

**Women's State Legislative Council
General Session Meeting Minutes
Copper Room Senate Office Building
February 4, 2015**

Call to Order

President Kari Malkovich called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and welcomed those in attendance. She welcomed past president Kitty Kaplan, and also advised members that we have been meeting as members of WSLC for 95 years.

Inspirational Thought Susan Baker

Pledge Gay Lynn Bennion

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the previous meeting January 28, 2015 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Shannon Jacobs reported a checking account balance as of February 4, 2015 Of \$2,775.20. Income for this period was \$40.00 with no expenses at this time leaving an ending balance of \$2,815.20

Zion's Gold Money Market had no additional interest and an ending balance 1/28/2015 of \$13,950.69.

Shannon also advised she was negotiating a discount for a recent publication of The Bulletin which omitted the last page of the publication.

Membership Report

Two new members for a total membership of 102 members was reported earlier in the Executive Board meeting.

**General Session under the direction of Health and Human Services Committee
Kitty Kaplan, Director & Marci Curran, Co-Chair**

**HB 94 Investigational Drugs and Device Access for Terminally Ill Patients
((Sometimes known as the Right to Try))**

Jonathan Johnson, Citizen Advocate, discussed the requirements for terminally ill Patients to use the Investigational Drugs, which are: First get a Compassionate Exception from FDA. It requires 100 hours of preparation by an MD. You must also be too old or too sick to be denied by FDA. 5 states in the last year passed legislation for the terminally ill to do this.

Here are some of the requirements along with a Compassionate Exception.

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HB 94 Investigational Drugs (Right to Try) continued

1. Sign formal consent
2. Wave any liability by the pharmaceutical company making the drug
3. Wave any liability to the MD
4. Wave any liability to the hospital
5. Sign that insurance is not liable for any costs.

Rep. Gage Froerer, District 8 and sponsor of HP 94 (see above) He also advised AMA supports the bill, MDs support the bill, Insurance companies support the bill. There is some concern by bigger pharmaceutical companies that it may hurt trials in the research of some of their drugs. However in Right to Try, Pharms charge only for the cost of producing the drug and that is paid by the participant. and does not include costs for research, inc. Patient cannot access an investigational drug without completing the Compassionate Exemption form.

While we were waiting for our other speakers, Rep. Redd and Sen. Shiozawa we asked Brandy Farmer, WSLC member to share with us the recent talk by Sonya Sotomayer at the Huntsman Center.

Brandy shared the general feeling during the speech by Sotomayer, how all were impressed how she treated the students, having them stand next to her when they had questions, and stating “Don’t let anyone get in your way, finish school, finish college.” She explained some recent Supreme Court decisions, and again shared how important it was for students to set their goals and go for them. Everyone felt her enthusiasm her zest and her caring for those in the audience.

During this break we also asked Annette Maughn President of Epilepsy Foundation to speak to our group about HP199, the Pilot Program for Assistance for Children with Disabilities and Complex Medical Conditions.

Annette advised that 3 MDs make the decision for acceptance into this program, and if one MD says no, they all say no. Also, FDA is requiring 6 months of study for this medicine’s use.

SB19 Digital Health Services Commission

HB28 Medicaid Management of Emergency Department Utilization

Sen. Brian Shiozawa Dist. 8 Sponsor SB19, Co-sponsor HB19,

Advised this is a bill where all hospitals and medical services share records. It is especially helpful when you suffer a break on vacation, see doctors away from home and that information x-rays, tests, etc. is shared with your local physician without the need for additional costs for duplicating the same tests, x-rays, etc.

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HB28 Medicaid Management of Emergency Department Utilization

Sen. Brian Shiozawa Cosponsor

He mentioned the graying population who are super utilizers of Emergency rooms, who go there 10,20,30,40 times for primary care, chronic health program, for their family and also for substance abuse. HB28 puts health and community costs for patients out of Emergency rooms.

HB199 Pilot Program for Assistance for Children with Disabilities and Complex Medical Conditions

Rep. Edward Redd, District 4, Bill Sponsor

This is one of 3 bills by this Senator to increase time limitations on the bills he is currently sponsoring. For HB199 to extend the bill from 3 to 5 years, stating how critical it is for early intervention for brain development problems. Bill would also help the conflict with parents working and income requirements, with a child who requires constant help of a care giver and extra equipment needed.

HB101 Rural Residency Training Program – reauthorization of this program

Rep Redd, District 4 stated how helpful this was for student training and how a different perspective Is gained through the residency program.

HB55 Repeal of Methamphetamine Housing Reconstruction and Rehabilitation

Rep. Redd, District 4 advised funding for this bill. Previously funded by a donation on income tax forms , this choice is removed after 3 years. There is not sufficient money to keep the bill without action by the legislature now.

New Business

Interest forms for positions on WLCU have been circulated and should be returned to the Nomination Committee as soon as possible. Their nominations will then be given to the Election Committee. March 11 will be speeches by nominated persons, voting will also take place at the time. For that meeting, your badge will be turned into the Election committee as your credential to vote.

Adjourn

Jean Davies

Recording Secretary