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ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON AUTISM
Wednesday, April 1, 2026
10:00 AM
Room B, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Senator Justin Boyd, Co-Chair; Representative Denise Jones Ennett, Co-Chair

Non-legislative members present: Jennifer Brezee, and Dr. Angela Scott

Other members present: Representatives Paul Childress and Johnny Rye

Senator Boyd called the meeting to order.

Consideration of a Motion to Approve April 1, 2026, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]

Jennifer Brezee made a motion to adopt the minutes, seconded by Dr. Angela Scott, and the motion carried.

Discussion of Task Force Vacancy Procedures [Exhibit C1-C3]

Senator Boyd led a discussion of the Autism Task Force vacancy procedures and current vacant positions in the Task Force.

Presentation on Developmental Disabilities Provider Association (DDPA) [Exhibit D1-D2]

Yukiko Taylor, Executive Director, DDPA and Leah Henderson, DDPA Association Member and Executive Director, Civitan Services, presented an overview of the Developmental Disabilities Provider Association, highlighting its mission, provider network, and services available to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Discussion to Propose an Amendment to Act 656 of 2021 to include Licensed Psychological Practitioners [Exhibit E1-E3]

Daniel Wysocki, Owner and Examiner, Wysocki Psychological Testing and Counseling, discussed a possible amendment to Act 656 of 2021 to include Licensed Psychological Practitioners as qualified providers for Autism and Community and Employment Support (CES) Waiver eligibility.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.