Meeting Minutes

Joint Commission on Health Care
Tuesday, October 16, 2012
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	Delegate Robert H. Brink
Senator Harry B. Blevins	Delegate David L. Bulova
Senator Charles W. Carrico, Sr.	Delegate Benjamin L. Cline (conference)
Senator Stephen H. Martin	Delegate Rosalyn R. Dance (conference)
Senator Ralph S. Northam	Delegate Algie T. Howell, Jr.
	Delegate Riley E. Ingram
	Delegate Christopher K. Peace
	Delegate Christopher P. Stolle

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by JCHC Chair, Senator Linda T. Puller. Ms. Snead provided an overview of the meeting agenda and a summary of the public comments received regarding the policy options for the studies: *Regulation of Surgical Assistants and Surgical Technologists,* and *Cost Sharing and Specialty Tier Pricing of Prescription Medications*.

Presentations

Al Hinkle and Michael Lundberg presented the 2012 Annual Report and Strategic Plan Update for Virginia Health Information (VHI).

JCHC staff presented four studies:

- Jaime H. Hoyle's study, *Opt-Out Program for Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donation,* examined the issue of establishing an opt-out program in the Commonwealth as proposed in HJR 19 (Delegate O'Bannon). Three policy options were offered for public comment.

- Dr. Michele L. Chesser's study, *Rural Obstetrical Care in Virginia,* examined three issues: maternal and infant health, barriers to access and utilization of obstetrical services, and programs that may address barriers to obstetrical care. Seven policy options were offered for public comment.

- Jaime H. Hoyle presented an interim study on *The Cost of Untreated Dental Disease in the Commonwealth* (SJR 50 - Senator Barker). The final report will be completed in 2013.

- Stephen W. Bowman's study, *Regulation of Naturopaths,* examined licensure as proposed in HB 2487 (Delegate Kilgore). Mr. Bowman reviewed naturopathic physician training, regulations in other states, and the findings of the 2005 study by the Virginia Board of Health Professions. Four policy options were offered for public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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