

AGENDA (Revised 12/17/2013)
Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor
House Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor
Meeting Jointly

Thursday, December 19, 2013

09:00 AM

Room A, MAC

Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Cecile Bledsoe, Chair
Sen. Linda Chesterfield, Vice Chair
Sen. Stephanie Flowers
Sen. David Burnett
Sen. Missy Irvin
Sen. Jonathan Dismang
Sen. Ronald Caldwell

Rep. John Burris, Chair
Rep. Reginald Murdock, Vice Chair
Rep. James L. Word
Rep. Butch Wilkins
Rep. Mark Perry
Rep. Stephanie Malone
Rep. Henry "Hank" Wilkins, IV
Rep. Greg Leding
Rep. Fredrick J. Love
Rep. Kelley Linck
Rep. Justin T. Harris
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw
Rep. Kim Hammer
Rep. David L. Branscum
Rep. David Meeks
Rep. Andy Mayberry

Rep. Betty Overbey
Rep. Chris Richey
Rep. Richard Womack
Rep. Deborah Ferguson
Rep. Nate Steel, Non-Voting
Rep. Mark Biviano, Non-Voting
Rep. Charlie Collins, Non-Voting
Rep. Matthew J. Shepherd, Non-Voting
Rep. Tommy Thompson, Non-Voting
Rep. Charlotte Vining Douglas, Non-Voting
Rep. Sue Scott, Non-Voting
Rep. Mark D. McElroy, Non-Voting
Rep. Stephen Magie, Non-Voting
Rep. John K. Hutchison, Non-Voting
Rep. John Baine, Non-Voting
Rep. Mary Broadaway, Non-Voting

- A. Call to Order
- B. Consideration to Approve the Minutes of the November 18, 21, & 22, 2013 Meetings
- C. Comments by the Chairs
 - 1. Senator Cecile Bledsoe
 - 2. Representative John Burris
- D. Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, Review of the Change to Regulation #2, Regulations Establishing Water Quality Standards (EXHIBIT D)
 - 1. Teresa Marks, Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
 - 2. Ryan Benefield, Deputy Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
 - 3. Discussion & Action by the Committees
- E. Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, Review of the Change to Regulation #6, Regulations for State Administration of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) (EXHIBIT E)
 - 1. Teresa Marks, Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
 - 2. Ryan Benefield, Deputy Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality
 - 3. Discussion & Action by the Committees

Notice: Silence your cell phones. Keep your personal conversations to a minimum. Observe restrictions designating areas as "Members and Staff Only"

- F. Arkansas Department of Health, Center for Health Protection, Review of Rule to Revise Rules & Regulations for Emergency Medical Services (EXHIBIT F)
 - 1. Robert Brech, Chief Financial Officer, Arkansas Department of Health
 - 2. Discussion & Action by the Committees

- G. Arkansas Department of Health, STI/HIV/HEP C, TB Section, Review of Rules & Regulations Pertaining to the Communicable Disease Section, XXI, Venereal Disease (EXHIBIT G)
 - 1. Robert Brech, Chief Financial Officer, Arkansas Department of Health
 - 2. Discussion & Action by the Committees

- H. Arkansas Department of Health, Review of the Rule which exempted the Arkansas Health Department & the State Board of Health from the Administrative Procedures Act (EXHIBIT H)
 - 1. Robert Brech, Chief Financial Officer, Arkansas Department of Health
 - 2. Discussion & Action by the Committees

- I. Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services, Review of Rule Therapy 2-13 to Add Apraxia Battery for Adults Test to Assess for Apraxia, a Speech Disorder (EXHIBIT I)
 - 1. Marilyn Strickland, Chief Operating Officer, Division of Medical Services, Department of Human Services
 - 2. Tami Harlan, Assistant Director, Policy, Programs and Contracts Oversight Unit, Division of Medical Services, Department of Human Services
 - 3. Discussion & Action by the Committees

- J. Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, Review of DDS Administration 1089, Expansion of Children's Early Intervention Day Treatment Services (EXHIBIT J)
 - 1. Charlie Green, Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, Department of Human Services
 - 2. James Brader, Assistant Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, Department of Human Services
 - 3. Discussion & Action by the Committees

- K. Implementation of the Private Option, Expansion of Health Care Coverage (Act 1498 of 2013)
 - 1. John Selig, Director, Department of Human Services
 - 2. Andy Allison, Director, Division of Medical Services, Department of Human Services
 - 3. Joe Thompson, M.D., Arkansas Surgeon General, & Director, Arkansas Center for Health Improvement
 - 4. Joni Jones, Director, Division of County Operations, Department of Human Services
 - 5. Discussion & Action by the Committees

- L. Update on the Number of People Signing up Through the Exchange, the Cost of Qualified Health Plans, Types of Services Covered Under These Plans (Essential Benefits), and the Cost of the Plans with the Tax Credits
 - 1. Jay Bradford, Commissioner, Arkansas Insurance Department
 - 2. Cindy Crone, Deputy Commissioner, Arkansas Health Connector Division, Arkansas Insurance Department
 - 3. Discussion by the Committees

- M. Medicaid Reports for the first Quarter of SFY2014 (July 1, 2013 – September 30, 2013) (EXHIBIT M)
 - 1. Tommy Carlisle, Chief Fiscal Officer, Division of Medical Services, Department of Human Services
 - 2. Sharon Jordon, Business Operations Manager, Division of Medical Services, Department of Human Services
 - 3. Discussion by the Committees

- N. **Reports** Submitted to the Senate & House Public Health Committees
 - 1. Arkansas Minority Health Commission: *The Red County Report-County Life Expectancy Profile 2013*
 - 2. Arkansas Department of Workforce Services: *2010-2012 Annual Comprehensive Report for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Report*
- O. **Response** Submitted to the Senate & House Public Health Committees
 - 1. Arkansas Department of Workforce Services:
 - Response to questions raised during the November 18, 2013 meeting which discussed the Alexander Report (Review of Arkansas's Medicaid & Public Welfare System) regarding the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program.
- P. Other Business
- Q. Adjournment