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Education:

Josh and Veldran are meeting with Chairman Allison and Chairman Bingham on Wednesday at 2:00pm to discuss Phase III of our K-12 reforms

Planned Parenthood:

Legis questions regarding DHEC's investigation:

- If the department receives a POC, who at the department makes the determination that the plan is sufficient to lift the suspension?
- Before the department lifts the suspension, will the same auditor go back to the facility to verify that all cited violations have been corrected – based on the POC?
- Is on-site verification of the POC needed for the suspension to be lifted?
- How does the department determine how much of a fine to impose within the monetary penalty range?
- Why didn't the department impose the monetary penalty per violation occurrence?
- Can the department determine how long the clinic was improperly disposing of products of conceptions? Did any previous routine audits cite this violation?
- What were the dates and findings of the last routine inspections for these three facilities? Did any previous audits or investigations reveal similar or the same violations?
- Are the enforcement conferences open to the public? Will the POC be evaluated and/or approved at this time by the department?
- If a facility appeals a decision of the agency, how long will this extend the process?
- These reports lay out many violations of the law, and many violations of regulations. Now that the Governor has sufficient justification is she planning on cancelling the contracts for these facilities with DHHS and Medicaid? If so, when will that be announced? If not, why?
- What violations, that were discovered as a result of the investigation requested by the Governor on August 18, 2015, are being referred to SLED for further investigation?
- On the inspection form for Planned Parenthood of South Atlantic under AC Regulation Parts I-VII 61-12, sections 304.H and 605.D provide an explanation with the following dates October 17, 2015, October 31, 2015, December 5, 2015 and December 12, 2015. However, on the Administrative Order under section 605.D there are conflicting years listed October 17, 2014, October 31, 2014, December 5, 2014 December 12, 2014. Was this an error?
- Did the facility provide an explanation as to why the manifest sheets dated for October 17, 2015, October 31, 2015, December 5, 2015 and December 12, 2015 were mislabeled for months in advance?

Committee Meetings:

Tuesday, September 15:

House –

10:00 am -- Blatt Room 433 -- Education Policy Review and Reform Task Force College and Career Pathways Subcommittee

- Discussion of Plaintiff Districts' recommendations

Senate –

No meetings

Wednesday, September 16:

House –

No meetings

Senate –

10:00 am -- Gressette Room 308 -- Medical Affairs Subcommittee

- S.600, Scott – Merger of DDSN with HHS

2:00 pm -- Gressette Room 308 -- Medical Affairs Subcommittee

- H.3250, M. Smith – CON

Thursday, September 17:

House –

10:00 am -- Blatt Room 433 -- Higher Education Governance Ad Hoc Committee

- Panel and Committee Discussion Moderated by Dr. Dave Spence
 - Panel Guests: Dr. Pat Callan, President, Higher Education Policy Institute; Dr. Tom Layzell, retired former Chancellor, Illinois Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities; and Dr. Brian Noland, President, East Tennessee State University

Senate –

No meetings