

## APPROVED MINUTES

### STATE AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS SENATE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, February 1, 2018

The State Agencies and Governmental Affairs – Senate Constitutional Issues Subcommittee met on Thursday, February 1, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. in the Arkansas Old Supreme Court Room, Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Committee Members Present:** Senators Bryan King, Chair; Gary Stubblefield and David Wallace.

**Other Legislators Present:** Senators Ronald Caldwell, Jonathan Dismang, and Trent Garner.  
**Representatives** Jim Dotson, Charlotte Douglas, Kenneth Ferguson, Kim Hammer, Josh Miller, Marcus Richmond, Brandt Smith.

Senator King called the meeting to order.

**Discussion of ISP 2017-105 – A proposed constitutional amendment concerning state-provided health insurance or medical assistance, or both for certain eligible individual and the recoupment of actual costs incurred by ineligible individuals.** [Exhibit C]

**Ms. Max Greenwood, Director, Government and Media Relations, Arkansas Blue Cross/Blue Shield,** answered questions from Senator King. She stated they lost more than \$40 million on the individual exchange in 2016, which Arkansas Works is a part of it. Blue Cross/Blue Shield has implemented cost-saving measures to make up for the loss, such as changing copays, deductibles and provider reimbursement and removing the ability of Arkansas Works patients to go out of state.

**Ms. Cindy Gillespie, Director, Department of Human Services and Mr. Kelley Linck, Chief Governmental Liaison of Legislative Affairs, Department of Human Services,** stated the backlog the state agency had made it difficult to re-determine eligibility when addressing the question about millions of dollars spent on ineligible patients. DHS has ramped up its Medicaid fraud investigations and plans to bring lawmakers more policies to approve during the fiscal session.

**Discussion of ISP 2017-107 – A proposed amendment to the Arkansas Constitutional providing that the Governor shall not disapprove certain provisions of a bill making appropriation of money.**

[Exhibit D]

Ms. Cindy Gillespie, Director, Department of Human Services and Mr. Kelley Linck, Chief Governmental Liaison of Legislative Affairs, Department of Human Services, discussed the ISP and answered questions from Senator Bryan King and other committee members.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned.