

MINUTES OF THE SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Senator Susan Wagle at 1:30 p.m. on February 15, 2001 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Committee staff present: Ms. Emalene Correll, Legislative Research Department  
Ms. Renae Jefferies, Revisor of Statutes  
Ms. Lisa Montgomery, Revisor of Statutes  
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Senator Salmans, District 37  
Ms. Phyllis Gillmore, Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board  
Mr. Ron Isenbarth, Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals  
Ms. Donna Doolin, assistant Director of Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery  
Mr. Harold Casey, Substance Abuse Center for Kansas  
Ms. Marla Rhoden, Program Analyst, Health Occupations Credentialing, KDHE

Others attending: See Attached Guest List

**Hearing on SB 149 - addiction counselors licensure act**

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Wagle announced that the Committee would be hearing on **SB 149** and called on Senator Salmans, the first proponent conferee to testify. Senator Salmans did not provide written testimony but did give a history on the Providers Committee which was patterned after the Mental Health Provider

The next proponent conferee was Ms Phyllis Gillmore, Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board, who stated that the bill would create a tiered level of licensure for counselors and requested adequate time for writing and implementing the regulations if passed. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment #1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

The next proponent was Mr. Ron Isenbarth, Kansas Association of Addiction Professionals stating the bill is substantially the same bill that was passed out of this Committee in the 2000 session as **SB398**. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment #2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference..

Next on the list was Ms. Donna Doolin, Assistant Director of Substance Abuse Treatment and Recovery, who stated that this bill allows individuals to practice within the confines of a recognized discipline that is shaped by competency-based standards. A copy of Ms. Doolin's testimony is (Attachment #3) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

The last proponent conferee was Mr. Harold Casey, Substance Abuse Center for Kansas, who stated his interest is as both a counselor and as an administrator. A copy of his testimony is (Attachment #4) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

Ms. Marla Rhoden, Program Analyst, Health Occupations Credentialing, KDHE, was the only opponent and was next to come before the Committee. Ms. Rhoden provided some history and requested that the legislature uphold its Act on Credentialing as the means by which such a request can be fairly evaluated. A copy of her testimony is (Attachment #5) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes by reference.

With all the testimony presented, the Committee then was able to present their questions to the conferees. Questions were asked by Senators Salmans, Barnett, Praeger, Harrington, Wagle and Steineger ranging from clarification, statute, gambling addiction, to referencing lines 18 through 23 of the bill as to an explanation of the review board and it's procedures.

### **Adjournment**

As it was 2:30 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2001.