**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**Achieving a Better Life Experience Program Committee**

Thursday, August 13th at 10:00 am

Victory Building Conference Room, Suite 275 -- Little Rock, AR 72201

A meeting of the Arkansas Achieving a Better Life Experience Program Committee (“Committee”) was held on Thursday, August 13th at 10:00 am in the Victory Building Conference Room, Suite 275 and via Zoom virtual meeting. Present at the meeting were Grant Wallace, Chief Deputy Treasurer of the Treasurer’s Office (Designee for Treasurer of State); Joseph Baxter, Commissioner, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (Designee for Arkansas Rehabilitation Services); Kristie Hayes, Program Administrator, Arkansas Department of Human Services (Designee for the Secretary of Arkansas Department of Human Services); Dawn Roach, Senior Client Relationship Manager, Ascensus; Fran Jansen, Director of 529 Programs and Financial Education; Thomas Burchfield, Deputy Director of 529 Programs and Financial Education; Chris Scott, 529 Programs and Financial Education Administrative Assistant; and T.J. Lawhon with Dover Dixon Horne.

The press was notified in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Grant Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Grant presented the minutes of the June 23, 2020 meeting. Joseph Baxter made a motion to approve the minutes, Kristi Hayes seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by a voice vote.

Fran Jansen presented her Director’s Report, highlighting the strategic outreach to non-profits and associations that work closely with families in the disabled community. She stated that we are also asking these groups to add a description and link of the ABLE plan to their ‘resources’ page. Fran reported that to date we had reached out to Arkansas Transition Services, Community Connections, Arkansas Autism Resource & Outreach, United Cerebral Palsy of Arkansas, Easter Seals, and Parents Advisory Council representatives.

Dave Ponder reported on the plan’s assets under management, stating that as of the 12th of August there were 435 funded accounts, $1,004,731.60 in assets, and an average account size of $1,756.52.

As the last order of business, dates were proposed for the next three board meetings.

There being no further business, Grant Wallace moved to adjourn the meeting and the meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Jansen, Director of 529 Programs and Financial Education