



Healthy Living/Healthy Services Subcommittee

September 7, 2016 @ 1:00 PM

Senate Room A - General Assembly Building

Members Present

Delegate T. Scott Garrett
 Delegate Riley E. Ingram
 Delegate Christopher K. Peace
 Delegate Christopher P. Stolle
 Delegate Roslyn C. Tyler

Senator George L. Barker
 Senator Charles W. Carrico, Sr.
 Senator Rosalyn R. Dance
 Senator Siobhan S. Dunnavant
 Senator John S. Edwards
 Senator David R. Suetterlein

Secretary William A. Hazel, Jr.

Members Absent

Delegate Patrick A. Hope
 Delegate Kaye Kory
 Delegate John M. O'Bannon III
 Senator L. Louise Lucas

Staff Present

Michele L. Chesser
 Paula Margolis
 Andrew Mitchell
 Stephen Weiss
 Agnes Dymora

CALL TO ORDER

Delegate Stolle called the meeting to order and Andrew Mitchell gave an overview of the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Hazel started his discussion with mention of the state budget and not having enough resources for all the programs. He spoke about the high cost of healthcare, increase in drug abuse in the Commonwealth, and lack of communication/data sharing between agencies regarding provision of services. Discussions of drug addictions and programs available for recovery such as ARTS. Dr. Hazel mentioned that there was research that was done to show what is needed in the communities to keep hospital admissions down. Lastly he urged the members to reconsider Medicaid expansion to save money.

Commissioner Levine presented data on Virginia's Plan for Well Being, including state and local data on community health showing which parts of the state have the best and worst health well-being. She mentioned that a strong community working together is the key to success. Dr. Levine spoke about children's health and focusing policies to make them a priority. She also mentioned that preventative care is very important in keeping admissions to hospitals down. In her conclusion Dr. Levine underlined that policy decisions will affect how well a community is doing.

Dawn Traver presented "Redesigned Waivers for Persons with Developmental Disabilities". She stated the three waivers have been amended with new services. She talked about the new online system for maintaining waivers and how successful it has been functioning. There were several discussions on priority of the waivers, total numbers of waivers in-place and waiting lists. Ms. Traver also spoke about the CMS final regulations on settings requirements and how DMAS will comply with them.

Lastly, Keisha Smith gave an update on the Graduate Medical Education Task Force. She spoke about the meetings that were held so far as well as the components of DMAS's residency grant program and the timeline for applications. There was discussion about funding the grant program for the next few years. She concluded by saying that the task force will be examining other options to improve GME in the Commonwealth.

The meeting was adjourned.

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