

## MINUTES

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGING, CHILDREN AND YOUTH, LEGISLATIVE AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

**Monday, November 15, 2021**

**10:00 AM**

**Room A, MAC**

**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Committee members present: Senators Alan Clark and Jim Hendren; Representatives Charlene Fite, Chair; Mary Bentley, Craig Christiansen, Cindy Crawford, Marsh Davis, Tony Furman, Denise Garner, Julie Mayberry, Jon Milligan, Stu Smith, Joy Springer, and Danny Watson

Other members present: Senators Trent Garner, and Kim Hammer; Representatives Fred Allen, Denise Ennett, Kenneth Ferguson, Roger Lynch, Johnny Rye, and Keith Slape

Representative Fite called the meeting to order.

#### **Approval of Minutes for the August 31, 2021, Meeting [Exhibit C]**

Senator Hendren made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Christiansen, and the motion carried.

#### **Presentation of Department of Human Services (DHS) Reports [Exhibits D1-D9]**

Ms. Micha Martin, Director, Division of Children and Family Services, DHS, presented the Annual Report SFY 2021, encompassing the Quarterly Performance Reports, and the Report on Data and Best Practices for Children in Foster Care. The additional reports were held over for a future meeting.

#### **Presentation of Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) Reports [Exhibits E1-E5]**

Major Jeff Drew, Commander, CACD, Arkansas State Police, presented the 2020 Annual Report of the CACD, as well as the April-June, 2021 Quarterly Report.

#### **Presentation on Elderly Caregiving [Exhibits F1-F2]**

Ms. Ness Nehus, Associate State Director, American Association of Retired Persons, gave a presentation on elderly caregiving.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.