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SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR
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Meeting Jointly

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

10:00 AM

East Arkansas Family Health Center, Southland Conference Room
900 North 7th Street, West Memphis, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senators Missy Irvin, Chair; Dan Sullivan, Vice Chair; Fredrick J. Love, and David Wallace; Representatives Lee Johnson, Chair; Fred Allen, Deborah Ferguson, Kenneth B. Ferguson, Justin Gonzales, Jack Ladyman, Mark Perry, Aaron Pilkington, and Jeremy Wooldridge

Other members present: Senators Linda Chesterfield and Kim Hammer; Representatives Denise Jones Ennett, Stephen Meeks, Reginald Murdock, Milton Nicks Jr., David Ray, Jay Richardson, Jamie Scott, Tara Shephard, Joy Springer, and Dwight Tosh

Representative Johnson called the meeting to order.

Providing Healthcare to Minority Communities

Dr. Susan Ward-Jones, CEO, East Arkansas Family Health Center, and Dr. Kelli Farris, CEO, Lee County Cooperative Clinic, discussed Community Health Centers and how East Arkansas Family Health Center provides affordable healthcare to minorities in rural communities.

Update on UAMS East Regional Campus [Exhibit C]

Stephanie Loveless, Area Director for Regional Centers, UAMS, gave an update on services provided by the East Regional Campus through increased staffing and partnerships in local communities.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.