



Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee

August 3, 2016 @ 10:00 AM

Senate Room A- General Assembly Building

Members Present

Delegate David L. Bulova
 Delegate T. Scott Garrett
 Delegate Patrick A. Hope
 Delegate Riley E. Ingram
 Delegate John M. O'Bannon, III
 Delegate Christopher P. Stolle
 Delegate Roslyn C. Tyler

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

Secretary William A. Hazel, Jr.

Staff Present

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

Members Absent

Delegate Kaye Kory

CALL TO ORDER

Delegate Garrett called the meeting to order and asked members to introduce themselves. Then Michele Chesser introduced Agnes Dymora, the new office manager for JCHC, to the members and gave the overview of the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

Sarah Stanton spoke of what the Mental Health Services in the 21st Century Committee is, the mission and what it has accomplished. She explained how many meetings they've had and what their work groups are charged to accomplish. Secretary Hazel provided comments on the integration of mental health and physical health, same day crisis, data on outcomes and housing problems. There were discussions about Virginia's jail systems and investigating them for recommendations. There was also mention of CSB surveys to determine all the services they provide and their budget so that resources can be provided where needed. Lastly, there was discussion about how the "bed of last resort" legislation caused admissions to go up.

Mark Larsen presented information on the Mount Roger's Alternative Transportation Pilot Program. He spoke about individuals with mental health problems who are transported to hospitals by law enforcement and how it negatively impacts the individuals and their families. The Transportation Program has been very successful with these patients and relieving law enforcement of the transport responsibility. Senator Carrico spoke about the success and the challenges of this program such as sheriffs still having to serve civil commitment orders. The code would need to be adjusted in order for the non-law enforcement drivers to serve the orders. There was mention of more outcomes data being needed. And lastly, the issue of lack of funding also was discussed.

Finally, Priscilla Smith presented her findings on the FY2015 Unannounced Inspection of the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents. During her presentation, she highlighted data on admission and bed numbers as well as the observations and issues that were noted during the inspection such as inadequate operational programs in communities, high staff overtime hours and turnovers, and lastly lack of master staffing plans and training. She then spoke about DBHDS updates. Mention of Department of Juvenile Justice facilities issues such as lack of funding and

resources and staff recruitment problems were discussed. Daniel Herr made final comments on the research DBHDS is doing to help children and adolescents with hospital stays. A request for fiscal data and issues, for the time period of 2011-2014 was made.

The meeting was adjourned.

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