

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

Monday, June 22, 2020
10:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Missy Irvin, Chair
Sen. David Wallace, Vice-Chair
Sen. Bill Sample
Sen. Ronald Caldwell
Sen. Jimmy Hickey, Jr
Sen. Bart Hester
Sen. Scott Flippo
Sen. Kim Hammer

Rep. Jack Ladyman, Chair
Rep. Deborah Ferguson, Vice-Chair
Rep. Fredrick J. Love
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw
Rep. Chris Richey
Rep. Stephen Magie
Rep. Josh Miller
Rep. Richard Womack
Rep. John Payton
Rep. Mary Bentley

Rep. Michelle Gray
Rep. Justin Gonzales
Rep. Kenneth B. Ferguson
Rep. Justin Boyd
Rep. Karilyn Brown
Rep. Austin McCollum
Rep. Bruce Coleman
Rep. Clint Penzo
Rep. Mark Perry
Rep. Lee Johnson

Committee meetings are open to the public. However, there is limited seating due to the social distancing requirements. Members of the public shall wear a mask while in the MAC Building.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Comments by the Chairs
 - 1. Senator Missy Irvin
 - 2. Representative Jack Ladyman
- C. Consideration to Adopt June 8, 2020, and June 9, 2020, meeting minutes.(**Exhibit C**)
- D. Impact and Current Status of Covid-19 Pandemic on Arkansas and Arkansans
 - 1. Cam Patterson, MD, MBA, Chancellor, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences(UAMS)
 - 2. Steppe Mette, MD, CEO, UAMS Medical Center
 - 3. Jennifer Dillaha, MD, State Epidemiologist, Arkansas Department of Health(guidance/testing/contract tracing)
 - 4. Bo Ryall, President and CEO, Arkansas Hospital Association
 - 5. Jodianna Tritt, JD, Executive Vice President, Arkansas Hospital Association
 - 6. Rachel Bunch, Executive Director, Arkansas Health Care Association (**Exhibit D-6**)
- E. Covid-19 Impact on Various Population Groups
 - 1. ShaRonda Love, MPH, Director, Minority Health Commission(**Exhibit E-1**)
 - 2. Nelson Peacock, President and CEO, NW Arkansas Council
 - 3. Pearl Mcelfish, Vice Chancellor, UAMS-NW (Hispanic and Marshallese Health)
 - 4. Judd Semingson, Chief executive Officer, Community Clinic of NWA
 - 5. Susan Barrett, Chair, NWA Council Healthcare Transformation Division
- F. Treatment of Covid-19 Patients Using Telemedicine and Broadband
 - 1. Curtis Lowery, MD, UAMS (Telemedicine/Broadband)

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. Update on Covid-19 Testing in Human Development Centers and Arkansas Health Center
1. Melissa Stone, Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, Department of Human Services (DHS)
 2. Jay Hill, Director, Division of Aging Adult & Behavioral Health Services, DHS
- H. Update on Federal Cares Act/Initiatives for Healthcare Providers
1. Mark White, JD, Chief Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs Officer and Chief of Staff, DHS
 2. Janet Mann, Director, Division of Medical Services, DHS
- I. Update on the Emergency Unemployment Insurance Program
1. Charisse Childers, PhD, Director, Division of Workforce Services (Unemployment Insurance)
- J. Below are listed Interim Study Proposals (ISPs). The sponsor has been asked to present a brief explanation of their ISP and why it should be adopted for study by the committee. Each ISP will be voted on separately.
1. Interim Study Proposal 2019-150 by Sen. Kim Hammer
Requesting the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor study possible Revisions to the Process for Declaring and Addressing a Public Health Emergency in the State of Arkansas. **(Exhibit J-1)**
 2. Interim Study Proposal 2019-151 by Rep. Aaron Pilkington
An Act to Amend the Telemedicine Act; To Ensure that Telemedicine is the least Restrictive Method to Deliver Healthcare Services Remotely; To Expand the definition of "Professional Relationship" and the Delivery of Healthcare Services Provided Via Telemedicine; and for other Purposes. **(Exhibit J-2)**
 3. Interim Study Proposal 2019-152 by Sen. Missy Irvin
An Act to Require the Office of Medicaid Inspector General to Delay Recovery of Improperly Expended Medical Assistance Funds During a Public Health Emergency; And for Other Purposes. **(Exhibit J-3)**
 4. Interim Study Proposal 2019-153 by Sen. Missy Irvin
An Act to Mandate Insurance Coverage and Medicaid Benefits with Regard to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (Covid-19); To Declare an Emergency; and for Other Purposes. **(Exhibit J-4)**
 5. Interim Study Proposal 2019-154 by Sen. Missy Irvin
To Define the Scope under which Medical Professionals may Engage in Emergency Services During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) Outbreak; To Declare an Emergency; and for Other Purposes. **(Exhibit J-5)**
 6. Interim Study Proposal 2019-155 by Sen. Missy Irvin
To Provide a Grace Period for Non-Payment of Insurance Premiums to Certain Policyholders; to Declare an Emergency; and for Other Purposes. **(Exhibit J-6)**
 7. Interim Study Proposal 2019-156 by Sen. Missy Irvin
To Suspend Payment Audits of Healthcare Providers; to Provide an Overpayment Recovery Time Limit Toll for Healthcare Providers; to Declare an Emergency; and for Other Purposes. **(Exhibit J-7)**
 8. Interim Study Proposals 2019-157 by Sen. Missy Irvin
To Provide Immunity from Liability for Death, Injury, or Property Damage sustained as a Result of an Act of Omission by an Emergency Responder, Healthcare Provider, or Healthcare Facility in the Course of Providing Emergency Management Services During the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency; to Declare an Emergency; and for Other Purposes. **(Exhibit J-8)**
- K. Other Business
- L. Adjournment