



Meeting Minutes - Joint Commission on Health Care

August 17, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

Senate Room A – Pocahontas Building

Members Present

Delegate Dawn Adams

Delegate Emily Brewer (virtual)

Delegate Karen Greenhalgh

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

Delegate M. Keith Hodges

Delegate Patrick Hope

Delegate Robert Orrock

Delegate Sam Rasoul (virtual)

Senator George Barker

Senator Siobhan Dunnavant

Senator John S. Edwards (virtual)

Senator Barbara Favola

Senator Ghazala Hashmi

Senator Jen Kiggans

Senator David Suetterlein

Secretary John Littel

Members Absent

Senator Jennifer McClellan

Delegate C. Matthew Fariss

Delegate Roxann Robinson

Staff Present

Jeff Lunardi

Agnes Dymora

Kyu Kang

Estella Obi-Tabot

Stephen Weiss

Call to order and welcoming comments – Delegate Orrock

Executive Director Jeff Lunardi gave an overview of the agenda and introduced the first guest presenter.

Kyle Russell, CEO of Virginia Health Information (VHI) gave an annual update on VHI's events in the past year and what the organization's plans are for the near future. Members asked questions and discussed data sharing opportunities with Mr. Russell.

Executive Director Jeff Lunardi provided the results of the Provider Data Sharing study. He spoke about the benefits of data sharing for patients and their providers, the current systems, and how they can be improved. He provided six policy options for the Members to consider to improve providers' ability to share patient data in Virginia. Members discussed what could be done to improve data sharing through legislation.

Kathy Hayfield, Commissioner of the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) provided an update on the needs assessment that DARS is conducting for Virginia's aging population.

Melissa Mannon, Director of Value Based Purchasing (VBP) at the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) provided an update to the Members on the nursing facility VBP program. Ms. Mannon briefed Members on the funding for the program and performance measures for nursing facilities. Lastly, she introduced the VBP dashboard that is available for public viewing. Members provided comments and suggestions on the dashboard.

Secretary John Littel briefed the Members on two workgroups; Elevating Aging Services, and licensing and regulation of nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and other congregate residential settings.

Stephen Horan, CEO of Community House Solutions, provided an overview of Virginia's Primary Care Task Force. The overview included data on the Task Force's calculations of the total cost of primary care in Virginia, and how this varies by population. He also spoke about how the funding provided by the General Assembly is being used and will be used in the next fiscal year. Lastly, Mr. Horan answered questions that were asked by Members.