

MINUTES
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR
Meeting Jointly
Wednesday, June 1, 2022
10:00 AM
Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine, 7000 Chad Colley Blvd.
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Ben Gilmore and Dan Sullivan; Representatives Jack Ladyman, Chair; Justin Boyd, Bruce Coleman, Justin Gonzales, Clint Penzo, and Jeff Wardlaw

Other members present: Representatives Charlene Fite, Austin McCollum, and David Ray

Representative Jack Ladyman called the meeting to order.

Department of Human Services (DHS), Review of Rule [Exhibit C]

Mr. Mark White, Deputy Director and Chief of Staff, Legal and Legislative Affairs, DHS, discussed the proposed rule which amends Section II of the Developmental Therapy Services Medicaid Manual.

Representative Ladyman stated that without objection, the rule stands as reviewed.

Department of Human Services, Review of Rule [Exhibit D]

Mr. Mark White, Deputy Director and Chief of Staff, Legal and Legislative Affairs, DHS, discussed the proposed rule which provides a minimum standard for First Connections service providers.

Representative Ladyman stated that without objection, the rule stands as reviewed.

Department of Human Services, Review of Rule [Exhibit E]

Mr. Mark White, Deputy Director and Chief of Staff, Legal and Legislative Affairs, DHS, discussed the proposed rule which amends the Arkansas Medicaid State Plan to incorporate the new state review methodology and most recent rate review results for occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech-language pathology treatment services.

Representative Ladyman stated that without objection, the rule stands as reviewed.

Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), Review of Rule [Exhibit F]

Ms. Amy Emory, Director, ADH Medical Board; Ms. Sue A. Tedford, MNSc, APRN, Director, Arkansas State Board of Nursing, ADH; and Mr. David Dawson, J.D., General Counsel, Arkansas State Board of Nursing; discussed the proposed rule pertaining to Chapter 11, Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee.

Representative Ladyman stated that without objection, the rule stands as reviewed.

Presentation and Tour of Arkansas Colleges of Health Education, The Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine

Mr. Kyle D. Parker, JD, President and Chief Executive Officer, Arkansas Colleges of Health Education, and Mr. Benny L. Gooden, Ed.D, Executive Director of Institutional Relations, Arkansas Colleges of Health Education, gave an update on the Arkansas Colleges of Health Education.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Following the meeting, legislators toured the Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine.