

Meeting Minutes

Joint Commission on Health Care

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 – 10:00 a.m.

General Assembly Building – Senate Room A

Members Present

Senator Linda T. Puller, Chair

Delegate John M. O'Bannon III, Vice Chair

Senator George L. Barker

Delegate Robert H. Brink

Senator John S. Edwards

Delegate David L. Bulova

Senator L. Louise Lucas

Delegate Benjamin L. Cline (conference)

Senator Stephen H. Martin

Delegate Rosalyn R. Dance

Senator John C. Miller

Delegate T. Scott Garrett (conference)

Delegate Algie T. Howell, Jr.

Delegate Riley E. Ingram

Delegate Christopher K. Peace (conference)

Delegate Christopher P. Stolle

The Honorable William A. Hazel, Jr.

Call to Order

Senator Puller called the Joint Commission meeting to order and welcomed the two newly-appointed members: Senator John S. Edwards and Senator John C. Miller. The first order of business being the election of a new chair and vice chair, Senator Puller recognized Delegate Dance who made a motion to make a single nomination for chair and vice chair. JCHC members agreed to the motion and Delegate Dance nominated Delegate O'Bannon as chair and Senator Lucas as vice chair. The nomination was seconded and approved and Senator Martin's subsequent motion to close nominations was approved (after a call for additional nominations). A roll call vote was taken and Delegate O'Bannon and Senator Lucas were elected as chair and vice chair on a unanimous vote.

Delegate O'Bannon presented Senator Puller with an award and thanked her for her service and many contributions. Senator Puller provided an overview of JCHC accomplishments during the time she served as chair.

After being recognized Kim Snead acknowledged Jaime Hoyle for her appointment as Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Health Professions and asked members to join in wishing Jaime well. With regard to the recruiting process, Ms. Snead reported 76 applications had been received and interviews will be scheduled soon.

The following items were identified as being in the members' notebooks: the 2014 Newsletter of the Chair, a press release that reported the FDA has issued a final order reclassifying the UV lamps used in tanning beds from low to moderate risk devices, the 2013 Annual Report of the Joint Commission, and a sheet to allow members to indicate their interest in serving on one or both JCHC subcommittees.

Work Plan Proposals

Ms. Snead presented a general meeting schedule for 2014 noting that specific dates will be determined in consultation with JCHC leadership. The following work plan proposals for JCHC and its subcommittees were discussed.

JCHC Work Plan. Proposed studies based on requests received on behalf of General Assembly committees and JCHC policy options approved in 2013 include:

- Admission of Minors for Inpatient Mental Health Treatment (Stephen Bowman)
- Review of Viral Hepatitis in the Commonwealth (Michele L. Chesser, Ph.D.)
- Follow-Up Review of Access to Brain Injury Services (new staff member)
- Dental Safety Net Capacity and Opportunities for Improving Oral Hygiene (Michele L. Chesser)
- Targeted Review of Scope of Practice (Stephen W. Bowman)

Several approved presentations have been requested by letter, although requests involving the Virginia Center for Health Innovation have been delayed awaiting action on a related budget amendment.

Work Plan for the Healthy Living/Health Services Subcommittee. Ms. Snead recommended that the approved policy option for JCHC to establish a workgroup to review promising cost-containment, quality, and efficiency strategies, be reconsidered. As an alternative, she suggested inviting speakers to address the full subcommittee on promising strategies to contain costs and improve quality. Reviews requested last year as well as topics and presentations approved by subcommittee co-chairs will be heard also.

Work Plan for the Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee. Ms. Snead will work with the Co-Chairs regarding presentations to hear during the meeting in August possibly including presentations from the newly-appointed Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Office of the State Inspector General, and a number of stakeholder representatives. Reports on two study efforts – the Governor’s Task Force on Improving Mental Health Services and Crisis Response and the Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth – were suggested for the meeting in November. Delegate Bulova suggested also having a report from the SB 627 workgroup on the closing of training centers.

JCHC members voted to accept the proposed work plans.

Discussion of Letter Request from Virginia Consortium of Health Philanthropy

Jeanne Zeidler, representing the Virginia Consortium of Health Philanthropy, discussed a request that JCHC members consider whether a joint annual report on charitable activities is still needed. The requirement for the annual report was initiated by JCHC in 1998 when HJR 179 was introduced and approved. Ms. Zeidler stated there are now a number of reporting mechanisms to ensure accountability and transparency of conversion foundation activities that call into question whether the joint report continues to be of value.

Public comment will be accepted and reported on the proposal to reconsider the requirement for a joint annual report of the Virginia Consortium of Health Philanthropy.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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