



Joint Commission on Health Care

November 9, 2016 @ 10:00 AM

Senate Room B- General Assembly Building

Members Present

Delegate David L. Bulova

Delegate Benjamin Cline

Delegate T. Scott Garrett

Delegate Riley E. Ingram

Delegate Kaye Kory

Delegate John M. O'Bannon

Delegate Christopher Peace

Delegate Christopher P. Stolle

Delegate Roslyn C. Tyler

Senator George L. Barker

Senator Charles W. Carrico, Sr.

Senator Siobhan S. Dunnavant

Senator John S. Edwards (Teleconference)

Senator L. Louise Lucas

Senator Glen H. Sturtevant, Jr.

Senator David R. Suetterlein

Members Absent

Senator Rosalyn R. Dance

Delegate Patrick A. Hope

Secretary William A. Hazel, Jr.

Staff Present

Michele L. Chesser

Paula Margolis

Andrew Mitchell

Stephen Weiss

Agnes Dymora

CALL TO ORDER

Senator Carrico called the meeting to order and Dr. Michele Chesser gave an overview of the agenda.

PRESENTATIONS

JCHC Sunset Date, six JCHC staff study overviews and associated policy options and Community Health Workers in the Commonwealth policy recommendations were presented for members' votes. The votes resulted in the following:

JCHC Sunset Date

16-0 **Option 2.** Introduce legislation to amend the *Code of Virginia* § 30-170 to extend the sunset provision to July 1, 2022.

School Vaccination Requirements in the Commonwealth

16-0 **Option 1.** Take no action.

Improving the Provision of Palliative Care in the Commonwealth

15-1 **Additional Member-Proposed Policy Option 4:** Add a section to Title §32.1 of the Virginia Code requiring the Virginia Department of Health to create a website for palliative care information.

Medical Care Provided in State Prisons

16-0 **Option 2.** *Request by letter of the JCHC Chair that* ~~Introduce legislation to amend Chapter 53.1-32 of the Virginia Code to require~~ the Department of Corrections to prepare and submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly detailing the operations and expenditures for the entire state prison system's health care system. The report should include trend analysis of expenditures, trend analysis of the prison population

including disease and illness profiles, new programs and services implemented and future plans. *Require the Department to report back to the Commission with results of its efforts by October, 2017.*

16-0 **Option 3.** *Request by letter of the JCHC Chair that ~~Introduce legislation to amend Chapter 53.1-32 of the Virginia Code to require~~ the Department of Corrections to implement disease management programs within all of the department's facilities for diseases where there are established best practice models available. The department should explore the opportunity of establishing a comprehensive peer-to-peer program for incarcerated offenders where offenders can assist each other in managing their illnesses. *Require the Department to report back to the Commission with results of its efforts by October, 2017.**

16-0 **Option 4.** *Request by letter of the JCHC Chair that ~~Introduce legislation to amend Chapter 53.1-32 of the Virginia Code to require~~ the Department of Corrections to hire an independent actuary to annually establish per-member-per-month benchmark reimbursement rates for inmates where the health care is provided by a vendor. *Require the Department to report back to the Commission with results of its efforts by October, 2017.**

16-0 **Option 5.** Request by letter of the JCHC Chair that the Department of Corrections explore all opportunities to partner with the Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services and VCUHS for the purchasing of pharmaceutical products through the multi-state purchasing agreements already in place and/or through the use and expansion of the 340B program. Require the Department to report back to the Commission with results of its efforts by October 1, 2017

Development of Life-Sustaining Treatment Guidelines

15-1 **Option 3.** Include in the 2017 JCHC work plan that staff form a work group to study health care decisions more broadly, focused on preventing/improving outcomes of treatment decision conflict in Virginia, and report back to the JCHC in 2017

Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth Mission Expansion

15-0-1(abs) **Option 2a.** 2a. Introduce legislation to amend the Code of Virginia to expand the VFHY mission to include prevention of other ~~controlled~~ substance use by youth;

Expanding Access to Brain Injury Services and Barriers to Placement of Virginians with Challenging Behaviors Resulting from Traumatic and non-Traumatic Brain Injuries and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

16-0 **Option 2.** Request by letter of the JCHC Chair that DARS, DMAS and DBHDS form an interagency implementation team (possibly made up of members from the Brain Injury Council) to ultimately implement a statewide program to serve individuals with brain injury, including determining whether, and if so, which new Medicaid authorities to be seek. The Team's first task will be to determine program structure and costs, and report back to the JCHC by November, 2017.

16-0 **Option 3.** Request by letter of the JCHC Chair that DMAS determine Medicaid payment rates and methods that will incent the opening and ongoing operation of in-state neurobehavioral/nursing facility units for individuals with brain injury and dementias with challenging and aggressive behaviors; and report back to the JCHC by November, 2017.

16-0 **Option 4.** Request by letter of the JCHC Chair that DMAS determine a plan, including budget estimates, to add new services to the Medicaid Elderly and Disabled with Consumer Direction Waiver to provide needed long term services and supports for Medicaid beneficiaries; and report back to the JCHC by November 2017.

15-0-1(abs) **Option 9.** By letter of the JCHC Chair, express support for Senate Bill 317, carried over to 2017, to create Veteran's Dockets

Community Health Workers in the Commonwealth

14-2 **Option 2:** ~~Insert language into the Code of Virginia to~~ *Provide letter from the JCHC Chair supporting that the designate designation of the Virginia Community Health Worker (CHW) Advisory Group as the official entity within Virginia to explore and standardize training and certification guidelines for CHWs, and explore financing and other sustainability options*

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