Committee Receives Briefing from Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

Today, the House Health and Human Services Committee heard an informational briefing from Tucker Poling, interim director and general counsel for the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts. This fee-funded agency regulates 17 professions and oversees 28,000 licensees. Complaints from anyone, including anonymous sources, can be sent to the agency and are investigated for potential violations of the practice act for that profession. The agency is currently involved in several court cases, including the prosecution of an individual who practiced medicine without medical training and the fraudulent use of stem cell therapy. Licensure application questions regarding one's mental health and/or substance use disorder diagnoses have been narrowed to encourage providers to seek treatment and to reduce the stigma associated with having these conditions. When asked, Poling stated his agency would be capable of regulating advance practice nurses if additional resources were provided. A new executive director for the agency will be named in the near future. This position is subject to confirmation by the Kansas Senate.