

## Minutes

Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth

House Interim Committee on

Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs

Meeting Jointly

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

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The Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth and the House Interim Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs met jointly on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., at the State Capitol, Room 130, Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Committee members present:** **Senators** Bart Hester, Chair; John Cooper, Breanne Davis and Stephanie Flowers. **Representatives** Charlene Fite, Chair; Sonia Eubanks Barker, Vice-Chair; LeAnne Burch, Cindy Crawford, Don Glover, Jasen Kelly, Julie Mayberry, Jay Richardson, Keith Slape, Stu Smith, Danny Watson, Jim Wooten

**Non-committee members present:** **Representatives** Stan Berry, Bruce Coleman, Jack Ladyman and Dan Sullivan

Representative Fite called the meeting to order and recognized visitor's from the Family Career Community Leaders of America.

**Approval of Minutes: December 17, 2018** [Exhibit C]

**Senator Cooper made a motion for approval of the meeting minutes of December 17, 2018, and Representative Watson seconded the motion. Without objection the motion was approved.**

**Consideration to Adopt Motion Authorizing Chairs to Approve Special Expenses** [Exhibit D]

**Senator Cooper made a motion authorizing committee chairs to approve special expenses. Without objection the motion was approved.**

**Consideration to Adopt Interim Study Proposals (ISP)** [Exhibit E1 – E4]

**Representative Watson made a motion to adopt ISP 2019-004: To amend the law concerning the placement of a name on the Child Maltreatment Registry. Sponsored by: Jim Sorvillo. Without objection the ISP was adopted.**

**Representative Watson made a motion to adopt ISP 2019-008: To study the prevention of abuse of elderly and vulnerable adults. Sponsored by: Representative Sarah Capp. Without objection the ISP was adopted.**

**Representative Burch made a motion to adopt ISP 2019-016: Concerning Adverse Childhood Experiences. Sponsored by: Jamie Scott. Without objection the ISP was adopted.**

**Representative Richardson made a motion to adopt ISP 2019-021: Concerning the modification**

**of child support when a noncustodial parent is incarcerated. Sponsored by: David Fielding. Without objection the ISP was adopted.**

**Arkansas State Police, Crimes Against Children Division Annual Report 2018, Major Jeff Drew, Commander [Exhibit F] Arkansas State Police, Crimes Against Children Division, Quarterly Report, July-September 2018 [Exhibit F-1] and October-December 2018 [Exhibit F-2]**

Representative Fite stated that these reports will be reviewed at the next committee meeting.

**Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Youth Services (DYS), Review of Rules, Kimbla Newsom, DYS Deputy Director and Kara Benca, DYS, Assistant Director of Service and Delivery, Quality Assurance and Compliance [Exhibit G]**

Representative Fite recognized Issac Linam, Deputy Chief of Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of Rules Promulgation and Mark Odem, Assistant Director, DYS. Mr. Linam presented the Division of Youth Services Operations Manual. Mr. Linam stated that the goal is to have the manual available on-line effective July 1, 2019.

**Senator Cooper made a motion to recommend the rule be reviewed. Without objection the rule was reviewed.**

**Arkansas Infant and Child Death Review Program Report for Fiscal Year 2018 on Deaths Occurring in 2016. [Exhibit H]**

Representative Fite recognized Dawn Porter, Program Manager, Injury Prevention Center and Sherry Williamson, Child Abuse Project Coordinator. Mrs. Porter reviewed the report for fiscal year 2018 on deaths occurring in 2016. Mrs. Porter stated that they review cases, one fiscal year behind the actual year to eliminate reporting repeated data. The team just completed 2017 cases and will begin the report for the 2018 cases in July, 2019.

Represented Mayberry suggested that Mrs. Porter may want to share some of the data shared in the report with the Transportation Committee.

Representative Barker was interested in statewide campaigns to reduce child deaths based on the information reported and if anything is being done in her area, and if so, is it available online. Mrs. Porter stated that no information can be found online; however, she will forward some information to her.

**Other Business**

Representative Fite has asked that Mark White, Department of Human Services, Division Behavioral Health Services and Aging and Adult Services be present at the next meeting to provide a full report on the new assessment tool being used to determine eligibility within the assisted living and ARChoice programs. Also, Representative Gates asked about the report on Overtured True Investigation and when that information will be reported. Ms. Vickers-Smith stated that information has been provided and will be on the next agenda.

Without any further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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