



Meeting Minutes

Joint Commission on Health Care

Tuesday, May 21, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.

Senate Room A – General Assembly Building

Present: Senator Linda T. Puller, Chair and Delegate John M. O’Bannon, III, Vice-Chair

Senator George L. Barker (conference)

Senator Harry B. Blevins

Senator Charles W. Carrico, Sr.

Senator Jeffrey L. McWaters (conference)

Delegate Robert H. Brink

Delegate David L. Bulova

Delegate T. Scott Garrett

Delegate Algie T. Howell, Jr.

Delegate Riley E. Ingram

Delegate Christopher P. Stolle

Call to Order

Senator Linda Puller called the meeting to order and began by recognizing Senator Harry Blevins for his dedication and service to the Joint Commission. Senator Blevins, who has served on the Joint Commission since 2004, will retire from the Senate in August.

Kim Snead provided an overview of the agenda, noting that the primary objective would be to discuss potential work plans for JCHC and its two Subcommittees. Ms. Snead also noted that two news releases were included in the members’ notebooks and posted on the JCHC website. The news releases address:

- A complaint filed with the federal Office for Civil Rights, by Quality Trust for Individuals with Disabilities and the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Virginia, addressing regulations which limit the use of the auxiliary grant to assisted living facilities and adult foster care.
- A grant program to help military veterans with health care experience or training earn their bachelor’s degrees in nursing. The Veterans’ Bachelor of Science in Nursing program will be administered by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and fund as many as nine “cooperative agreements, of up to \$350,000 a year.”

2013 Meeting Schedule		
	MORNING MEETINGS	AFTERNOON MEETINGS
May 21	JCHC	Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee
June 7		Healthy Living/Health Services Subcommittee (Meeting will start at 1:30 p.m.)
September 17	JCHC	Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee
October 22	JCHC	Healthy Living/Health Services Subcommittee
November 18	JCHC	



JCHC meetings will be held in Senate Room A of the General Assembly Building, with the morning meetings beginning at 10:00 a.m. and the afternoon meetings beginning at 1:00 p.m. (except for the meeting on June 7 which will begin at 1:30 p.m.).

Presentations

JCHC Work Plan. Ms. Snead presented the proposed work plan for JCHC which includes 10 staff studies (four of the studies are proposed to be presented in a Subcommittee meeting).

Three studies were continued from 2012:

- Costs Associated with Untreated Dental Disease (SJR 50 – Senator Barker in 2012)
- Issues Regarding Implementation of Expedited Partner Therapy (HJR 147 – Delegate Herring in 2012)
- Follow Up on Study of Cost-Sharing for Prescription Medications (HJR 579 – Delegate O’Bannon in 2011)

Four studies were requested in study resolutions introduced during the 2013 Session:

- Needs of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders in Transitioning from Secondary Schools (SJR 330 – Senator Northam)
- Factors Affecting Health Care Costs (HJR 687 – Delegate O’Bannon)
- Update on Study of Physician Shortages (HJR 689 – Delegate Purkey)
- Implementing Grand-Aides or a Similar Model (HJR 571 – Delegate Hope)

Three studies were approved as policy options or were requested by a JCHC member:

- Telemedicine and Mental Health Services (approved policy option)
- Administrative Responsibility for the Federal Rural Health Grant Program (request by Delegate Garrett)
- Age Restrictions for Tanning Bed Use (SB 1274 – Senator Barker)

Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee Work Plan. Ms. Snead also discussed the proposed work plan for the Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee. Two presentations will be heard during the Subcommittee’s afternoon meeting: a review of the major programs and initiatives of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services by John Pezzoli and an overview regarding Virginia’s review of Medicaid expansion by Michele Chesser.

During the meeting on September 17, two previously-described studies will be presented (Needs of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders in Transitioning from Secondary Schools and Telemedicine and Mental Health Services) as well as several presentations on issues members indicate they are particularly interested in hearing.

Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee

Senator L. Louise Lucas and Delegate Christopher P. Stolle – Co-Chairs

Senator George L. Barker
Senator Charles W. Carrico, Sr.
Senator Stephen H. Martin
Senator Ralph S. Northam
Senator Linda T. Puller

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Healthy Living/Health Services Subcommittee Work Plan. Dr. Chesser presented the proposed work plan for the Healthy Living/Health Services Subcommittee. In addition to two previously-described studies that will be presented (Cost-Sharing for Prescription Medications and Age Restrictions for Tanning Bed Use), presentations on the Comprehensive Health Investment Project of Virginia, the Hampton University Proton Therapy Institute, and the Virginia Center for Health Innovation will be heard by the Subcommittee. Members were encouraged to suggest additional presentations they are particularly interested in hearing.

Healthy Living/Health Services Subcommittee

Senator Harry B. Blevins and Delegate Robert H. Brink – Co-Chairs

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Michael Lundberg, Executive Director of Virginia Health Information, provided an update on the development of Virginia's All-Payer Claims Database.

Stephen Bowman provided general background on factors that affect health care costs. Mr. Bowman noted that he will be working on the health care cost study throughout the summer and present specific study findings and policy options during the JCHC meeting in October.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next JCHC meeting will be held September 17, 2013.

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