

**65-6835. Same; advisory council on health information technology established; membership; compensation.** (a) There is hereby established an advisory council on health information technology. The advisory council on health information technology shall be advisory to the secretary of health and environment and shall be within the division of health of the department of health and environment.

(b) The advisory council on health information technology shall be composed of 23 voting members, as follows:

- (1) The secretary of the Kansas department of health and environment, or such secretary's designee;
- (2) the governor of the state of Kansas, or such governor's designee;
- (3) four legislators selected as follows: The chairperson and ranking minority member or their designees of the committee on health and human services of the house of representatives, and the chairperson and ranking minority member or their designees from the committee on public health and welfare of the senate;
- (4) two members appointed by the secretary who represent consumers;
- (5) one member appointed by the secretary who represents employers;
- (6) one member appointed by the secretary who represents payers;
- (7) one member appointed by the secretary who represents local health departments from a list of three names submitted by the Kansas association of local health departments;
- (8) three members appointed by the secretary who represent hospitals, from a list of three names for each position submitted by the Kansas hospital association. One of the hospital representatives appointed herein shall be involved in the administration of a critical access hospital;
- (9) three members appointed by the secretary from a list of three names for each position by the Kansas medical society. At least two of the members appointed herein shall be practicing physicians, and one of the physicians shall be a physician in a primary care specialty;
- (10) two members appointed by the secretary who represent pharmacists, from a list of three names submitted by the Kansas pharmacists association. At least one of the members appointed herein shall be a practicing pharmacist;
- (11) one member appointed by the secretary who represents the university of Kansas center for health information from a list of three names submitted by the university of Kansas center for health information;
- (12) one member appointed by the secretary who represents the Kansas foundation for medical care from a list of three names submitted by the Kansas foundation for medical care;
- (13) one member appointed by the secretary who represents the Kansas optometric association from a list of three names submitted by the Kansas optometric association; and
- (14) one member appointed by the secretary who represents the association of community mental health centers of Kansas from a list of three names submitted by the association of community mental health centers of Kansas.

(c) At the first meeting of the council, following the effective date of this act, terms of its members, except the secretary and governor or their designees, shall be determined by lot with five members serving for one year, five members serving for two years, five members serving for three years, and six members serving for four years. Following their initial term, members of the council shall be eligible for re-appointment and, if re-appointed, shall serve for terms of four years. Members shall only be eligible to serve two consecutive four-year terms. Whenever a vacancy occurs regarding a member of the council due to the resignation, death, removal or expiration of a term, a new member shall be appointed prior to the next meeting, according to the process and to the specific position on the council as provided in subsection (b). In the event of a vacancy during an unexpired term due to resignation, death or removal of a council member, the appointment shall be for the remainder of the unexpired portion of the term. Each member of the council shall hold office for the term of appointment and until a successor has been appointed. Any member of the council may be removed by the secretary for malfeasance or misfeasance in office, regularly failing to attend meetings, or for any cause which renders the member incapable of the discharge of the duties of a member.

(d) The council shall meet at least four times per year and at such times as the council deems appropriate or as called by the secretary.

(e) Members of the council are entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto. Members of the council attending council meetings or subcommittee meetings authorized by the council shall be paid mileage and all other applicable expenses, provided such expenses are consistent with policies established from time-to-time by the council.

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