

MINUTES
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR
House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
Meeting Jointly
Tuesday, May 19, 2026
1:30 PM
Conway Regional Medical Center, Auditorium, 2302 College Avenue
Conway, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Missy Irvin, Chair; Scott Flippo, and Ricky Hill; Representatives Jeff Wardlaw, Chair; Jeremy Wooldridge, Vice-Chair; Mary Bentley, Denise Jones Ennett, Kenneth B. Ferguson, Zack Gramlich, Jack Ladyman, Stephen Magie, Aaron Pilkington, and Jay Richardson

Other members present: Senator Mark Johnson; Representatives Denise Garner, Brit McKenzie, and David Ray

Senator Irvin called the meeting to order.

Conway Regional Medical Center Update

Matt Troup, President and CEO, Conway Regional Medical Center, gave an overview of the Conway Regional Medical Center and provided information on funding challenges.

Presentation on Conway Human Development Center (CHDC) [Exhibits C1-C2]

Sarah Murphy, Superintendent, CHDC; Jennifer Brezée, Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, Department of Human Services; Deborah Rainwater, Parent of Child at CHDC; and Nick Davis, Parent of Child at CHDC; gave insight into the CHDC and the value it brings to the community.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.