

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brenda Landwehr at 1:30 P.M. on February 5, 2008 in Room 526-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:  
Representative Patton

Committee staff present:  
Dianne Rosell, Revisor of Statutes Office  
Melissa Calderwood, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Cindy Lash, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Chris Haug, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:  
Dr. Paul Wooley, PhD, Via Christi Research Institute

Others Attending:  
See Attached List

The minutes of the February 4th meeting were e-mailed for review prior to the meeting. Vice Chairperson Mast made the motion to approve the minutes, Representative Neighbor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bill Introduction -  
Representative Quigley introduced a bill that will not allow a pharmacist to substitute a generic pill for epilepsy. Representative Neighbor seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Dr. Paul Wooley, PhD Director of Research with Via Christi Research Institute gave a presentation on Aerospace meets Medicine. The presentation is attached. (Attachment 1)

Representative Crum wondered if this had any application for artificial limbs. Dr. Wooley stated, yes absolutely. We can expand out to the joint all the way to the pariparel limb. An interesting situation has evolved in the Olympics where individuals who have these blades that allow them to run have been banned from competing because they are faster with the blades. The blade type limbs are made from composite materials.

Chairperson Landwehr asked Dr. Wooley to elaborate on the tier 1 and tier 2 suppliers that exist among the aircraft suppliers and who they were. Dr. Wooley stated he was too new to say, so Dave McDonald, Associate Provost of Research at Wichita State University answered the question. Tier 1 and Tier 2 folks are the composite manufacturers mentioned in the presentation. Right now they are making specific parts solely for the aircraft industry. We are hoping to inject into their product flow some of these medical devices. Tier 2 manufacturers make the individual pieces and these are supplied to the Tier 1 manufacturers, which do a little more assembly and they supply to the OEM's, the Original Equipment Manufacturers. These are the Boeing's and Beachcrafts and they do the major assembly at their plants. Dr. Wooley made one further comment on these smaller companies. He said, "Of course the Boeing's of the world are too large to apply for small business grants, particularly from NIH where I believe some of the smaller companies, if they were interested in going in a medical direction we could put forward SBIS phase 1 and Phase 2 and get federal funding". Chairperson Landwehr mentioned she asked them to come to tell us what is happening in the state of Kansas to show we are a lot more than a flat state with cows and grass. When 911 occurred we were the 3<sup>rd</sup> hardest hit city in the country because of reliance on the aircraft industry. 2 years later we were number 1. These smaller tier 1 and tier 2 manufacturers are largely impacted by the effects of the economy. So I think to see us have the ability for these tier 1 and tier 2 manufacturers to have the ability to make something besides aircraft parts is a very exciting thing, not only for the Wichita community but also for the state of Kansas. Then maybe we can level off the economic roller coaster that our community seems to drive down there. You can look at the school districts and see the effects. When the aircraft industry numbers are up the enrollment in schools are up and when the industry is down, enrollment is down.

Chairperson Landwehr adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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