

MINUTES
SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGING, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, LEGISLATIVE AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS
Meeting Jointly
Tuesday, August 23, 2022
1:00 PM
Room 151, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senator Clarke Tucker, Vice Chair; Representatives Charlene Fite, Chair, Sonia Eubanks Barker, Vice Chair, Mary Bentley, Mark H. Berry, Keith Brooks, Craig Christiansen, Joe Cloud, Cindy Crawford, Marsh Davis, Tony Furman, Julie Mayberry, Gayla H. McKenzie, Joy Springer, and Danny Watson

Other members present: Senator Mathew Pitsch; Representatives Jack Ladyman, Fredrick Love, Clint Penzo, and Johnny Rye

Representative Fite called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve the June 21, 2022, Meeting Minutes [EXHIBIT B]

Representative Berry made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Watson, and the motion carried.

Presentation of Restore Hope (100 Families) Operations [EXHIBIT C]

Karen Phillips, Director of Operations, Restore Hope, and Paul Chapman, Executive Director, Restore Hope, delivered a presentation detailing Restore Hope's 100 Families program, an initiative to help families during crisis by using community resources to help with housing, transportation, employment, addiction, education, and food stability.

Presentation of Project Zero Operations

Christie Erwin, Executive Director, Project Zero, gave a presentation on Project Zero, a non-profit coalition created to give children in foster care opportunities to meet families that are interested in adoption.

Family Preservation Services SFY 2022 Report [EXHIBIT E]

Mischa Martin, Director, Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Department of Human Services, provided a 2022 report from DCFS on recent performance and outcomes.

Arkansas State Police, Crimes Against Children Division (CACD), Quarterly Oversight Report, April – June, 2022 [EXHIBIT F]

Major Jeff Drew, Commander, CACD, reviewed the Quarterly Oversight Report from April to June of 2022 regarding recent statistics.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.