

AGENDA

**GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION, HEALTH AND GENERAL WELFARE
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017 – 9:00 A.M.
ROOM 16, LEGISLATIVE PLAZA**

SENATOR JANICE BOWLING, CHAIR

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Members of the Education, Health and General Welfare Subcommittee are:

**Senator Janice Bowling, Chair
Senator Rusty Crowe
Senator Thelma Harper
Senator Ed Jackson
Senator Kerry Roberts
Senator Steve Southerland**

**Representative John Ragan, Vice-Chair
Representative Kent Calfee
Representative Glen Casada
Representative Jeremey Faison
Representative Craig Fitzhugh
Representative Mike Stewart**

II. Statewide Community Services Agency

- A. The Statewide Community Services Agency appeared before the Education, Health and General Welfare Joint Subcommittee of Government Operations on September 21, 2016. As a result of that hearing, the agency was given a sunset termination date of June 30, 2018 and required to appear before the Government Operations Joint Evaluation Committee on Education, Health and General Welfare no later than June 30, 2017, to update the committee on the agency's progress in addressing the findings set forth in the September 2016 sunset audit report.**
- B. Presentation of the agency's follow-up regarding audit findings by Mr. Tom McWherter, Executive Director, Tennessee Community Services Agency.**
- C. Comments by members of the public (may want to limit to 3-5 minutes per person).**
- D. Subcommittee action as appropriate.**

III. Human Rights Commission

- A. The Human Rights Commission appeared before the Education, Health and General Welfare Joint Subcommittee of Government Operations on September 20, 2016. As a result of that hearing, the commission was given a sunset termination date of June 30, 2021 and required to appear before the Government Operations Joint Evaluation Committee on Education, Health and General Welfare in 2017 to update the committee on the commission's progress in addressing the findings set forth in the September 2016 sunset audit report.**

- B. Presentation of the commission’s follow-up regarding audit findings by Ms. Beverly Watts, Executive Director, Tennessee Human Rights Commission.**
- C. Comments by members of the public (may want to limit to 3-5 minutes per person).**
- D. Subcommittee action as appropriate.**

IV. State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission

- A. The State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission appeared before the Education, Health and General Welfare Joint Subcommittee of Government Operations on September 20, 2016. As a result of that hearing, the commission was given a sunset termination date of June 30, 2019 and required to appear before the sunset review committee in 2017 to address issues of non-educators serving on textbook advisory committees.**
- B. Presentation of follow-up information by Dr. Tammy Shelton, Executive Director of Content and Assessment Design, Ms. Allison Gower, Director of Content, Ms. Joanna Collins, Staff Attorney and Director of Contracts, Department of Education, and Dr. Bill Campbell, State Textbook and Instructional Materials Quality Commission Member**
- C. Comments by members of the public (may want to limit to 3-5 minutes per person).**
- D. Subcommittee action as appropriate.**

V. Dyslexia Advisory Council

- A. Presentation of the council’s response to questions by Ms. Theresa Nicholls, Assistant Commissioner, Special Populations and Student Support, Department of Education and Ms. Allison McAvoy, Council Member.**
- B. Comments by members of the public (may want to limit to 3-5 minutes per person).**
- C. Subcommittee action as appropriate.**

VI. Council on Children’s Mental Health

- A. Presentation of the council’s response to questions by Mr. Richard Kennedy, Associate Director, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, and Ms. Sejal West, Deputy Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.**
- B. Comments by members of the public (may want to limit to 3-5 minutes per person).**
- C. Subcommittee action as appropriate.**

VII. Actions by this joint subcommittee are submitted to the Government Operations Committees for deliberation and final decision prior to being placed on calendar during legislative session. Notice of future meetings will be posted in advance of scheduled meeting dates.

VIII. Adjourn