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**KHPA Purchaser Advisory Council Meeting**  
June 5, 2008, Landon State Office Building, Topeka, KS  
Minutes

**KHPA Purchaser Advisory Council Members Present:**

Jane Chandler-Holt  
Bill Burning - Phone  
Sunny Mickel  
Bob Finuf - Phone  
Valerie Keller  
Veronica - Phone  
Keith Wisdom - Phone  
Ken Daniel

**KHPA Staff Participants:**

Dr. Marcia J. Nielsen, Executive Director  
Barbara Langner, Policy Director  
Mandy Cawby, Outreach Manager  
Reagan Cussimano, Legislative Liaison  
Tara Hacker, Manager of Policy

**Welcome by Jane Chandler Holt, Purchaser Advisory Council Chair:**

Chair Holt opened the meeting with introductions and housekeeping announcements. Dr. Marcia J. Nielsen thanked the council members for their service on behalf of herself, Dr. Barbara Langner, and Mandy Cawby, Outreach Manger.

**Overview of the Health Reform Development Process for the 2008 session – Dr. Marcia J. Nielsen**

Dr. Marcia J. Nielsen presented a PowerPoint which gave an overview of the health reform development process for the 2008 session. There was a review of the purpose of health reform which is to improve the health of all Kansans. A review was presented over the following activities and outcomes of the session: (1) the three major goals of the reform priorities: Personal responsibility, Prevention and medical home, and Providing and protecting affordable health insurance, (2) the outcomes of the recommendations such as passed but no funding, did not pass, passed (and funding if appropriate) (3) nine of the KHPA's original 21 health reforms were passed by the legislature. Dr. Nielsen also reviewed the Appendix B in 2008 Legislative Session-at-a-Glance which included the final provisions H Sub for SB 81. This can be found on our Web site at:

<http://www.khpa.ks.gov/LegislativeInformation/default.htm>.

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**Dialogue with Council Members:**

Council members acknowledged the work KHPA had put into the 2008 session and congratulated KHPA for the nine health reforms that were passed by the legislature. Several members were concerned about funding issues for those recommendations that were passed but with no funding. A main concern was the tobacco user fee, which did not pass, would have provided the financial support for those recommendations. Without funding for many of the passed recommendations it is unknown to KHPA currently how to fund these programs. Staff will seek direction from the KHPA Board at its June Retreat and the Legislative Coordinating Council in the near future.

The Legislative Pulse received positive feedback from the council members. The council members expressed that it was nice to see the views from the KHPA and how the Pulse summarized the actions in the legislature. One member felt it was nice to have one source of information instead of 10 sources.

**Next Steps, Dr. Nielsen:**

The KHPA Board will be having a retreat on June 18 – 19 to review the 2008 Legislative session and also to begin discussing a strategic direction.

**Adjournment:**

Dr. Nielsen does expect that once the KHPA Board convenes at the retreat the At-Large Advisory Council will meet again mid-summer. Members will be notified of upcoming meetings by email or by phone.