



## **Meeting Minutes - Joint Commission on Health Care Nursing Facilities Workforce Workgroup Meeting**

October 22, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

House Committee Room

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### **Workgroup Members Present**

Delegate M. Keith Hodges

Delegate Patrick Hope

Delegate Mark Sickles

Senator George Barker

Senator Ghazala Hashmi

Senator Jen Kiggans

### **Non-workgroup Member Present**

Senator Barbara Favola (virtual)

### **Non-JCHC Member Present**

Delegate Vivian Watts

Call to order and welcoming comments – Chairman Sickles

Roll call- Agnes Dymora

Kyu Kang provided a summary of the Nursing Facilities Workforce study findings and the eight policy options for Member consideration.

Four speakers from two state agencies provided comments on the study finding and policy options and answered Member questions:

Rebekah Allen, OLC Senior Policy Analyst, Virginia Department of Health

Will Frank, Senior Legislative Affairs Advisor, Department of Medical Services

Jonathan Mattingly, Director of Provider Reimbursement, Department of Medical Services

Rusty Walker, Director of Value Based Purchasing, Department of Medical Services

Four representatives from the nursing facility industry provided comments on the study findings and policy options and answered Member questions:

Dana Parsons, Vice President, LeadingAge

David Abraham, Chief Executive Officer, LeadingAge

Deborah Petrine, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Commonwealth Care of Roanoke

Steve Ford, Senior Vice President, Policy and Reimbursement, Virginia Health Care Association

Five individuals provided their perspective during the public comment period:

Sam Kukich, Dignity for the Aged

Lionel DeCuir, Dignity for the Aged

Sharon Morrissiey, Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research, Virginia Community College System

Dr. Christian Bergman, Nursing Facility Medical Director

Dr. James Wright, Nursing Facility Medical Director

Members discussed the policy options and next steps. Senator Hashmi suggested adding an option to support a proposal from VCCS to increase the Community College System's capacity to educate and train nurses. Members directed staff to poll the Members with their

support or opposition to each policy option. The workgroup will meet again on 11/9/21 to discuss and vote on policy options.

Meeting adjourned.

All presentations and a link to the archive of the video can be found on our website:  
<http://jhc.virginia.gov/meetings.asp>