

## MINUTES

### HEALTH REFORM LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE

March 10, 2015  
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The Health Reform Legislative Task Force met Tuesday, March 10, 2015 upon the adjournment of both chambers in Room 171, State Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Senate Health Reform Task Force members attending were:** Senators Jim Hendren, Chair; Cecile Bledsoe, Vice Chair; Linda Chesterfield, John Cooper, Keith Ingram, Jason Rapert, Terry Rice, and David Sanders.

**House Health Reform Task Force members attending were:** Representatives Charlie Collins, Chair; Reginald Murdock, Vice Chair; Justin Boyd, Joe Farrer, Deborah Ferguson, Michelle Gray, Kim Hammer, and David Meeks.

**Non Legislative Members Attending:** Gregory Bledsoe, M.D., Arkansas Surgeon General.

**Other legislators attending were:** Senator Missy Irvin.

#### **Call to Order & Comments by the Chairs**

Senator Jonathan Dismang and Representative Jeremy Gillam called the first meeting of the Health Reform Legislative Task Force to order; and presided over election of the task force chairs. Election results are as follows:

◆ Sen. Jim Hendren	Senate Chair
◆ Sen. Cecile Bledsoe	Senate Vice Chair
◆ Rep. Charlie Collins	House Chair
◆ Rep. Reginald Murdock	House Vice Chair

Senator Dismang and Representative Gillam then turned the meeting proceedings over to Senator Hendren and Representative Collins.

#### **Consideration by the Task Force to Adopt the Rules of Procedure**

Representative Kim Hammer made a motion to adopt the Task Force Rules of Procedure, and without objection the rules were adopted.

#### **Comments from Each Task Force Member and the Arkansas Surgeon General About the Work of the Task Force**

Senator Hendren recognized Dr. Gregory Bledsoe, Arkansas Surgeon General, as a non-voting, but very important member of this task force. All of the task force members introduced themselves.

Senator Hendren would like these task force meetings to be live-streamed, and he stated that the Request for Proposals (RFP) are ready for the task force members to scrutinize.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.