

MEETING MINUTES

JOINT COMMISSION ON HEALTH CARE

May 28, 2015 at 1:15 p.m.

General Assembly Building – Senate Room A

Members Present – 14

Delegate John M. O’Bannon III, Chair

Delegate David L. Bulova

Delegate T. Scott Garrett

Delegate Patrick A. Hope

Delegate Riley E. Ingram

Delegate Kaye Kory

Delegate Christopher K. Peace

Delegate Roslyn C. Tyler

Senator L. Louise Lucas, Vice Chair

Senator George L. Barker

Senator John S. Edwards

Senator Stephen H. Martin

Senator John C. Miller

Senator Linda T. Puller

Member Participating by Conference Call – 1

Delegate Christopher P. Stolle

Members Absent – 4

Delegate Benjamin L. Cline

Senator Charles W. Carrico, Sr.

Senator Jeffrey L. McWaters

The Honorable William A. Hazel, Jr.

Call to Order

Delegate O’Bannon called the Joint Commission meeting to order and welcomed the newly-appointed member: Delegate Roslyn C. Tyler.

Delegate O’Bannon presented Senator Rosalyn R. Dance with an award and thanked her for her service and many contributions. Senator Dance expressed her gratitude for serving as a member of the Joint Commission.

After being recognized, Kim Snead introduced two new staff: Stephen Weiss who joined the staff in February as a senior health policy analyst and Lindsey Williams joined the staff as a summer intern. Ms. Snead then presented an overview of the agenda, noting that the primary meeting objective would be to discuss potential work plans for JCHC and its two subcommittees. The following items were described as being in the members’ notebooks: the 2015 Newsletter of the Chair and the DMAS report on *The Virginia Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan Trust Fund* (received in December 2014).

Ms. Snead noted that the following meeting schedule had been set for 2015.

2015 Meeting Schedule

	10 A.M. MORNING MEETINGS	1:00 P.M. AFTERNOON MEETINGS
May 28		JCHC
June 17	JCHC	Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee
September 9	Health Care Subcommittee	Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee
October 7	JCHC	Health Care Subcommittee
November 4	JCHC	

Note: Meetings will be held in Senate Room A of the General Assembly Building.

Work Plan Proposals

Ms. Snead discussed the proposed work plans for the Joint Commission on Health Care and the Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee and Dr. Michele Chesser discussed the proposed work plan for the Healthy Living/Health Services Subcommittee.

JCHC Work Plan for 2015. The following presentations were proposed to be heard by the full Commission:

- ❖ Initiatives of the Virginia Center for Health Innovation
- ❖ Cancer Projections for Virginia
- ❖ Allowing Certain Minors to Receive Mental Health Treatment Without Parental Consent
- ❖ VHI Annual Report and Strategic Plan
- ❖ Report from the Virginia Rural Center
- ❖ Staff Reports
 - Allowing Certain Minors to Receive Inpatient Mental Health Treatment Without Parental Consent
 - Access to Brain Injury Services
 - Resources for Unserved and Underserved Populations

Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee Work Plan for 2015. The proposed subcommittee work plan included presentations addressing:

- ❖ The work of the Region IV Behavioral Partnership
- ❖ Reports on suicide including the growing incidence and State initiatives as well as the recently-published report on *Suicide Risk in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities: 2003-2011*
- ❖ Several reports on the intersection of behavioral health and the criminal justice system such as the newly established Center for Behavioral Health and Justice, follow-up on recommendations of the OIG Report on Mental Health Services in Jails (heard last year) and the newly released 2014 Compensation Board Report on Mental Illness in Jails, and a report by the Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy on court-involved admissions of minors on behavioral health issues.

Healthy Living/Health Services Subcommittee Work Plan for 2015. The proposed subcommittee work plan including the following meeting topics:

- ❖ Review of Graduate Medical Education (GME)
- ❖ VDH report on statewide core regional population health measures
- ❖ DARS report on public guardians of last resort for adults
- ❖ Update by Secretary Hazel (or designee) on the analysis and development for a hospital provider assessment program

Presentations Added to the Work Plans. JCHC members requested a number of additions to the 2015 work plans.

Delegate Bulova asked that training center closures and the placement of residents be tracked. Delegate O'Bannon noted that there is a great deal going on in this area and Deputy Secretary Flores affirmed that a Joint Subcommittee of Senate Finance and House Appropriations is looking at the issue. Delegate Bulova noted that he did not wish to reinvent the wheel but to be kept abreast of the work being undertaken.

Delegate Garrett commented on the GME review, noting that in the 1980s, 50 percent of EVMS graduates were expected to practice in the Tidewater region and he would be interested in where we are placing folks. Are we spending funds on education while the physicians are not locating in Virginia? Delegate Garrett would like for us to look forward five to ten years rather than just what is happening today. Delegate Garrett also noted that at least in the schools in his area, body mass indexes of students in grades 3, 5, and 8 are being measured but the schools do not have the funding to do anything with that information. He would like to see an analysis of whether we are addressing the health issues in schools within the population health review.

Senator Barker noted that we have doubled the number of medical schools in Virginia, going from three to six but little has been done to increase residency slots so we know a number are going to other states and many are not coming back to Virginia. The Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority, on which he and Delegate Yost and Delegate Hope serve, is working with VCOM now as we know doctors who complete their residencies in rural areas are more likely to stay and practice in those areas. The Authority is trying to target better the geographic distribution and the specialties in which residencies are established.

Delegate O'Bannon mentioned the children being placed in homes within CSA and that he would be interested in knowing if Richard Bonnie has data or a perspective that would be useful to hear. Delegate O'Bannon also asked that with regard to all of the data we have on cancer and suicide, we check with Michael Lundberg to see if we can dovetail any of the data with the APCD and glean additional information. In addition, as long as we are going to hear about adult guardianship issues, we could invite Deputy Director Brink to discuss the bigger picture regarding DARS plans, including the plans for a Governor's Conference on Aging. In addition, we should ask Secretary Hazel to report on the COPN work group; and even if it only involves JCHC staff working with other staff, updates should be provided on additional study groups such as the prescription drug monitoring program. Delegate Garrett added that regarding the behavioral health issues, we should not duplicate what is being done on the Deeds Commission.

In closing remarks, Delegate O'Bannon remembered our former member, Delegate Frank Hall:

“I hope everyone will take a moment to remember Frank Hall. Frank was a 35-year member of the General Assembly and a member of this Commission for many years. He really understood health care and did a great deal of good. We will all miss him. I hope he will be smiling down at the work we do this year.”

ELECTRONIC MEETING YES NO

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