

Meeting Minutes

Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee

August 20, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Senate Room A – General Assembly Building

Members Present

Delegate Christopher P. Stolle, Co-Chair

Delegate David L. Bulova

Delegate Rosalyn R. Dance

Delegate T. Scott Garrett

Delegate Patrick A. Hope

Delegate Riley E. Ingram

Delegate John M. O'Bannon

Senator Charles W. Carrico, Sr.

Senator L. Louise Lucas

Senator Linda T. Puller

Call to Order

Delegate Stolle called the meeting to order and Kim Snead gave an overview of the agenda.

Presentations

Commissioner Debra K. Ferguson discussed the mental health priorities of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) focusing on core principles, mental health law changes and related actions, implementation of the psychiatric bed registry, and the DBHDS vision for mental health and transformation.

State Inspector General June W. Jennings described the core responsibilities of the Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG):

“Investigate allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse in management and operations of state agencies and non-state agencies

Administer the State Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Hotline and the Whistleblower Reward Fund

Conduct performance reviews of State agencies to enhance efficiency and effectiveness...”

The consolidated Office of the State Inspector General includes the inspector general functions/audit oversight units which reviewed the departments of corrections, behavioral health and developmental services, corrections, juvenile justice, and transportation and the State internal audit division. State Inspector General Jennings also summarized findings of the OSIG *Review of Mental Health Services in Local and Regional Jails* which resulted in 24 recommendations.

Sheriff Gabriel A. Morgan of Newport News and Sheriff Brian K. Roberts of Brunswick County discussed the significant challenges faced in striving to address the mental health needs of inmates held in jail.

The following association representatives spoke regarding the provision of mental health services in the Commonwealth:

- Stephany Melton Hardison representing National Alliance on Mental Illness of Virginia
- Jennifer Faison representing Virginia Association of Community Services Boards
- Ashley Everette representing Voices for Virginia's Children.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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