

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

Thursday, February 29, 2024
10:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Missy Irvin, Chair
Sen. Dan Sullivan, Vice-Chair
Sen. Scott Flippo
Sen. David Wallace
Sen. Bryan King
Sen. Clint Penzo
Sen. Justin Boyd
Sen. Fredrick J. Love

Rep. Lee Johnson, Chair
Rep. Josh Miller, Vice-Chair
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw
Rep. Jon S. Eubanks
Rep. Stephen Magie
Rep. Richard Womack
Rep. Deborah Ferguson
Rep. Jack Ladyman
Rep. Mary Bentley
Rep. Justin Gonzales

Rep. Kenneth B. Ferguson
Rep. Fred Allen
Rep. Aaron Pilkington
Rep. Mark Perry
Rep. Bart Schulz
Rep. Kendra Moore
Rep. Ryan A. Rose
Rep. Zack Gramlich
Rep. R. Scott Richardson
Rep. Jeremy Wooldridge

- A. Call to Order
- B. Consideration to Approve the February 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes **[Exhibit B]**
- C. Discussion of Division of Environmental Quality Request to Review New Business Plans of Four New Used Tire Programs, Submitted Pursuant to Act 713 of 2023 and A.C.A. § 8-9-408(f) **[Exhibit C]**
1. Lauren Ballard, Chief of Staff, Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment (E&E)
 2. Caleb Osborne, Director, Division of Environmental Quality, E&E
- D. Discussion of Interim Study Proposal 2023-097 by Senator Missy Irvin – To Study the Public Health and Environmental Impacts of Pollution and Depletion of Natural Resources Resulting From the Presence of Digital Asset Mining Facilities, Also Known as “Crypto Mining Facilities” **[Exhibit D]**
1. Allen Dodson, Faulkner County Judge
 2. Phillip Murphy, Faulkner County Attorney
 3. Randy Higgins, Faulkner County Administrator
- E. Review of Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission (ATSC) Quarterly Report for April-June 2023 **[Exhibit E]** **[Handout E]**
1. Matt Gilmore, Public Health Programs Policy/Boards and Commission Coordinator, Arkansas Department of Health (ADH)
 2. Emily Lane, Project Director for ATSC Evaluations, Adjunct Instructor, Department of Health Sciences, University of Central Arkansas
 3. Liz Gates, JD, MPH, Assistant Dean, Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health, UAMS
- F. Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Medical Services, Rules Pertaining to Provider Refunds and Primary Care Provider Qualification Updates **[Exhibit F]**
1. Elizabeth Pitman, Director, Division of Medical Services, DHS
 2. Mitch Rouse, Chief of Staff, DHS

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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- G. DHS, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, Rules Pertaining to Community and Employment Supports (CES) Agency Provider Standards & REPEALS: Arkansas Refugee Resettlement Program State Plan; DHS Policy 3007 – Options Counseling **[Exhibit G]**
 - 1. Melissa Weatherton, Director, Medicaid Specialty Populations, DHS
 - 2. Thomas Tarpley, Interim Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities
 - 3. Mitch Rouse, Chief of Staff, DHS

- H. DHS, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, Rules Pertaining to Developmental Screen for Children (48 to 60 mos.) **[Exhibit H]**
 - 1. Melissa Weatherton, Director, Medicaid Specialty Populations, DHS
 - 2. Thomas Tarpley, Interim Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities
 - 3. Mitch Rouse, Chief of Staff, DHS

- I. ADH, Center for Health Protection, Pharmacy Services Section, Rules Pertaining to Controlled Substances List **[Exhibit I]**
 - 1. Laura Shue, Chief General Counsel, ADH
 - 2. Shane David, Branch Chief, Health Systems Licensing, ADH

- J. ADH, Center for Local Public Health, Environmental Health Branch, Rules Pertaining to the State Board of Sanitarians **[Exhibit J]**
 - 1. Laura Shue, Chief General Counsel, ADH
 - 2. Terry Paul, Branch Chief, Environmental Health Branch, ADH

- K. ADH, Center for Local Public Health, Environmental Branch, Rules Pertaining to Water Operator Licensing **[Exhibit K]**
 - 1. Laura Shue, Chief General Counsel, ADH
 - 2. Terry Paul, Branch Chief, Environmental Health Branch, ADH

- L. ADH, Center for Local Public Health, Environmental Health Branch, Rules Pertaining to Septic Tank Cleaners **[Exhibit L]**
 - 1. Laura Shue, Chief General Counsel, ADH
 - 2. Terry Paul, Branch Chief, Environmental Health Branch, ADH

- M. Other Business

- N. Adjournment