

AGENDA
Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
Meeting Jointly

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

1:00 PM

Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Missy Irvin, Chair	Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, Chair	Rep. Cameron Cooper
Sen. Dave Wallace, Vice-Chair	Rep. Jeremy Wooldridge, Vice-Chair	Rep. Jay Richardson
Sen. Scott Flippo	Rep. Stephen Magie	Rep. Denise Jones Ennett
Sen. Ricky Hill	Rep. Jack Ladyman	Rep. Wayne Long
Sen. Greg Leding	Rep. Mary Bentley	Rep. Bart Schulz
Sen. Clint Penzo	Rep. Kenneth B. Ferguson	Rep. Kendra Moore
Sen. John Payton	Rep. Fred Allen	Rep. Ryan A. Rose
Sen. Fredrick J. Love	Rep. Aaron Pilkington	Rep. Zack Gramlich
	Rep. Mark Perry	Rep. Glenn Barnes
	Rep. Lee Johnson	Rep. Dolly Henley

A. Call to Order

B. Consideration to Approve the August 5, 2026, Meeting Minutes **[Exhibit B]**

C. Presentation on Arkansas Wellness Network **[Exhibit C]**

1. Tanya Phillips, M.Ed., M.H.Sc., Founder and President, Arkansas Wellness Network and Reinventing Ourselves
2. Tyler Phillips, J.D., Vice President, Arkansas Wellness Network
3. Dr. Kathy Lenahan, OTD, MS, OTR/L, Founder, Alta Integrated Wellness
4. Kanisha Sanders, RN, NC-BC, Founder, THE RERISE

D. Discussion of SNAP Error Rates **[Exhibit D]**

- Mary Franklin, Director, Division of County Operations, Department of Human Services (DHS)

E. DHS, Review of Rule, Signature Authority for Diabetic Shoes and Shoe Inserts **[Exhibit E]**

- Elizabeth Pitman, Director, Division of Medical Services, DHS

F. Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), Office of Preparedness and Emergency Response Systems, Review of Rule, Rules for Emergency Medical Services **[Exhibits F1-F2]**

1. Christy Kresse, Section Chief, Office of Preparedness and Emergency Response Systems
2. Craig Smith, Attorney, ADH
3. Charles Thompson, Attorney, ADH

G. ADH, Division for Health Protection, Health Facility Services Section, Review of Rule, Rules for Critical Access Hospitals in Arkansas **[Exhibit G]**

1. Paula Day, Section Chief, Health Facility Services Section, ADH
2. Craig Smith, Attorney, ADH
3. Charles Thompson, Attorney, ADH

Note: All exhibits for this meeting are available by electronic means and are accessible on the General Assembly's website at www.arkleg.state.ar.us

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- H. ADH, Division for Health Protection, Health Facility Services Section, Review of Rule, Rules for Home Health Agencies in Arkansas **[Exhibit H]**
 - 1. Paula Day, Section Chief, Health Facility Services Section, ADH
 - 2. Craig Smith, Attorney, ADH
 - 3. Charles Thompson, Attorney, ADH
- I. ADH, Division for Health Protection, Health Facility Services Section, Review of Rule, Rules for Hospice Agencies in Arkansas **[Exhibit I]**
 - 1. Paula Day, Section Chief, Health Facility Services Section, ADH
 - 2. Craig Smith, Attorney, ADH
 - 3. Charles Thompson, Attorney, ADH
- J. ADH, Division for Health Protection, Health Facility Services Section, Review of Rule, Rules for Hospitals and Related Institutions in Arkansas **[Exhibit J]**
 - 1. Paula Day, Section Chief, Health Facility Services Section, ADH
 - 2. Craig Smith, Attorney, ADH
 - 3. Charles Thompson, Attorney, ADH
- K. ADH, Division for Health Protection, Health Facility Services Branch, Review of Rule, Rules for Private Care Agencies in Arkansas **[Exhibit K]**
 - 1. Paula Day, Section Chief, ADH
 - 2. Craig Smith, Attorney, ADH
 - 3. Charles Thompson, Attorney

L. Other Business

M. Adjournment