygienists to give free dental care to indigents. ([Attachment 4](#)) Dr. Jeff Stasch and Dr. Jon Tilton gave a brief overview of the project's two events, the first of which took place in February in Garden City, the second at Kansas Speedway in Wyandotte County. In both location, the said, individuals began arriving the night before, sleeping in line overnight, often arriving in busloads, creating traffic jams and, by their sheer numbers, indicating the great need for dental care in Kansas. They then showed a video clip that provided an emotionally powerful testimonial of what dental care meant to those with limited resources.

Many Committee members expressed appreciation for what the Dental Association and the dental hygienists were doing for communities and individuals through their Missions of Mercy. Representative Wilson announced that the next event will occur in Pittsburgh in April 2004.

The Committee passed a motion to approve the Committee minutes for 2-4-04.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2004.