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John C. Miller
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We are deeply saddened by the passing of one of our colleagues John C. Miller. Senator Miller was appointed to serve on the Commission in 2015 and he co-chaired the Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee.

Notes from the Chair

Delegate John M. O'Bannon III



It has been my pleasure to serve the commission as Chair over the last two years. We have successfully completed important work and will continue to do so as we move forward. The Joint Commission's workplan for 2016, which will be considered and approved during the first meeting of the year on May 26th, includes studies and guest presentations on significant health care topics ranging from the provision of life-prolonging care to the integration of mental and physical health care services.

On behalf of JCHC members, I would like to welcome our new members, Senator Siobhan S. Dunnivant, (Henrico), Senator David R. Suetterlein (Roanoke County) and Senator Rosalyn R. Dance (Petersburg).

We also want to congratulate Kim Snead on her retirement and thank her for all of her years of service not only to the Commission but to the Commonwealth.

Our new Executive Director, Michele L. Chesser, Ph.D. has been with the Commission since 2007 as a Senior Health Policy Analyst and we look forward to her continued service in her new position.

Finally, we welcome our new staff members, Paula Margolis, Ph.D. from DMAS and Andrew Mitchell, Sc.D. from the U.S. Department of State.

2016 Membership

Delegate John M. O'Bannon III
Chair
Senator L. Louise Lucas
Vice Chair

Delegate David L. Bulova
Delegate Benjamin L. Cline
Delegate T. Scott Garrett
Delegate Patrick A. Hope
Delegate Riley E. Ingram
Delegate Kaye Kory
Delegate Christopher K. Peace
Delegate Christopher P. Stolle
Delegate Roslyn C. Tyler

Senator George L. Barker
Senator Charles W. Carrico, Sr.
Senator Rosalyn R. Dance
Senator Siobhan S. Dunnivant
Senator John S. Edwards
Senator David R. Suetterlein

Secretary William A. Hazel, Jr.

Message from the Vice Chair

Senator L. Louise Lucas



I would like to acknowledge and thank Delegate O'Bannon for all his efforts as chair for the last two years, and I thank the JCHC members for the opportunity to serve as Vice Chair. The Commission has had a lot of changes in 2016 with the appointment of three new senators, a new executive director and new staff. This is going to prove to be a very exciting and successful year for the Commission and I look forward to working with everyone.

Staff

Michele L. Chesser, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Paula Margolis, Ph.D., MPH
Andrew Mitchell, Sc.D.
Stephen Weiss, MPA
Sylvia A. Reid

2016 GENERAL ASSEMBLY ACTIONS TAKEN ON JCHC RELATED LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

HB 900 - Stolle - Licensure and practice of associate physicians. Authorizes the Board of Medicine to issue a two-year license to practice as an associate physician to an applicant who is 18 years of age or older, is of good moral character, has successfully completed a course of study approved by the Board, has successfully completed Step 1 and Step 2 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination, and has not completed a medical internship or residency program.

Continued to 2017 in Senate Education and Health

SB 432 - Barker - Provides a process by which a minor 14 years of age or older may be admitted for inpatient treatment at a mental health facility without the consent of his parents.

Passed by Indefinitely in Senate Education and Health

HJ 191 - O'Bannon - Commending Kim Snead on her service to the State and JCHC.

Budget Amendment 306#19c - Barker

This amendment provides \$1.25 million from the general fund and an equivalent amount of federal matching funds to increase the number of medical residency slots funded through Medicaid. The average supplemental payment for each new slot will be \$100,000 a year minus any Medicare residency payment for which the hospital is eligible. Thirteen of the 25 slots will be dedicated to primary care and the remainder for high-need specialties. Preference will be given to residency programs in communities and rural areas that are underserved.



Meeting Dates

May 26th
JCHC 10:00 a.m.

August 3rd
BHC Sub 10:00 a.m.
HL/HS Sub 1:00 p.m.

September 7th
JCHC 10:00 a.m.
HL/HS Sub 1:00 p.m.

October 5th
JCHC 10:00 a.m.
BHC Sub 1:00 p.m.

November 9th
JCHC 10:00 a.m.

All meetings are scheduled to meet in Senate Room A of the General Assembly Building.

STUDIES FOR 2016



HJR 61 (Delegate Stolle). Study of current legal and regulatory requirements regarding the medical appropriateness of life-prolonging care and options to clarify due diligence and the appropriate course of action when no physician can be found to carry out a patient's, or patient agent's, request.

HJR 65 (Delegate O'Bannon). Study of the benefits and costs of expanding the mission of the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth.

SJR 80 (Senator Ruff, 2014) and SJR 71 (Senator Carrico). Study of the progress in expanding access to brain injury services and the placement of aggressive individuals with brain injury, dementia, or PTSD.

HB 473 (Delegate Filler-Corn). Requests that the JCHC study the delivery of palliative care in Virginia and corresponding regulations, evaluate the need for public education on palliative care, and determine if accessible statewide education resources exist for citizens.

HB 1342 (Delegate Filler-Corn). Study of the school vaccination requirements in the Commonwealth.

Letter Request by Delegate Kory. Study of the costs associated with the provision of medical care in state prisons in Virginia.

JCHC Staff Initiative. Study of the integration of mental and physical health care in the Commonwealth.