

EXHIBIT C

MINUTES

Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor

House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor

Meeting Jointly

Monday, November 7, 2022

10:00 AM

Room A, MAC

Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Cecile Bledsoe, Chair; Breanne Davis, Ben Gilmore, Kim Hammer, Bart Hester, and Dan Sullivan; Representatives Jack Ladyman, Chair; Fred Allen, Mary Bentley, Bruce Coleman, Marsh Davis, Jim Dotson, Jon S. Eubanks, Justin Gonzales, John Payton, Aaron Pilkington, and Jeff Wardlaw

Other members present: Representatives Mark Berry, Stan Berry, Nicole Clowney, Cameron Cooper, Denise Ennett, Lanny Fite, Vivian Flowers, Kenneth Ferguson, Delia Haak, Fredrick Love, Tippi McCullough, Johnny Rye, Keith Slape, and Joy Springer

Senator Bledsoe called the meeting to order.

Approval of the September 6, 2022, meeting minutes [Exhibit C]

Senator Hammer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Payton, and the motion carried.

Review of the Arkansas Minority Health Commission Annual (FY22) Report [Handout 1]

Ms. Kenya L. Eddings, MPH, Director, Arkansas Minority Health Commission; Mr. Matt Gilmore, Public Health Programs Policy Coordinator, Arkansas Department of Health (ADH); Ms. Beatriz Mondragon, Grants Coordinator, Arkansas Minority Health Commission; and Ms. Este Frazier, MPA, Arkansas Minority Health Commission; discussed the Arkansas Minority Health Commission FY 2022 Report. They reported on the main goals of the year and the outcomes of those efforts.

Senator Bledsoe stated that, without objection, this report is reviewed.

Medicaid Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) Update [Exhibit E]

Ms. Elizabeth Pitman, Director, Division of Medical Services, Department of Human Services (DHS), and Ms. Martina Smith, Director, Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance, DHS, gave an update regarding EVV. They discussed the reasons for the EVV system, the timeline of implementation, and statistics regarding self-direction clients use of the system.

Report of a Study on the Commercial Application of Existing Technology to Reclaim and Repurpose Spent Nuclear Fuel Rods required in Act 1092 of 2021 [Exhibit F]

Mr. Michael Grappe', Director of Special Projects, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of Energy and Environment, presented a report regarding the commercial application of the existing technology to reclaim and repurpose spent nuclear fuel rods.

Report of the Arkansas PANS/PANDA Advisory Council contained in Act 430 of 2021 [Exhibit G]

Senator Kim Hammer, Chair, Arkansas PANS/PANDA Advisory Council, gave a report regarding the efforts of the council. Due to technical difficulty, Mr. Paul Ryan, Co-Founder & President, PACE Foundation, was unable to speak regarding the update and Senator Hammer requested that the remainder of the report be held over until the next Public Health, Welfare, and Labor Committee meeting.

Report of a Study on Mental and Behavioral Health require in Act 802 of 2021

Representative Jack Ladyman made a request to send this report to the Health Services Subcommittee meeting on November 14, 2022, and that the subcommittee will submit the report to the Arkansas Legislative Council as required by Act 802 of 2021. Without objection, the report was sent to the Health Services Subcommittee for discussion and review.

Arkansas Department of Health, Center for Local Public Health, Review of Rule which provides for registration of free and low-cost health care clinics and healthcare providers and medical professionals providing volunteer healthcare services pursuant to the Arkansas Code Ann. §16-6-201, §17-95-106, and §20-8-801 and implements provisions of Act 968 of 2021

Mr. Charles Thompson, Managing Attorney, ADH, and Mr. Craig Smith, Attorney, ADH, discussed the proposed rule which provides for registration of free and low-cost health care clinics and healthcare providers and medical professionals providing volunteer healthcare services.

Senator Bledsoe stated that, without objection, the rule stands as reviewed.

Interim Study Proposals

Senator Bledsoe stated that, without objection, all eighteen ISP's listed on the agenda will be adopted for study.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.