

# EXHIBIT C

## **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACCESS LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE RULES OF PROCEDURE**

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of these rules is to establish rules and procedures for conducting the business of the **Behavioral Health Treatment Access Legislative Task Force** and to inform the members of the Arkansas General Assembly and the public of the procedures and rules of the task force.

### **DUTIES:**

1. The task force is required by Act 895 of 2015, the Criminal Justice Reform Act of 2015, to:
  - a. be responsible for ensuring that persons in the criminal justice system who have a demonstrated need for behavioral health treatment have access to treatment.
  - b. facilitate access to behavioral health treatment programs;
  - c. coordinate with other public and private entities to develop and promote access;
  - d. take steps to reduce costs and encourage evidence- based care;
  - e. assess feasibility and make recommendation for changes to state programs to improve access; and
2. To prepare and submit an annual report by December 1 of each year to the Governor and the Legislative Council.

**PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE:** Except as otherwise specified by these rules, the rules of the Arkansas House of Representatives and the Arkansas Senate shall be observed by the task force, insofar as they are applicable. If an applicable rule does not exist or the House and Senate rules are incompatible, the chair shall decide the issue.

1. **Quorum.** The task force is composed of no more than nine (9) members. A quorum of the task force consists of five (5) members.
2. **Action.** An affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum present shall be required for the passage of a motion or other task force action.
3. **Roll Call.** The task force shall vote by voice vote unless a roll call vote is requested by two (2) or more task force members. Roll call votes shall be recorded in the meeting minutes.
4. **Motions.** A motion shall receive a second to be considered for action by the task force.
5. **Public Comment.** The chair may provide the public an opportunity to speak during a task force meeting to allow for public comment on issues before the task force.