AGENDA Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Autism

Monday, November 17, 2025 1:00 PM Room B, MAC Little Rock, Arkansas

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Consideration of a Motion to Approve 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]
 - Karan Burnette, Director, Partners of Inclusive Communities, University of Arkansas
- F. Overview of Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) [Exhibit F]
 - 1. 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. Presentation on Perimeter Behavioral Hospital of West Memphis [Exhibits G1-G3]
 - 1. Erica K. Fox, Vice President, Business Development and Contracting, Perimeter Behavioral Hospital of West Memphis
 - 2. Natalie Bland, Director, Business Development, Perimeter Behavioral Hospital of West Memphis
- H. Other Business
- I. 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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