

MINUTES
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR
Meeting Jointly
Wednesday, June 12, 2024
10:00 AM
Room 151, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Missy Irvin, Chair; Dan Sullivan, Vice Chair; Bryan King, Reginald Murdock, and David Wallace; Representatives Jon S. Eubanks, Kenneth B. Ferguson, Justin Gonzales, Jack Ladyman, Mark Perry, Aaron Pilkington, Bart Schulz, Jeff Wardlaw, and Jeremy Wooldridge

Senator Irvin called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve the May 21, 2024, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]

Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), Center for Health Advancement, Review of Rule, Human Breast Milk Bank Standards [Exhibit C]

Laura Shue, General Counsel, ADH, discussed rules pertaining to safety standards in the transporting, processing, and distributing of commercial human breast milk.

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

Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, Review of Rule, Crisis Stabilization Units [Exhibit D]

Amy Webb, Interim Deputy Director, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, DHS, and Mitch Rouse, Chief of Staff, DHS, discussed rules to help Crisis Stabilization Units become more financially sustainable.

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

DHS, Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance, Review of Rule, Licensure for Veterans, Spouses, and Active Military [Exhibit E]

Martina Smith, Director, Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance, DHS, and Mitch Rouse, Chief of Staff, DHS, discussed rules to remove the one-year limit for veterans, their spouses, and active military to apply for service education, training, or certifications towards initial occupational licensure as a Nursing Home Administrator or Nursing Assistant in the State of Arkansas.

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

DHS, Division of Aging, Adult and Behavioral Health Services, Review of Rule, Assisted Living Facility Cost Reporting Pursuant to Act 198 [Exhibit F]

Jay Hill, Director, Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services, DHS, and Mitch Rouse, Chief of Staff, DHS, discussed rules pertaining to Assisted Living Facilities completing annual cost-reports as a condition for participating in the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

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

Consideration for Adoption of Interim Study Proposal (ISP) [Exhibit G]
Senator Irvin stated that without objection, ISP 2023-110 is adopted for study.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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