

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vicki Schmidt at 1:30 p.m. on February 21, 2011, in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Dick Kelsey, excused

Committee staff present:
Nobuko Folmsbee, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Katherine McBride, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Iraida Orr, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Carolyn Long, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
None

Others attending:
See attached list.

The Chair called for final action on **SB 76—Representation of licensure certification and credentials of doctors of physical therapy and physical therapy assistants**. Staff pointed out the balloon amendment on page 2, line 16, inserting “recognized by the board” after the word credentials and adding “Each licensee when using the letters or term “Dr.” or “Doctor” in conjunction with such licensee's professional practice, whether in any written or oral communication, shall identify oneself as a “physical therapist” or “doctor of physical therapy.” after the word earned. The same wordage is used on page 3, line 9 after the word credentials and at the end of the sentence.

There being no further discussion, motion by Senator Brungardt, seconded by Senator Kelly to adopt the balloon. Motion carried. It was moved by Senator Brungardt, seconded by Senator Reitz to move SB 76 with balloon amendment to full senate for passage. Motion carried.

The Chair called the Committee's attention to a Statement of Legislative Intent and requested that it become a permanent part of these minutes (Attachment #1).

Final action on **SB 133—Health information; technology and exchange of health information** was opened. There being no opposition, Senator Kelly moved, Senator Reitz seconded that SB 133 be moved out favorably. Motion carried.

The Chair also called for final action on **SB 139—Members of regional trauma councils and advisory committee on trauma**. There being no opponents nor amendments, Senator Brungardt moved, Senator Huntington seconded that SB 139 be moved out favorably for passage. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

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NAME	REPRESENTING
<i>[Signature]</i>	United Health Group
Bruce With	Via Christi Health
JEFF ELLIS	KHIE
Wigh Beck	Capitol Strategies
<i>Tom Fische</i>	Ks. Osteopathic Assoc.
Bob Williams	Ks Osteopathic Medicine
Mike Davis	ABOC
Grace Clayton	Cerner
Rob Menck	KEARNEY & Assoc.
Page Rauthier	Hein law Firm
Chad Austin	KHA
Lamie Ann Brown	Medco / Aetna
Kathleen Jaffer Lippert	KSBAHA
Ron Peck	KPTA
<i>[Signature]</i>	PT Advisory Council of K.B.H.A
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**Requested statement of legislative intent
to be placed in
Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee minutes
with regards to SB 76 amendments**

SB 76, as amended by the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, uses the language "in conjunction with such licensee's professional practice". The Kansas Physical Therapy Association and the Kansas Medical Society respectfully request that the committee minutes reflect the following statement:

"This committee has heard testimony expressing concerns about a growing list of health professionals who are using the title "Dr." or "Doctor" in conjunction with their names in patient care settings and communications, and that such communications may be confusing to patients. The committee amendments to SB 76 adopted by this committee are intended to ensure that accurate information is provided to patients by requiring that physical therapists who have earned a doctor of physical therapy degree and who use the title "Dr." or "Doctor" in practice settings or advertisements must indicate that they are physical therapists. This requirement is not intended to apply to any personal or social settings, or to any academic settings, or any setting where the physical therapist is not practicing physical therapy for the benefit of a patient."

Senate Public Health and Welfare
Date 2-21-2011
Attachment /