

**MINUTES**  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR**  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR**  
**Meeting Jointly**  
**Wednesday, July 9, 2025**  
**2:00 PM**  
**Arkansas State Hospital, Lobby, 305 South Palm Street**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Committee members present: Senators Missy Irvin, Chair; and Fredrick J. Love; Representatives Jeff Wardlaw, Chair; Jeremy Wooldridge, Vice Chair; Fred Allen, Glenn Barnes, Cameron Cooper, Denise Jones Ennett, Kenneth B. Ferguson, Dolly Henley, Jack Ladyman, and Aaron Pilkington

Other members present: Senators Ben Gilmore and Mark Johnson; Representatives Jon S. Eubanks, Tippi McCullough, David Ray, Johnny Rye, and Joy Springer

Senator Irvin called the meeting to order.

**Discussion of Launch of Secured Restoration Pilot Program at Arkansas State Hospital**

Paula Stone, Director, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, Department of Human Services, discussed how the Secured Restoration Pilot Program will address the backlog of individuals awaiting mental evaluations before standing trial.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.