

AGENDA
Hospital, Medicaid, and Developmental Disabilities Study Subcommittee
of the
Arkansas Legislative Council

Thursday, August 20, 2026
3:00 PM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Jane English, Co-Chair
Sen. Joshua Bryant, Vice-Chair
Sen. Missy Irvin
Sen. Scott Flippo
Sen. Dave Wallace
Sen. Dan Sullivan
Sen. Jim Petty
Sen. Fredrick J. Love
Sen. Justin Boyd, ex officio

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Rep. David Whitaker, Vice-Chair
Rep. Stephen Meeks
Rep. Rick Beck
Rep. Les Warren
Rep. Cindy Crawford
Rep. Nicole Clowney
Rep. Howard M. Beaty, Jr.
Rep. Les D. Eaves, ex officio
Rep. Jack Ladyman, ex officio

- A. Call to Order
- B. Presentation on Consolidation of Local Workforce Development Boards into One State Workforce Development Board **[Exhibit B]**
 - 1. Cody Waits, Executive Director, Arkansas Workforce Connections, Department of Commerce
 - 2. Eddie Thomas, Director, Office of Employment and Training, Department of Commerce
- C. Overview of Benefit Cliffs and Their Implications
 - 1. Erik Randolph, Director of Research, Georgia Center for Opportunity **[Exhibits C1-C2]**
 - 2. Les Ford, Senior Fellow, Alliance for Opportunity **[Exhibit C3]**
 - 3. Heather Webb, Director of Operations and Development, Arkansas Family Alliance **[Exhibit C4]**
 - 4. Mollie Palmer, Vice President of Communication and Engagement, Heart of Arkansas United Way **[Exhibit C5]**
- D. Discussion of Recommendations by Subcommittee
- E. Other Business
- F. Adjournment

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