

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jim Morrison at 1:33 p.m. on March 17, 2003, in Room 143-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except Representative Landwehr, who was excused.

Committee staff present:

Bill Wolff, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Rena Jefferies, Kansas Revisor of Statutes' Office  
Gary Deeter, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Kevin Walker, Kansas Heart Association  
Scott Price, Soldier Township Fire Department  
Ray Gonzales, Capitol Police  
Sherry Thederahn, Capitol Police

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

The minutes for the 3-13-03 meeting were unanimously approved.

Staff Bill Wolff provided an overview of **SB 106**, which, he said, started as a resolution and was turned into a legislative bill in order to reflect in Kansas the federal program Healthy People 2010, a continuation of a previous decade's emphasis on addressing health needs. The bill encourages the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to continue the work of the previous decade, Healthy Kansans 2000, by assessing major health-care issues and needs, formulating objectives, setting health-care priorities, and reporting their findings to the Kansas legislature in 2007.

Answering questions, Dr. Wolff said the bill has elements of **HB 2116**, which proposed creation of a Kansas Health Commission. Members commented that such initiatives seem limited in effectiveness and an inadvisable use of resources. Dr. Wolff noted that the focus of the initiative is to examine local needs for and delivery of health care, especially in underserved areas.

Kevin Walker, Kansas Heart Association, introduced Scott Price, Soldier Township Fire Department, who demonstrated an automated external defibrillator (AED), saying the device is simple to use and nearly idiot-proof.

Ray Gonzales, Capitol Police, said there are AEDs located in the Capitol, Landon and Docking buildings; he introduced Sherry Thederahn, who provides AED training for Capitol Police and does maintenance on AEDs semi-annually. She noted that battery life for a device is 18 months. Members were told that the Kansas Highway Patrol owns all the AEDs in Docking, Landon and the Capitol, but not in the Curtis building. Mr. Gonzales noted that the Capitol Police are presently responsible for AEDs in the Capitol, Docking and Landon buildings, whereas the bill designates the Secretary of the Department of

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Administration to be responsible for AED placement and, by implication, for oversight.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to open discussion on **SB 132**.

Since the bill mentions the Secretary of the Department of Administration as being responsible for placement of AEDs, and since presently the Kansas Highway Patrol owns and services AEDs in three of the buildings in the Capitol Complex, a motion was made and seconded to amend **SB 132** to include the Kansas Highway Patrol as well as the Department of Administration for AED oversight duties. The motion passed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to amend **SB 132** by moving the definition of a qualified person from the end of the bill (page 2, section (e) to the beginning of the bill (before line 17 on page 1). The motion passed.

Citing testimony by the Kansas Medical Society, who wanted to clarify the immunity of physicians, members moved, seconded and passed an amendment substituting KMS wording for page one, lines 32-43.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt **SB 132** as amended favorable for passage. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2003.