

HR 130 Task Force to Study HIV Criminalization

September 28, 2023

2:30-4:00pm

State Capitol-Committee Room 6

MEETING MINUTES

| |
|--|
| 1. Welcome – Rep. Aimee Adatto Freeman |
| 2. Call to Order |
| The meeting was called to order at 2:36 PM. |
| 3. Roll Call |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roya Boustany (present)• Representative McMahan (present)• Dietz (present)• Dr. Sam Burgess (present)• Representative Freeman (present)• Representative LaFleur (present) |
| 4. Member Introductions |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representative Freeman (author of study resolution)• Dr. Sam Burgess (Director of SHHP, LDH, representative of the Office of Public Health)• Dietz (Statewide Coordinator of the Louisiana Coalition on Criminalization and Health, representative of LCCH)• Representative LaFleur (representative of the House Criminal Justice Committee)• Representative McMahan (representative of the House Health and Welfare Committee)• Roya Boustany (Assistant DA, Lafayette, representative of the District Attorney’s Association) |
| 5. Informational Presentations |
| a. HIV Overview and Trend in Louisiana (Dr. Sam Burgess) |
| Task Force member Dr. Sam Burgess of the Louisiana Department of Health presented an overview on science, transmission routes of HIV. Also covered, were PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis), PEP (Post-Exposure Prophylaxis), Undetectable=Untransmittable (“U=U” and viral suppression as a mode of stopping transmission), and the current picture of HIV in Louisiana. <i>(Presentation slides and House Witness Information Only Card are attached)</i> |
| b. Background on HIV Criminalization and RS:14:43.5 Intentional Exposure to HIV (Christal Hurst) |
| Christal Hurst, Director of Policy for Frontline Legal Services presented “HIV Criminalization 101” giving definitions pertaining to HIV Criminalization, background on Louisiana’s RS: 14:43.5 (which criminalizes HIV status based on potential exposure), and |

| |
|---|
| <p>issues with the current statute that could be solved by modernizing Louisiana’s statute regarding HIV exposure. (<i>Presentation slides and House Witness Information Only Card are attached</i>)</p> |
| <p>6. Task Force Structure</p> |
| <p>a. Chair Election</p> |
| <p>Representative Freeman nominates Dr. Sam Burgess to be Chair of the Task Force. No comments or objections. Dr. Burgess accepts and Chairs the remainder of the meeting.</p> |
| <p>b. Membership</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Burgess asks the Task Force whether there are recommended additional members to the Task Force. ○ Dietz recommends that a representative from the Louisiana Commission on HIV and HCV Education, Prevention and Treatment as well as a Person Living With HIV. ○ Representative Freeman agrees. ○ Representative LaFleur states that she has a potential recommendation for a Person Living With HIV. ○ Two new members from above categories will be chosen via email before the next meeting. |
| <p>c. Meeting Schedule and Frequency</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Representative Freeman suggests a second meeting before the end of the year or three before the end of January and that Staff to the Task Force (Aisha McKenzie) schedules said meetings. |
| <p>7. Discussion of Task Force work moving forward and next steps</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dietz states that LCCH (Louisiana Coalition on Criminalization and Health) is conducting focus groups in each of the state’s Health Regions to study impact of HIV Criminalization on People Living With HIV in Louisiana as well as public opinion community sessions in the same regions. ○ Representative McMahan states that he’d like another meeting in November and one in December with the new members of the Task Force. He also states that he would like data/updates from other states to review. ○ Recommendations accepted without debate. |
| <p>8. General Public Comment</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jen Laws (Slidell, LA) offers federal policy history relative to Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program. Laws offered to be an informational resource to the Task Force members. (<i>House Witness Information Card attached</i>). |
| <p>9. Adjournment</p> |
| <p>The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 PM.</p> |

ATTACHMENTS

HOUSE WITNESS CARD - AFFIRMATION * INFORMATION ONLY


Committee: HR 130 Task Force Date: 9/28/2023

Regarding: HB No. _____ HCR No. _____ HR No. 130
SB No. _____ SCR No. _____ Other: _____

CHECK ONE:
 I am present and would like to speak
 I am present and will provide information, if requested

PLEASE PRINT:
Name: Samuel Burgess
Representing: LOH
Address: 5534 Berkley Dr.
New Orleans, LA 70131
Primary telephone: () _____ Cell: (504) 669-0665
e-mail address: Samuel.burgess@la.gov

I hereby affirm that the written or oral testimony I give before this committee will be true and correct. By ascribing my signature below, I acknowledge that I will be giving sworn testimony, under oath, and that any intentional false statement material to the matter or issue before this committee is a violation of that oath.

Signature of Witness:  _____ 1/2019

HOUSE WITNESS CARD - AFFIRMATION * INFORMATION ONLY

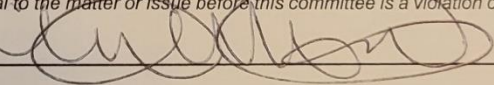
Committee: HR Task Force Date: 9/28/23

Regarding: HB No. _____ HCR No. _____ HR No. 130
SB No. _____ SCR No. _____ Other: _____

CHECK ONE:
 I am present and would like to speak
 I am present and will provide information, if requested

PLEASE PRINT:
Name: Christal Hurst
Representing: LCCA/Frontline Legal Services
Address: 432 St. Charles
NOLA 70112
Primary telephone: () _____ Cell: (504) 952-2411
e-mail address: churst@frontlinelegal services.org

I hereby affirm that the written or oral testimony I give before this committee will be true and correct. By ascribing my signature below, I acknowledge that I will be giving sworn testimony, under oath, and that any intentional false statement material to the matter or issue before this committee is a violation of that oath.

Signature of Witness:  _____ 1/2019

HOUSE WITNESS CARD - AFFIRMATION * INFORMATION ONLY

Committee: HR 130 task force Date: 9/28/23

Regarding: HB No. _____ HCR No. _____ HR No. 130
SB No. _____ SCR No. _____ Other: _____

CHECK ONE:

- I am present and would like to speak
 I am present and will provide information, if requested

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: Jen Law

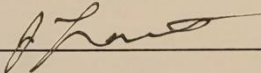
Representing: myself

Address: 1525 Oakwood Dr
Slidell, La. 70450

Primary telephone: (313) 333-8554 Cell: () _____

e-mail address: police.jen@gmail.com

I hereby affirm that the written or oral testimony I give before this committee will be true and correct. By ascribing my signature below, I acknowledge that I will be giving sworn testimony, under oath, and that any intentional false statement material to the matter or issue before this committee is a violation of that oath.

Signature of Witness:  1/2016