

**MINUTES**  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH**  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGING, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, LEGISLATIVE AND MILITARY**  
**AFFAIRS**  
**Meeting Jointly**  
**Friday, June 9, 2023**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Room A, MAC**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Committee members present: Senators Ben Gilmore, and Matt McKee; Representatives Sonia Eubanks Barker, Chair; Julie Mayberry, Vice-Chair; Keith Brooks, Matt Brown, Joey Carr, Matt Duffield, Hope Duke, Charlene Fite, Brit McKenzie, Stetson Painter, Shad Pearce, Aaron Pilkington, Tara Shephard, Joy Springer, and Steve Unger

Other members present: Senators Jim Dotson, Kim Hammer, and Fredrick J. Love; Representatives Rick Beck, Stan Berry, Cameron Cooper, Kenneth B. Ferguson, Jimmy Gazaway, Grant Hodges, David Ray, Johnny Rye, and Jeff Wardlaw.

Representative Barker called the meeting to order.

**Consideration to Approve the Meeting Minutes from the December 19, 2022, Meeting [Exhibit B]**

Representative Fite made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Springer, and the motion carried.

**Consideration of a Motion to Authorize Chairs to Approve Special Expenses Incurred by the Committees**

Representative Painter made a motion to authorize chairs to approve special expenses incurred by the committees, seconded by Senator Gilmore, and the motion carried.

**Appointments to the Child Maltreatment Investigations Oversight Committee**

Senator Gilmore made a motion to reappoint Senator Clark to the Child Maltreatment Investigations Oversight Committee, seconded by Representative Mayberry, and the motion carried.

**Review of Department of Human Services, Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Quarterly Performance Reports, SYF 2023, October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022, and January 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023 [Exhibits E1-E2]**

Mischa Martin, Deputy Secretary for Youth and Families, DHS, and Tiffany Wright, Director, DCFS, presented the Child Maltreatment Quarterly report from January 1, 2023 - March 31, 2023 and reviewed the number of reports that were investigated by the Arkansas State Police and DCFS.

**Review of Arkansas State Police, Crimes Against Children Division (CACD), Quarterly Oversight Reports, October – December, 2022, and January – March, 2023 [Exhibits F1-F2]**

Major Jeff Drew, Commander, CACD, presented the quarterly report detailing the types of child abuse calls that were received as well as the numbers which were substantiated.

**Arkansas Infant and Child Death Review Program Annual Report [Exhibit G]**

Hope Mullens, Director, Injury Prevention Center, Arkansas Children's Hospital (ACH), and Dawn Porter, Community Program Supervisor, ACH, reviewed the number of infant deaths and the suicide rate for children between the ages 14-17.

**Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas Annual Report [Exhibit H]**

Elizabeth Pulley, Executive Director, Children's Advocacy Centers of Arkansas, gave an overview of the services that the Child Advocacy Center provides for child abuse victims such as medical exams and mental health therapy.

**Adoption of ISP 2023-040 by Representative Jamie Scott – An act to create the correctional postnatal and early childhood advisory board; to study and research issues related to infants and incarcerated mothers; and for other purposes. [Exhibit I]**

Representative Pilkington made a motion to adopt ISP 2023-040, seconded by Representative Springer, and the motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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