

MINUTES

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Monday, June 27, 2022

10:00 AM

Senate Chamber

Pursuant to a notice posted in accordance with Senate Rule 11.10 and 11.18, a public hearing of the Senate Committee on Health & Human Services was held on Monday, June 27, 2022, in the Senate Chamber.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair
Senator Charles Perry, Vice Chair
Senator César Blanco
Senator Dawn Buckingham
Senator Donna Campbell
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Borris Miles
Senator Beverly Powell
Senator Kel Seliger

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

The following members arrived after the roll was called:

Senator César Blanco
Senator Bob Hall
Senator Borris Miles

The Committee heard invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

Public Health Data: Review the processes for public health data collection and coordination by local and state entities as well as regional trauma centers. Identify any continuing barriers to the real-time dissemination of data concerning health care facility capacity--including data that can expedite timely care--and morbidity rates, as well as other information that can assist in public policy decisions.

Pandemic Response: Examine the impact of state and federal pandemic policies--including agency guidance, licensing and regulatory actions, and health care industry policies--on patient care and treatment delivery. Examine how regulatory guidance impacts the patient-doctor relationship. Recommend any changes needed to ensure Texas can develop its own data-driven guidance during public health emergencies.

Witnesses testifying and registering are shown on the attached list.

At 12:55 PM Senator Perry assumed the chair.

At 12:57 PM Senator Kolkhorst resumed the chair.

The chair moved that the public testimony be closed; without objection, it was so ordered.

There being no further business, at 8:41 PM Senator Kolkhorst moved that the Committee stand recessed subject to the call of the chair. Without objection, it was so ordered.

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Senator Lois Kolkhorst, Chair

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Kimberly Robertson, Clerk