

**REPORT OF THE
HOSPITAL AND MEDICAID STUDY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

October 18, 2019

Senator Bledsoe and Representative Wardlaw, Co-Chairs:

The Hospital and Medicaid Study Subcommittee met Thursday, September 26, 2019, at 9:00 am, in Room 205 of the Donald W. Reynolds Campus and Community Center at Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia, Arkansas.

The Subcommittee heard testimony regarding the following items:

1. Challenges facing rural hospitals by Mr. Rex Jones, CEO, Magnolia Regional Medical Center;
2. Opportunities for diversity, equity, and inclusion by Dr. Brian Gittens, Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS);
3. UAMS Regional Programs by Mr. Sterling Moore, Vice Chancellor for Regional Campuses, UAMS;
4. UAMS Sickle Cell Clinic Update by Ms. Colin Montgomery from the UAMS Adult Sickle Cell Program; and
5. Mental health issues facing Pre-K – 12th Grade and Higher Education students by Dr. Kim Bloss, Dean, College of Education, Southern Arkansas University.

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Senator Eddie Cheatham and Representative Fred Love.