

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**  
**Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor**  
**House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor**  
**Meeting Jointly**

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**Monday, October 28, 2024**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Room A, MAC**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Sen. Missy Irvin, Chair  
Sen. Dan Sullivan, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Scott Flippo  
Sen. David Wallace  
Sen. Bryan King  
Sen. Clint Penzo  
Sen. Justin Boyd  
Sen. Fredrick J. Love

Rep. Lee Johnson, Chair  
Rep. Josh Miller, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw  
Rep. Jon S. Eubanks  
Rep. Stephen Magie  
Rep. Richard Womack  
Rep. Deborah Ferguson  
Rep. Jack Ladyman  
Rep. Mary Bentley  
Rep. Justin Gonzales

Rep. Kenneth B. Ferguson  
Rep. Fred Allen  
Rep. Aaron Pilkington  
Rep. Mark Perry  
Rep. Bart Schulz  
Rep. Kendra Moore  
Rep. Ryan A. Rose  
Rep. Zack Gramlich  
Rep. R. Scott Richardson  
Rep. Jeremy Wooldridge

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Consideration to Approve the September 30, 2024, Meeting Minutes **[Exhibit B]**
- C. Update on Nursing Shortages in Arkansas **[Exhibit C]**
1. Kristi Putnam, Secretary, Department of Human Services (DHS)
  2. Janet Mann, Deputy Secretary of Programs and Medicaid Director, DHS
- D. Report on Arkansas Strategic Committee for Maternal Health **[Exhibit D]**
1. Kristi Putnam, Secretary, DHS
  2. Janet Mann, Deputy Secretary of Programs and Medicaid Director, DHS
- E. Consideration for Adoption of Interim Study Proposal (ISP) **[Exhibits E1-E2]**
1. ISP 2023-122 by Representative Mary Bentley – An Act to Replace the Defined Term “Medication Assistive Person” With the Defined Term “Certified Medication Assistant” Throughout § 17-87-701 Et Seq.; To Set Forth the Certification Requirements, Qualifications, and the Scope of Practice for a Certified Medication Assistant; And for Other Purposes.
  2. ISP 2023-123 by Representative Mary Bentley – An Act to Create the Dialysis Patient Care Technician Registration Act; And for Other Purposes.
- F. Department of Energy and Environment (E&E), Division of Environmental Quality, Review of Rule, Rule No. 1, Prevention of Pollution by Oil Field Waste
1. Bailey Taylor, Director, Division of Environmental Quality, E&E
  2. Kesia Morrison, Chief Counsel, E&E
  3. Basil Hicks, Attorney Supervisor, E&E
- G. E&E, Division of Environmental Quality, Review of Rule, Rule No. 6, Regulations for State Administration of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
1. Bailey Taylor, Director, Division of Environmental Quality E&E
  2. Kesia Morrison, Chief Counsel, E&E
  3. Basil Hicks, Attorney Supervisor, E&E

**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](http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us)**

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- H. Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), Division for Health Protection, Infectious Disease, Review of Rule, Rules Pertaining to Rabies Control
  - 1. Dr. Laura Rothfeldt, State Public Health Veterinarian, ADH
  - 2. Craig Smith, Attorney, ADH
  - 3. Laura Shue, Chief General Counsel, ADH
  
- I. ADH, Division of Local Public Health, Review of Rules, REPEAL: Rules and Regulations for Retired Physician Immunity Act
  - 1. Craig Smith, Attorney, ADH
  - 2. Laura Shue, Chief General Counsel, ADH
  
- J. Other Business
  
- K. Adjournment