

JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

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The Joint Performance Review Committee met Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in Room B, Mac Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Committee members present were Senators Alan Clark, Co-Chair, Linda Collins-Smith, Jane English, Missy Irvin, Terry Rice, Gary Stubblefield, and Representatives Kim Hammer, Co-Chair, Kenneth Ferguson, Charlene Fite, Mary "Prissy" Hickerson, Josh Miller, Dan Sullivan, and Clarke Tucker.

Other legislators present were Senators Bill Sample, Larry Teague, and Eddie Joe Williams, and Representatives David Branscum, Mark McElroy, James Ratliff, and Marshall Wright.

Call to Order

Representative Hammer called the meeting to order.

Opening Remarks – Senator Alan Clark and Representative Hammer, JPR Co-Chairs

Representative Hammer told committee members the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the issuance of subpoenas to Noridian Healthcare Solutions, Northrop Grumman Corporation, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), specifically Jessica Kahn. However, a subpoena won't be needed for the Northrop Grumman Corporation. They recently submitted a letter stating their voluntary willingness to appear before the Committee. Noridian Healthcare Solutions has also agreed to voluntarily appear before the Committee. The only subpoena that needs to be issued is to Jessica Kahn with CMS. Representative Hammer explained that enforcement of this subpoena ends at the state line. However, he did state that this action will send a strong message to CMS by the Committee as part of its efforts to review all pertinent information concerning contract negotiations for the Medicaid Eligibility and Enrollment Framework (EEF) project for Arkansas.

A motion to issue a subpoena to Jessica Kahn, CMS, was made by Representative Dan Sullivan and seconded by Representative Kenneth Ferguson. Representative Hammer explained that a vote on the motion will be taken by each Chamber. Senator English, Senate Vice Chair called for the vote by Senate Committee members. The motion passed unanimously. Representative Hammer called for a vote by the House Committee members. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Kahn will be mailed the subpoena which compels her attendance at the October 2, 2015 meeting of the JPR Committee.

Representative Hammer announced upcoming JPR meetings, which are scheduled for Thursday, October 1, and Friday, October 2, 2015. He stated that a committee meeting scheduled by a Call of the Chair may occur to accommodate the appearance of other EEF vendors subsequent to the issuance of the subpoena.

With no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.