

## MINUTES

### ALC-ARKANSAS HEALTH INSURANCE MARKETPLACE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT SUBCOMMITTEE

December 20, 2018  
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The ALC-Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Legislative Oversight Subcommittee met Thursday, December 20, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 130 of the State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Senate Marketplace Legislative Oversight Subcommittee Members Attending:** Senators Larry Teague, Vice-chair; Cecile Bledsoe, Linda Chesterfield, Jason Rapert, Terry Rice, and Bill Sample.

**House Marketplace Legislative Oversight Subcommittee Members Attending:** Representatives Deborah Ferguson, Co-Chair; David Meeks, Vice Chair; Kenneth Bragg, Jim Dotson, Jon Eubanks, Kim Hammer, Reginald Murdock, and Jeff Wardlaw.

**Other Legislators Attending:** Senator Breanne Davis. Representatives Carol Dalby, Justine Gonzales, Fredrick Love, and Aaron Pilkington.

**Members-Elect Attending:** Representatives-Elect Harlan Breaux, and Brian Evans.

#### **Call to Order**

Senator Larry Teague called the meeting to order.

#### **Consideration to Adopt the November 15, 2018 Meeting Minutes (EXHIBIT C)**

Senator Teague stated that without objection, the November 15, 2018, meeting minutes are adopted.

#### **Report from the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace (AHIM) Board and Staff—Status of Open Enrollment—Additional Information about the Cost of Operating the Health Insurance Marketplace**

Brett Kirkman, Chair, AHIM Board of Directors, Mark Meadors, Vice Chair, AHIM Board of Directors, and Angela Lowther, Director, Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace; presented additional information about the cost of operating the Health Insurance marketplace.

Ms. Lowther, Mr. Kirkman, and Mr. Meadors presented their case for retaining the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace as a separate organization from the Arkansas Insurance Department. They also presented the status of open enrollment; and explained in detail, the year-end financials of AHIM, with the aid of a powerpoint presentation and additional handouts (*Handouts #1, #2, #3, and #4*).

The User Fee for 2019 and 2020 was discussed at length by the Subcommittee members and the AHIM board members. It was clear that the legislators wanted to keep the User Fee at 1%, instead of increasing it to 1.25%.

Allen Kerr, Commissioner, Arkansas Insurance Department (AID), stated that most of the duties performed by AHIM are already executed by AID--except for directing the duties of the navigators and managing the advertising. Mr. Kerr stated AID is prepared and ready to incorporate those two (2) duties (*Handout presented by AID*).

Senator Jason Rapert made a motion for the AHIM Oversight Subcommittee, to recommend to the Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) that the functions currently being performed by AHIM be transferred to the Arkansas Insurance Department; and that corresponding legislation be drafted to facilitate the transfer. Representative Jeff Wardlaw seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.