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Attorney General Griffin Unveils Opioid Mobile Health Clinic

Griffin: 'This mobile health clinic will reach previously underserved and unserved Arkansans in need of treatment for opioid addiction'

LITTLE ROCK – At a press conference in Malvern today, Attorney General Tim Griffin announced the deployment of a mobile health clinic run by Arkansas Mobile Opioid Recovery (ARMOR). Griffin issued the following statement:

"This mobile health clinic will reach previously underserved and unserved Arkansans in need of treatment for opioid addiction. The \$770,000 that my office granted to ARMOR from the state's opioid settlement funds is money well spent. This mobile clinic not only establishes new treatment capabilities for those battling addiction, but because of its mobile nature, it also gives us a nimble tool to take our opioid abatement effort to the places where it is needed most.

"I greatly appreciate the vision of Dr. Kristin Martin in bringing the concept of this mobile clinic to my attention and then following through to its fruition. My hope is that this mobile clinic will serve as a pilot program, and, if it has the type of success we anticipate, more funds can be raised to establish similar units to serve more corners of the state."

The mobile unit will be deployed initially on a rotating basis to Malvern, Danville, and Morrilton, providing those communities with a wide range of services, including opioid-

addiction assessments; on-site medical consultations; individualized treatment planning; medication-assisted treatment for Opioid Use Disorder; counseling and peer recovery support services; and follow-up care and monitoring.

Griffin first announced funding for the ARMOR mobile health clinic at his Stop Overdose Summit in November 2023. More than 1,300 people registered for the event where Griffin announced grants totaling just over \$1 million from state opioid settlement funds.

For more information about the mobile health unit, visit <u>www.armobilerecovery.org</u> or call (833) 280-5313.

To watch today's press conference, click here.

About Attorney General Tim Griffin

Tim Griffin was sworn in as the 57th Attorney General of Arkansas on January 10, 2023, having previously served as the state's 20th Lieutenant Governor from 2015-2023. From 2011-2015, Griffin served as the 24th representative of Arkansas's Second Congressional District, where he served on the House Committee on Ways and Means, House Armed Services Committee, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, House Committee on Ethics and House Committee on the Judiciary while also serving as a Deputy Whip for the Majority.

Griffin has served as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps for more than 27 years and currently holds the rank of colonel. In 2005, Griffin was mobilized to active duty as an Army prosecutor at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and served with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) in Mosul, Iraq.

He is currently serving as the Commander of the 2d Legal Operations Detachment in New Orleans, Louisiana. His previous assignments include serving as the Commander of the 134th Legal Operations Detachment at Fort Liberty (née Bragg), North Carolina, and as a Senior Legislative Advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness at the Pentagon. Griffin earned a master's degree in strategic studies as a Distinguished Honor Graduate from the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

Griffin also served as U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas, and Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Political Affairs for President George W. Bush; Special Assistant to Assistant Attorney General Michael Chertoff, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice; Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Arkansas; Senior Investigative Counsel, Government Reform and Oversight Committee, U.S. House of

Representatives; and Associate Independent Counsel, Office of Independent Counsel David M. Barrett, In re: HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros.

Griffin is a graduate of Magnolia High School, Hendrix College in Conway, and Tulane Law School in New Orleans. He attended graduate school at Oxford University. He is admitted to practice law in Arkansas (active) and Louisiana (inactive). Griffin lives in Little Rock with his wife, Elizabeth, a Camden native, and their three children.

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