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ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON AUTISM

Tuesday, August 25, 2020

1:30 PM

Virtual, Room MAC A

Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senator Keith Ingram, Co-Chair; Ms. Karan Burnette, Ms. Karen Craig, Ms. Jennifer Hennessey, Ms. Melissa Singleton Stone, Dr. Randal Hundley

Senator Keith Ingram called the meeting to order.

Consideration to Approve the October 30, 2019, Meeting Minutes [EXHIBIT C]

Karan Burnette made a motion to approve the minutes, with a second by Melissa Singleton Stone, and the motion carried.

Discussion of Covid Related Telemedicine Practices and eQHealth Solutions Provider Portal for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Therapy Under Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT)

Melissa Singleton Stone, JD, Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, Department of Human Services discussed telemedicine practices for applied behavior analysis therapy under early and periodic screening, diagnosis and treatment during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Discussion of Diagnostic Requirements; Board Certified Behavior Analyst Licensure; Community and Employment Supports Waiver, Home-Based and Integrated Services Payment Structure Incentive; and ABA Expenses Under EPSDT

Karan Burnette, CCC-SLP, Director, Partners for Inclusive Communities, University of Arkansas, updated the Task Force on recent changes for diagnostic requirements, certified behavior analyst licensures, the Community and Employment Supports Waiver, payment structures for service incentives; and the impact COVID-19 is having on these programs.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.