



Meeting Minutes

Joint Commission on Health Care

Wednesday, November 7, 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
Senator L. Louise Lucas (conference call) Delegate Rosalyn R. Dance
Senator Stephen H. Martin Delegate T. Scott Garrett
Senator Ralph S. Northam Delegate Algie T. Howell, Jr.
The Honorable William A. Hazel, Jr. Delegate Riley E. Ingram
Delegate Christopher K. Peace

Call to Order

Senator Linda T. Puller, Chair called the final 2012 meeting of JCHC to order and recognized Ms. Snead who provided an overview of the meeting agenda. Ms. Snead noted that the purpose of the meeting was for members to consider and vote on policy options proposed in studies and presentations heard during the year.

JCHC Member Voting on Decision Matrix Options

Staff Reports:

Cost Sharing and Specialty Tier Pricing of Prescription Medications (HJR 579-2011)

- ☑Option 5: Introduce legislation requiring qualified health plans to allow individuals who are expected to incur costs in excess of the cost sharing limits set by the ACA the option of paying their capped out-of-pocket amount in 12 equal installments over the course of the year. Vote 15-0

Rural Obstetrical Care in Virginia

- ☑Option 2: Request by letter of the JCHC Chair that VDH and DMAS review the potential for licensing or recognition of freestanding birth centers, for the purpose of Medicaid facility reimbursement, and report to the Joint Commission by October 1, 2013. Vote 10-6
- ☑Option 3: Introduce a budget amendment (language and funding) for the Virginia Department of Health to provide funding of \$867,600 GFs to expand the Perinatal Telehealth Network in Virginia to include Danville, Pittsylvania County, and Washington County; and to initiate ultrasound services at the Culpeper and Staunton Health Department telemedicine sites. Vote 16-0
- ☑Option 6: Introduce a budget amendment (language and funding) for the Virginia Department of Health to provide additional funding of \$75,000 to allow for customization and advertisement of the Text 4 Baby Program. Vote 14-2
- ☑Option 7: Request by letter of the Joint Commission Chair that, as part of the maternal and child health strategic plan, VDH give due consideration to the Baby Basics curriculum as a tool to improve patient education and standardize health messages for pregnant women and mothers. Vote 16-0

Expansion of the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program (SB 634/HB 1289)

- ☑Option 1: Provide a written report to the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions without taking further action. Vote 16-0

Regulation of Surgical Assistants and Surgical Technologists (SB 313)

Option 1: Provide a written report to the Senate Committee on Education and Health without taking further action. Vote 13-2

Opt-Out Program for Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donation (HJR 19)

Option 1: Take no action. Vote 16-0

Mandatory Outpatient Treatment for Substance Use Disorder

Option 1: Take no action. Vote 11-5

Option 2: Introduce legislation to amend Titles 19.2 and 37.2 of the *Code of Virginia* to increase the maximum time period for a temporary detention order to 72 hours. Vote 7-9

Discussion regarding Option 2 revolved around wanting to address the burden that transportation related to the involuntary civil commitment process places on law enforcement before other changes are considered and that increasing the maximum time period for temporary detention orders could be considered in the future.

Regulation of Naturopaths (HB 2487 – 2011)

Option 1: Take no action. Vote 16-0

Additional Reports:

Telehealth: A Tool for the 21st Century

Option 2: Introduce a budget amendment (language and funding) for \$25,000 in State general funds to advance statewide education programs regarding emergency stroke care through the Virginia Stroke Systems Task Force. Vote 16-0

Option 3: Include in the 2013 work plan for JCHC, a study of various avenues to expand access to mental health services through telemedicine, including potential public-private partnerships. Vote 16-0

Option 4: By letter of the JCHC Chair, request that the Virginia Department of Health, Department of Medical Assistance Services, Department of Education, and the academic health centers collaborate regarding how to expand services for children in the Commonwealth. Vote 16-0

Option 5: By letter of the JCHC Chair, request that the Department of Medical Assistance Services consider funding for chronic disease management programs in the home setting using remote patient monitoring and care coordination in the Medicaid program. Vote 16-0

Quality Collaborative Care through Interprofessional Education

Option 1: Take no action. Vote 16-0

Expedited Partner Therapy: An Innovative Strategy (HJR 147)

Option 2: Include in the JCHC 2013 work plan, a staff study of options for implementing expedited partner therapy in the Commonwealth. Vote 12-4

Why Is Respite Important for Caregivers?

Option 2: Introduce a budget amendment (language and funding) to increase FY 2014 funding for the Virginia Respite Care Initiative by \$543,791 for a total of \$1 million GFs. Vote 12-2

Eating Disorders Follow-Up

☑Option 2: By letter of the JCHC chair, encourage the Virginia Department of Health and the Virginia Department of Education to implement the work group recommendations to:

- Conduct training within the clinical community, such as physicians and nurse practitioners, in recognizing and treating eating disorders since this is a complex disorder and is extremely sensitive and clinical in nature;
- Continue efforts to raise awareness of school personnel regarding the signs and symptoms of eating disorders and appropriate referral;
- Increase awareness of the Health Smart Virginia Website with ready-made lesson plans for healthy eating habits and positive body image aligned with Virginia SOL; and
- Provide information on the SCOFF questionnaire to school nurses, school psychologists, and school social workers for use in evaluating the need for referral to a health care provider. Vote 15-0

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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