**MINUTES**

**HEALTH REFORM LEGISLATIVE**

**TASK FORCE**

July 15, 2015

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The Health Reform Legislative Task Force met Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room A of the Big MAC Building, 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, and Terry Rice.

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

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

**Other legislators attending were:** Senators Ronald Caldwell, Joyce Elliott, Jimmy Hickey, Missy Irvin, Bryan King, and Eddie Joe Williams. Representatives Eddie Armstrong, Mary Bentley, Charles Blake, Ken Bragg, Mary Broadaway, Karilyn Brown, Trevor Drown, Vivian Flowers, Bill Gossage, Justin Harris, Ken Henderson, Frederick Love, Rebecca Petty, Laurie Rushing, James Sorvillo, Dan Sullivan, and DeAnn Vaught.

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

Senator Jim Hendren called the meeting to order and made general opening comments of today’s meeting.

**Consideration to Approve the June 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes** (EXHIBIT C)

Without objection the Minutes from the June 11, 2015 meeting were approved

**Monthly Status Report from The Stephen Group** *(Handouts 1A, 1B, & 1C)*

John Stephen, Managing Partner of The Stephen Group (TSG), presented their second monthly status report with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Stephen introduced the TSG staff members who attended the meeting: Stephen Palmer, Senior Consultant, Medicaid Policy Expert, Rory Rickert, Senior Consultant, Pharmacy Consultant Expert, and Bob Chin, Senior Consultant & Board Director.

**Update of Medicaid Pharmacy Program**

Brent Breeding, Account Manager, Magellan (Fiscal Agent for Arkansas Medicaid Program), Mark Riley, Pharm D., Executive Vice President, Arkansas Pharmacists Association (Handout), Dwight Davis, Pharm D., Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice, UAMS (Handout)**,** andRory Rickert, Senior Consultant, The Stephen Group; presented discussions of this update.

**Pharmacy Benefit Managers**

Michael Harrold, Senior Director, State Government Affairs, Express Scripts **(EXHIBITS F-1 & F-2)**, Amy Bricker, Vice President, Supply Chain Pricing, Express Scripts, Krista Ward, Senior Director, Medicaid, Express Scripts, and

Anne Winter, Senior Director of Medicaid for CVS Health; presented the discussion on Pharmacy Benefit Managers.