

## **JOINT COMMISSION ON HEALTH CARE**

June 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

General Assembly Building – Senate Room A

### **Members Present**

Delegate John M. O'Bannon III, Chair

Delegate David L. Bulova

Delegate Benjamin L. Cline

Delegate T. Scott Garrett

Delegate Patrick A. Hope

Delegate Riley E. Ingram

Delegate Christopher P. Stolle

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

The Honorable William A. Hazel, Jr.

### **Members Absent**

Delegate Kaye Kory

Delegate Christopher K. Peace

Senator Charles W. Carrico, Sr.

Senator Jeffrey L. McWaters

Senator Linda T. Puller

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Delegate O'Bannon called the Joint Commission meeting to order. Kim Snead gave an overview of the meeting agenda.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Ms. Beth A. Bortz, President and CEO with the Virginia Center for Health Innovation, gave an update on the State Innovation Model program and grant.

Dr. Qian Cai and Dr. Meredith Strohm Gunter of the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service discussed incidence rates in Virginia for all cancers combined and separately for lung, breast, and prostate cancers for 2001 to 2010; projected incidence rates for these types of cancers for 2011-2020, 2021-2030, and 2031-2040 were presented also. A related census brief was discussed also.

The question of whether cancer has overtaken heart disease as the leading cause of death in Virginia was raised. A VDH-prepared answer is posted as a meeting material on the JCHC website and briefly indicates:

"At the beginning of the time period investigated, from 2005 to 2006, heart disease contributed to the highest number of deaths. However, from 2007 onward cancer has caused the highest number of deaths. The crude rates show the same trend. Since the beginning of the time period investigated, both heart disease and cancer rates declined but cancer is decreasing less than heart disease. One of the potential reasons for the greater decline in heart disease would include advances in treatment. It is also worth noting that the primary cause of cancer mortality is lung cancer, which has a five-year survival rate of only 54% when diagnosed at a localized stage. However, only 19% of all lung cancers are diagnosed at a localized stage....Although they are the top two leading causes, cancer and

heart disease account for less than 50% of all deaths. And 'Other' is just as big a category as cancer or heart disease."

Dr. Trump also sent a CDC report on the leading causes of death in the U.S. by age group in 2010. Dr. Trump noted that the national data shows unintentional injury as "the leading cause of death in children (1 and older) and in young adults....cancer was a more frequent cause of death than heart disease in adults up to age 65....after age 65, heart disease was the more frequent cause of death."

Mr. Stephen Weiss presented his staff report, *Allowing Certain Minors to Receive Inpatient Mental Health Treatment Without Parental Consent*. Mr. Weiss noted that additional work on cost estimates will be completed in the fall to allow for consideration of a review by Richard Bonnie of the Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy. Mr. Bonnie's review, of court-involved admissions of minors for inpatient substance abuse and inpatient mental health treatment, will be presented during the BHC Subcommittee meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. *The next JCHC meeting will be held on October 7, 2015.*

**ELECTRONIC MEETING**      YES  NO

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