



Meeting Minutes - Joint Commission on Health Care

September 21, 2022 – 1:00 p.m.

Senate Room A – Pocahontas Building

Members Present

Delegate Emily Brewer

Delegate Karen Greenhalgh

Delegate M. Keith Hodges

Delegate Patrick Hope

Delegate C. Matthew Fariss

Delegate Roxann Robinson

Senator George Barker

Senator Barbara Favola

Senator Ghazala Hashmi

Senator Jennifer McClellan

Senator David Suetterlein

Secretary John Littel

Members Absent

Delegate Dawn Adams

Delegate Robert Orrock

Delegate C.E. (Cliff) Hayes, Jr.

Delegate Sam Rasoul

Senator Siobhan Dunnavant

Senator Jen Kiggans

Senator John S. Edwards

Staff Present

Jeff Lunardi

Agnes Dymora

Kyu Kang

Estella Obi-Tabot

Stephen Weiss

Brittany Acors

Call to order and welcoming comments – Senator Barker

Roll Call - Agnes Dymora

Executive Director Jeff Lunardi provided an overview of changes to Virginia’s FOIA statute, and how those changes impact the JCHC. Members discussed a draft JCHC policy on Members’ remote attendance at meetings. The policy is required if the JCHC wishes to allow remote attendance as permitted in the FOIA statute. Members discussed several questions and issues to be considered as part of the policy, and the Executive Subcommittee will discuss and recommend any edits to the policy at the October meeting.

Senior Health Policy Analyst, Stephen Weiss, presented findings from the report, *Reducing Unnecessary Emergency Department (ED) Utilization*. The presentation included a review of trends in ED use between, an assessment of how insurance coverage, the availability of primary care, and free standing emergency departments (FSED) impact ED utilization. Finally, the study and presentation identified options the general assembly can consider to reduce non-emergent and preventable visits to the ED. Members asked questions and engaged in a discussion of the findings and policy options. The staff report can be found on the Reports tab of the JCHC website.

Executive Director Jeff Lunardi summarized the findings, policy options and public comments for the study, *Provider Data Sharing to Improve Quality of Care*, which was presented at the August JCHC meeting.

Members concluded the meeting by raising study topics for consideration in 2023.

Meeting adjourned