

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Monday, November 2, 2015

The Arkansas Legislative Council met at 9:00 a.m., Monday, November 2, 2015 in Committee Room A of the Big Mac Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. Co-Chair Bill Sample called the special meeting to order and recognized a quorum of members present. The members present are listed on the sign-in sheets.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Co-Chair Sample referred the members to the minutes of the October 16, 2015 meeting of the Legislative Council (Exhibit C) and asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes. **Co-Chair David L. Branscum moved that the minutes of the October 16, 2015 Legislative Council meeting be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.**

Report of the Executive Subcommittee

Co-Chair Sample recognized Co-Chair David L. Branscum to present the report of the Executive Subcommittee (Exhibit D). Co-Chair Branscum reported that the Executive Subcommittee of the Legislative Council met on October 26, 2015 and reviewed and approved a request from the Department of Human Services (DHS) to immediately implement an emergency rule for the Arkansas Medicaid Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) reimbursement rates, which became effective at 12:01 a.m. on October 28, 2015.

Co-Chair Branscum reported that the subcommittee also reviewed the first amendment to the agreement between the Office of Arkansas Lottery and Camelot Global Services (North America), Incorporated.

Co-Chair Branscum concluded his report by stating that the Executive Subcommittee's actions in regard to both of these items were final. There were no questions.

Reports of the Standing Subcommittees

Review Subcommittee

Co-Chair Sample referred members to the report of the Review Subcommittee (Exhibit E.10) and recognized Senator Bart Hester to present the report. Senator Hester reported that the Review Subcommittee met on October 29, 2015 and reviewed the contract between the Arkansas Department of Health and BKD Corporate Finance, L.L.C. to assist the department with brokering, marketing, and transitioning of the in-home services. Senator Hester concluded his report by stating the details of the contract are included in the Review Subcommittee Report.

Senator Bart Hester moved that the report of the Review Subcommittee be adopted.

Co-Chair Sample recognized Senator Terry Rice, who asked if the representatives of the Arkansas Department of Health could be recognized to respond to questions. Co-Chair Sample recognized Robert Brech, Chief Financial Officer for the Arkansas Department of Health, and Ann Purvis, Deputy Director for Administration for the Arkansas Department of Health. Mr. Brech and Ms. Purvis introduced themselves and responded to questions from the committee members.

Co-Chair Sample asked if there were any further questions and seeing none, he asked Senator Hester to restate his motion. Senator Bart Hester moved that the report of the Review Subcommittee be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Co-Chair Sample recognized Senator Linda Chesterfield who asked for details of the Executive Subcommittee's report. Co-Chair Sample responded that the Executive Subcommittee met to review an emergency rule and to review the first amendment to the agreement between the Office of Lottery and Camelot Global Services (North America), Incorporated.

In response to another question from Senator Chesterfield, Co-Chair Sample recognized Marty Garrity, Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research, who responded that the Executive Subcommittee met on October 26, 2015 to consider the emergency rule from the Department of Human Services pertaining to the Arkansas Medicaid Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) reimbursement rates and the first amendment to the agreement between the Office of Arkansas Lottery and Camelot Global Services (North America), Incorporated. Ms. Garrity also provided information on the emergency rule and the agreement amendment in response to questions.

Adjournment

At 9:22 a.m., the meeting was adjourned as there was no further business to come before the Legislative Council.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Representative Bill Sample
Co-Chair, Senate

Marty Garrity
Executive Secretary