TENTATIVE AGENDA Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Autism

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 1:00 PM Room 171, State Capitol Little Rock, Arkansas

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Consideration of a Motion to Approve the June 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]
- C. 2025 General Session Legislative Overview [Exhibits C1-C5]
- D. Presentation on Developmental Disability Services [Exhibit D]
 - Jennifer Brezee, Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, Arkansas Department of Human Services
- E. Presentation of Autism Waiver Outcome Data [Exhibit E]
 - Renee Holmes, Director of Autism Services, Partners of Inclusive Communities, University of Arkansas
- F. Overview of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) [Exhibit F]
 - Joseph Baxer, Commissioner, ARS, Arkansas Workforce Connections (AWC), Department of Commerce
 - 2. Dana Byrum, Deputy of Field Operations, ARS, AWC, Department of Commerce
 - 3. Amy Lamb, Associate Commissioner, Access and Accommodations, ARS, AWC, Department of Commerce
- G. Other Business
- H. Adjournment

Note: All exhibits for this meeting are available by electronic means and are accessible on the General Assembly's website at www.arkleg.state.ar.us

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