

ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Fifty-first Legislature – Second Regular Session

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday, February 26, 2014
House Hearing Room 4 -- 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Carter called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m. and attendance was noted by the secretary.

Members Present

Mrs. Brophy McGee
Mrs. Gonzales
Mr. Lovas

Mr. Meyer
Ms. Steele

Mrs. Carter, Chairman

Members Absent

Ms. Townsend

Mr. Boyer, Vice-Chairman

Committee Action

SB1039 – DPA (6-0-0-2)

SB1077 – DP (6-0-0-2)

Chairman Carter explained she was wearing attire from a Mayo Clinic ceremony she attended that was a Japanese blessing given to the new proton beam therapy equipment delivered to the Mayo Clinic. It will be an economic development opportunity for Arizona to lead the research in the fight against cancer. Chairman Carter also welcomed the nurses for the Nurses Lobby Day at the Capitol.

PRESENTATIONS

Childhood Obesity

Dr. Sara Bode, Pediatrician, AzAAP Obesity Committee Member; Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, gave a powerpoint presentation on *Childhood Obesity* (Attachment 1). She explained the overall scope of the problems and specific problems in Arizona. She stated that in 2011, Arizona was ranked as the 35th most obese state and that 30 percent of Arizona children between the ages of two to five are considered obese. The percentages increase in the minority and poverty populations and it is a \$14 billion per year healthcare cost. Dr. Bode addressed the issues of school performance, transition into adulthood, and an increase in adult diseases in obese children. She stated that prevention and/or intervention will need to be an environment, cultural, community, and policy implementation of evidence-based programs to get kids active and eating well.

Chairman Carter thanked Dr. Bode for her time. Discussion ensued on the Native American population and research of programs implemented to address the child obesity problem.

State Health Assessment

Will Humble, Director, Arizona Department of Health Services, discussed the summaries and findings of the *Arizona State Health Assessment* (Attachment 2). He reviewed various leading health issues and explained the breakdowns by ethnicity, income levels and identified higher levels of risk in certain categories. He stated the information will be used as surveillance data for public health indicators so the public health system has the tools needed to target resources throughout Arizona for prevention and intervention and to develop the State Health Improvement Plan.

Discussion ensued on the Affordable Care Act, resources available for intervention and prevention, and financial funding. Mr. Humble stated that the final report would be completed at the end of 2014. Chairman Carter thanked Mr. Humble for his presentation.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

SB1039 – board of chiropractic examiners; membership – DO PASS AMENDED

Mrs. Brophy McGee moved that SB1039 do pass.

Mrs. Brophy moved that the Carter two-line amendment to SB1039 dated 02/24/14 (Attachment 3) be adopted.

Sophia Horn, Majority Research Intern, explained that SB1039 allows members of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) to be graduates of the same school or college of chiropractic (Attachment 4). She explained that the Carter two-line amendment dated 02/24/14 makes technical corrections (Attachment 3).

Senator Nancy Barto, sponsor, stated SB1039 is a technical correction and asked for support of the bill and the amendment.

Barry Aarons, Arizona Association of Chiropractic, requested his firm's intern, Shaylynn Veeder, to speak in support of SB1039.

Shaylynn Veeder, Intern, Aarons Company; Arizona Association of Chiropractic, in support of SB1039, stated this issue was identified when a qualified candidate for the Board was recommended but was disqualified, because they had graduated from the same college as the President of the Board thirty years prior. She stated this law is unnecessary and impractical and stated support for the amendment and the bill.

Question was called on the motion that the Carter two-line amendment to SB1039 dated 02/24/14 (Attachment 3) be adopted. The motion carried.

Mrs. Brophy McGee moved that SB1039 as amended do pass. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-2 (Attachment 5).

SB1077 – behavioral health professionals; reciprocal licenses(now: reciprocal licenses; behavioral health professionals) – DO PASS

Mrs. Brophy McGee moved that SB1077 do pass.

Sophia Horn, Majority Research Intern, explained that SB1077 requires the Board of Behavioral Health Examiners to reclassify the license of a person who meets outlined requirements (Attachment 6).

Senator Nancy Barto, sponsor, stated that SB1077 is an amendment to previous legislation involving licensing of behavioral health professionals.

Rory Hays, Council for Human Service Providers; Arizona Nurses Association, in support of SB1077, noted that there is an emergency clause on this bill due to licenses that will be lost because of the previous legislation oversight. She replied to Ms. Steele's question that 76 people would be affected.

Names of those who signed up in support of SB1077 but did not speak:

Suzanne Schunk, representing self

Jeremy Arp, National Association of Social Workers, Arizona Chapter

Tara Plese, Arizona Alliance for Community Health Centers

Elizabeth Forsyth, Arizona Counselors Association

Stuart Goodman, Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners

Emily Jenkins, Arizona Council of Human Services Providers

Bahney Dedolph, representing self

Question was called on the motion that SB1077 do pass. The motion carried by a roll call vote of 6-0-0-2 (Attachment 7).

Without objection, the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Tracey Gardner, Committee Secretary
April 29, 2014

(Original minutes, attachments and audio on file in the Office of the Chief Clerk; video archives available at <http://www.azleg.gov>).