

AGENDA
Arkansas Veterans' Home Task Force

Monday, August 05, 2013
10:00 AM
Room 149, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Legislative Members

Sen. Jane English, Chair
Sen. Bobby J. Pierce
Sen. Jim Hendren

Rep. John Charles Edwards
Rep. Kim Hammer
Rep. George B. McGill

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Mr. Steve Gray, ex officio
Mr. Joseph Didden, ex officio
Mr. Ronnie Anderson, ex officio
Ms. AnnaMarie Atwood, ex officio
Ms. Jane Benton, ex officio

PURPOSE: The task force shall study issues related to opening a new Arkansas Veterans' Home or homes and develop specific recommendations for review, consideration, and implementation by the General Assembly. The final report of the task force containing its findings and recommendation is due on or before October 31, 2013.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Consideration to approve Minutes of July 9, 2013 **[EXHIBIT B]**
- C. Announce top 3 to 5 Location Proposals
- D. Discuss facility operations and maintenance costs
 - 1. Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs
 - 2. Arkansas Department of Human Services
 - 3. Contract
- E. Discuss Revenue Sources
 - 1. Private Pay
 - 2. VA Per Diem
 - 3. Medicaid
 - 4. Medicare
- F. Discuss Admission Criteria
 - 1. Fayetteville: CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION:
 - a. No criminal record
 - b. Honorable discharge
 - c. Arkansas residents have first priority
 - d. Veteran's spouses and Gold Star parents can apply for admission
 - e. Have a medical need for nursing home placement
 - 2. Little Rock: (Former Home) CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION:
 - a. Honorable discharge
 - b. Residency in Arkansas
 - c. Meet income/asset guidelines
 - d. Submit a current medical summary

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- e. Totally disabled by Veterans Administration Guidelines
- f. Ambulatory (walk, w/cane, walker or non-motorized wheelchair)
- g. Express a desire to reside in the Arkansas Veterans Home
- h. Enrollment in VA system with PCP assigned

G. Other Business

H. Adjournment