

SENATE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Health & Human Services
TIME & DATE: 12:00 PM, Wednesday, September 12, 2018
PLACE: Senate Chamber
CHAIR: Senator Charles Schwertner

The Committee will meet to discuss the following:

1) Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, 85th Legislature and make recommendations for any legislation needed to improve, enhance, and/or complete implementation, including but not limited to:

- Initiatives to increase capacity and reduce waitlists in the mental health system, including the construction of state hospitals and new community grant programs;
- Initiatives to better understand the causes of maternal mortality and morbidity, including the impact of legislation passed during the first special session of the 85th Legislature. Recommend ways to improve health outcomes for pregnant women and methods to better collect data related to maternal mortality and morbidity;
- Initiatives intended to improve child safety, Child Protective Services workforce retention, and development of additional capacity in the foster care system. Make additional recommendations to ensure children with high levels of medical or mental health needs receive timely access to services in the least restrictive setting;
- Efforts to transfer case management of foster children and families to Single Source Continuum Contractors (SSCCs). Monitor the progress of this transition and make recommendations to ensure the process provides continuity of services for children and families and ongoing community engagement;
- Initiatives to strengthen oversight of long-term care facilities to ensure safety and improve quality for residents and clients of these entities; and
- Abortion complications and other reporting legislation that was passed by the 85th Legislature.

2) Discussion of issues affecting rural hospitals.

The Committee will take invited and written testimony only. For those wishing to provide written testimony, please provide 20 copies with your

name on each.

** See Committee Coordinator for previous versions of the schedule **