



**Joint Commission on Health Care**

Thursday, May 26, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.  
General Assembly Building – Senate Room A

**Members Present**

Delegate John M. O’Bannon III, Chair	Senator L. Louise Lucas, Vice Chair
Delegate David L Bulova	Senator Charles W. Carrico, Sr.
Delegate T. Scott Garrett	Senator Rosalyn R. Dance
Delegate Patrick A. Hope	Senator Siobhan S. Dunnavant
Delegate Riley E. Ingram	Senator David R. Suetterlein
Delegate Kaye Kory	
Delegate Roslyn C. Tyler	The Honorable William A. Hazel, Jr.

**Members Participating by Conference Call**

Senator George L. Barker  
Delegate Christopher P. Stolle

**Members Absent**

Delegate Benjamin L. Cline  
Senator John S. Edwards  
Delegate Christopher K. Peace

**Staff Present**

Michele Chesser  
Paula Margolis  
Andrew Mitchell  
Stephen Weiss

**Call to Order/Welcome New Members**

Delegate O’Bannon deferred to Delegate Hope. Delegate Hope asked that we take a brief moment to honor Senator John C. Miller.

Delegate O’Bannon called the Joint Commission meeting to order and welcomed three newly-appointed Senate members: Senator Rosalyn R. Dance, Senator Siobhan S. Dunnavant, and Senator David R. Suetterlein.

**Staff Update**

Michele Chesser, Ph.D., introduced the Commission’s new staff: Paula Margolis, Ph.D., M.P.H., and Andrew Mitchell, Sc.D. Michele stated that JCHC’s Newsletter and a letter from OSIG were included in member’s notebooks.

**Presentation by Michele Chesser**

The 2016 meeting schedule has been set for the Commission and its two subcommittees.

<u>Date</u>	<u>10:00 a.m.</u>	<u>1:00 p.m.</u>
May 26	JCHC	Heroes Event
August 3	BHC Subcommittee	HL/HS Subcommittee
September 7	JCHC	HL/HS Subcommittee
October 5	JCHC	BHC Subcommittee
November 9	JCHC (decision matrix)	

Michele discussed the following studies that will be conducted by staff and later presented to Commission members:

- 1) Expansion of the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth Mission. HJR 65 requests that the JCHC study the benefits and costs of expanding the mission of the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth to include additional issues affecting youth health, including issues related to behavioral health, injury prevention, hunger, and diabetes.  
Staff: Andrew Mitchell
- 2) Progress in expanding access to brain injury services and the placement of aggressive individuals with brain injury, dementia or PTSD. SJR 80 – 2014 directed the JCHC to review progress in implementing recommendations from the 2007 JLARC review and make additional recommendations for increasing access to brain injury services in the Commonwealth. An interim report on this study was given in 2014.

In addition SJR 71 directs the Commission to study placement options for individuals with brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, or dementia who experience aggression. The study should identify the various placement options and barriers to placement for such individuals and make recommendations for improving access to safe, appropriate placements.

Staff: Paula Margolis

- 3) Improved provision of palliative care in the Commonwealth. HB 473 requests that the JCHC study the delivery of palliative care in the Commonwealth and corresponding regulations, evaluate the need for public education on palliative care, and determine if accessible statewide education resources exist for citizens.  
Staff: Stephen Weiss
- 4) Legal and regulatory requirements regarding life-prolonging care in the Commonwealth. HJR 61 requests that the JCHC study the current legal and regulatory requirements regarding the medical appropriateness of life-prolonging care and options to clarify due diligence and the appropriate course of action when no physician can be found to carry out a patient's, or patient agent's, request.  
Staff: Andrew Mitchell

*Delegate O'Bannon stated that the Hospital Associations has a workgroup, End of Life Care, with Brent Rollins. We might want to work with the group.*

*Delegate Stolle suggested that staff cast a broader net to get more special groups involved in this discussion.*

- 5) School vaccination requirements in the Commonwealth. HB 1342 requests that the JCHC study the requirements surrounding school vaccinations and make recommendations as to whether non-medical exemptions should be tightened for children attending public schools, private schools, child care centers, nursery schools and family day care home or developmental centers.  
Staff: Stephen Weiss

- 6) Study of the costs associated with the provision of medical care in state prisons in Virginia. Requested by letter from Delegate Kory asking JCHC study the cost to the Commonwealth for medical care provided to prisoners in state prisons, especially costs for pharmaceutical products.

Staff: Stephen Weiss

*Dr. Hazel stated that the General Assembly requested the Secretary's office do a study on high cost medications. NGA has materials released in February. He said he would share the information.*

- 7) A JCHC staff initiative study of the integration of mental and physical health care in the Commonwealth.

Staff: Paula Margolis

*Delegate Garrett suggested that staff coordinate with the Deeds working group. Dr. Hazel stated that we don't have a system across the commonwealth as to what is available in prisons and hospitals.*

In addition to staff studies, the Commission and subcommittees will hear from several presenters from the:

- Virginia Center for Health Innovation
- Virginia Health Information
- Virginia Rural Work Group
- Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century Committee
- Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
- Virginia's Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics
- Governor's Task Force on Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse Update
- Institute for Public Health Innovation

There will be several topics that will be addressed in the subcommittees:

- Office of the Inspector General's Report on the unannounced inspection at the Commonwealth Center for Children and Adolescents (CCCA)
- 1st Annual Report of the Center for Behavioral Health and Justice
- Discussion of the disABILITY Law Center of Virginia's 2015 report: Treatment Failure: The State of Services at Eastern State Hospital
- Community Health Workers in Virginia
- Graduate Medical Education Task Force Update
- My Life, My Community (ID/DD) Medicaid Waiver Redesign
- Telemedicine in the Commonwealth/Telemedicine Pilot Program

Staff will report on two studies in subcommittee:

- School Vaccination Requirements in the Commonwealth
- Costs Associated with the Provision of Medical Care in State Prisons in Virginia

*Senator Carrico requested a report from Mount Rogers law enforcement on alternative transportation of mentally ill individuals. Delegate O'Bannon asked whether the Deeds Commission is working on that.*

*Senator Dunnavant stated the telemedicine health network has a lot of information that could report to us that we need to look at.*

*Dr. Hazel asked if the Health Commissioner reviewed a plan for well being with the Commission. Michele said yes last year. He said the report did not come out until February of 2016. Hazel said it would be useful to have a presentation on this. Michele stated a presentation from Dr. Levine on October 7 2015 was made on the Metrics to reflect the Health and Well Being of the People of Virginia.*

*Senator Lucas would like to have information on the waiver re-design.*

*Delegate Bulova asked how in depth will staff be looking at the vaccination requirements study?*

*Delegate Kory said there are a lot of people that want to speak to this issue.*

*Delegate O'Bannon stated that we can have one or 2 people present on this topic.*

*Dr. Hazel indicated that California has a lot of information on this subject (Wilking).*

*Dr. Hazel said he would be happy to do an update on issues of the Health and Human Resources office.*

#### **Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair**

Delegate O'Bannon recognized Senator Dunnavant, who made a motion to nominate Senator Carrico as Chair. JCHC members agreed and approved the nomination. Senator Lucas was recognized by the Chair and nominated Senator Dance as vice chair. JCHC members agreed and approved the nomination.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned. The next Commission meeting will be held September 7, 2016.

Electronic Meeting: Yes

Prepared by: Sylvia Reid

Date: June 7, 2016