

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The joint meeting of the Senate Public Health and Welfare and the House Health and Human Services Committees was called to order by Chairperson Senator Susan Wagle at 1:30 p.m. on January 30, 2003 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Senator Chris Steineger

Committee staff present: Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Administrative Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee: Dr. Rick Kellerman, Family Physician, Chair of the  
Department of Family and Community Medicine,  
University of Kansas, Wichita Center for Graduate  
Medical Education  
Dr. Glendon Cox, M.D., Vice-Dean and Senior Associate  
Dean for Education and Academic Affairs at the  
University of Kansas Medical Center

Others attending: See attached guest list

**Presentation on the Wichita Graduate Medical Education Programs**

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Wagle announced that she and Chairperson Morrison had decided to have this joint presentation from the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education and introduced Dr. Rick Kellerman, who began by stating he is a family physician and chairs the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Kansas Medicine at Wichita, Kansas, and the physician representative on the Board for the above mentioned medical center. A copy of his presentation is (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced. Highlights of his presentation included:

- 1.) The history of the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education (WCGME) (ex. A consortium, why formed, how many in the program, the different practices, and funding);
- 2.) Why residency programs are vital to Kansas (ex. For undeserved areas, provide care for uninsured & indigent patients); and
- 3.) Financial facts (revenue & expenses); GME cuts (breakdown & total loss), policy considerations (who will care & provide and what is the impact), and solutions (ex. restore Medicaid GME funding).

Dr. Kellerman then introduced Dr. Glendon Cox, M.D., Vice Dean and Senior Associate Dean for Educational and Academic Affairs at the University of Kansas School of Medicine. Dr. Cox stated he was appearing before the Committee on behalf of the University of Kansas to express their concerns related to a proposal that would have a significant adverse impact on the ability of the WCGME to conduct training programs in various medical specialties in Wichita. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

Chairperson Wagle then thanked both of the doctors for their presentations and asked both Committees for questions and/or comments.

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A range of questions was asked from Senators Wagle, Barnett, Salmans, Brownlee, Jordan, Representatives Long, Goico, Miller, and Schwab including: how is the school funded, cuts coming from universal system, state funding, are Wichita residents willing to help, public policy division made by SRS, is the Olberlin hospital a result of their program, foundations contacted, how much is affected by malpractice, TORT reform put into place, specifics on allotments, the National Resident Matching Programs, residence salary, to, how is the decision made to cut from WCGME?

### **Adjournment**

As it was going on 2:30 p.m., Chairperson Wagle again thanked both conferees for traveling to Topeka and sharing their information with the Committee. The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2003.