

**MINUTES**  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR**  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR**  
**Meeting Jointly**  
**Friday, March 29, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Room A, MAC**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Committee members present: Senators Missy Irvin, Chair; Dan Sullivan, Vice Chair; and Fredrick J. Love; Representatives Lee Johnson, Chair; Josh Miller, Vice Chair; Mary Bentley, Kenneth B. Ferguson, Justin Gonzales, Jack Ladyman, Stephen Magie, Kendra Moore, Mark Perry, Aaron Pilkington, R. Scott Richardson, Bart Schulz, Jeff Wardlaw, and Jeremy Wooldridge

Other members present: Senators Breanne Davis, Kim Hammer, and Matt Stone; Representatives Howard M. Beaty, Jr., Stan Berry, Denise Jones Ennett, Jimmy Gazaway, Shad Pearce, Johnny Rye, Joy Springer, and Steven Walker

Senator Missy Irvin called the meeting to order.

**Consideration to Approve the February 28, 2024, and February 29, 2024, Meeting Minutes [Exhibits B1-B2]**

Without objection, the minutes were approved.

**Discussion of Governor Sanders' Executive Order 24-03: Executive Order to Support Moms, Protect Babies, and to Improve Maternal Health [Exhibit C] [Handout C]**

Kristi Putnam, Secretary, Department of Human Services (DHS); Janet Mann, Deputy Secretary, DHS; Renee Mallory, Secretary, Arkansas Department of Health (ADH); Cassie Cochran, Deputy Director for Public Health Programs, ADH; and Representative Mary Bentley; discussed the progress made across state agencies to address Governor Sanders' Executive Order regarding maternal health.

**Overview of Arkansas Water Plan and Update on State Water Projects and Programs [Handout D]**

Chris Colclasure, Director, Natural Resources Division, Department of Agriculture; Ryan Benefield, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Division, Department of Agriculture; Don Adams, Chief of Staff, ADH; and Lance Jones, Director of Engineering, ADH; gave an update on the state water plan and presented a fact sheet on funding for water and wastewater projects.

**DHS, Division of Medical Services, Review of Rule, Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) Reimbursement [Exhibit F]**

Elizabeth Pitman, Director, Division of Medical Services, DHS; Mitch Rouse, Chief of Staff, DHS; and Janet Mann, Deputy Secretary, DHS; discussed rules pertaining to Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) reimbursement rates.

Senator Irvin stated that, without objection, this rule stands reviewed.

**DHS, Division of Medical Services, Review of Rule, Continuous Glucose Monitors and Diabetic Supplies Coverage & REPEALS: DDS Policy 3018 – Reporting of Denial of Access to Services; DDS Policy 3018 – Mortality Review of Deaths of Persons Receiving Alternative Community Services Waiver Services [Exhibit E]**

Elizabeth Pitman, Director, Division of Medical Services, DHS; Mitch Rouse, Chief of Staff, DHS; and Janet Mann, Deputy Secretary, DHS; presented rules pertaining to continuous glucose monitors and diabetic supplies coverage.

Representative Magie made a motion to hold the rule in committee for further discussion, seconded by Representative Wooldridge, and the motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12.00 p.m.

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