

Meeting Minutes

Joint Commission on Health Care

Tuesday, October 22, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.
Senate Room A – General Assembly Building

Members Present

Senator Linda T. Puller, Chair
Senator George L. Barker
Senator L. Louise Lucas, (conference)
Senator Stephen H. Martin

Delegate John M. O'Bannon, III, Vice-Chair
Delegate Robert H. Brink
Delegate David L. Bulova
Delegate Benjamin L. Cline
Delegate Rosalyn R. Dance
Delegate T. Scott Garrett
Delegate Algie T. Howell, Jr.
Delegate Riley E. Ingram
Delegate Christopher K. Peace
Delegate Christopher P. Stolle

The Honorable William A. Hazel, Jr.

Call to Order

Senator Linda T. Puller called the meeting to order.

Kim Snead provided an overview of the meeting agenda and discussed the public comments received regarding four studies presented during the September 17th meetings: *Implementation of Expedited Partner Therapy, Virginia's Physician Workforce Shortage, Avenues for Expanding Telehealth for Mental Health Services, and Needs of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.*

Presentations

The 2013 Annual Report and Strategic Plan Update for Virginia Health Information was presented by the VHI Board President Alfred D. Hinkle, Jr. and the Executive Director Michael T. Lundberg.

JCHC Staff Reports Included:

The Cost of Untreated Dental Disease on the Commonwealth was presented by Jaime Hoyle. In addition to the five policy options that were presented, Secretary Hazel suggested that JCHC may want to consider an additional policy option to fund the provision of dental care for pregnant women covered by Medicaid, considering the benefits of such care particularly in helping to prevent low-birth weight and preterm newborns. Written public comment on the policy options is being accepted through November 12, 2013.

Factors Affecting Health Care Costs, presented by Stephen Bowman, included eight policy options which were offered for public comment.

State Designee for the Federal Rural Health Grant Program, presented by Kim Snead included two policy options. Secretary Hazel indicated his support for the option that the Virginia Rural Center continue the discussion on the needs of rural Virginia and asked if it would be appropriate for members to vote immediately instead of waiting for the November meeting. Senator Puller requested that the letter to the workgroup include educational needs in addition to the other delineated areas of concern. With JCHC-member consent, Option 2 was considered and approved unanimously.

Given the late hour, Senator Puller postponed Dr. Chesser's presentation on the *Review of Grand-Aides Program and Similar Models of Health Care Delivery* and adjourned the meeting.

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