

MINUTES OF THE SENATE HEALTH CARE STRATEGIES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Susan Wagle at 1:30 P.M. on January 27, 2005 in Room 231-N of the Capitol.

Committee members absent:

Committee staff present: Ms. Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Ms. Terri Weber, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Mr. Jim Wilson, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Ms. Margaret Cianciarulo, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee: Ms. Barbara Langner, R.N., Ph.D., Project Director,  
State Planning Grant

**Presentation on Uninsured Kansans:**

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chairperson Wagle announced there would be a presentation from Ms. Barbara Langner, Project Director, from the State Planning Grant, who gave a demographic profile of uninsured Kansans. A copy of her power point presentation and a handout entitled "Small Business Health Insurance survey Findings are (Attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced. She also provided two booklets, "VOICES OF THE UNINSURED: Kansans Tell Their Stories and Offer Solutions," and "FINDING AND FILLING the GAPS: Developing a Strategic Plan to Cover All Kansans." Both have been filed in Chairperson Wagle's office. Highlights of Ms. Langner's presentation included: a history of the HRSA Stage Planning Grants, its purpose and objectives, the survey, its process & a breakdown of the survey (ex. Employee based insured & uninsured, uninsured by region & by age, race & ethnicity, the uninsured full & part time employees, the health status, information on respondents who delayed or are not obtaining insurance by income level & size of firm.)

Ms. Langner then stood for questions and comments which came from Senators Wagle, Barnett and Journey and Ms. Correll including: do we have an information deficit that these people do not know they are eligible, did you find a group who voluntarily chose not to have it, is the report stating that there is not a lot of support for subsidies from the small businesses but did want tax credits, does not look like a lot of support for the expansion of Medicaid but strong support of HSAs, is this the 2004 supplemental grant information, and how many did you survey?

As there were no further questions or discussions, Chairperson Wagle thanked Ms. Langner for her presentation.

**Adjournment**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The time was 2:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2005.