

Meeting Minutes

Joint Commission on Health Care

Tuesday, September 17, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.
Senate Room A – General Assembly Building

Members Present

Senator Linda T. Puller, Chair
Senator George L. Barker
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 P. Stolle (conference)

Call to Order

Senator Linda Puller called the meeting to order.

Ms. Kim Snead provided an overview of the meeting agenda, noted that a copy of the 2012 JCHC Annual Report was in the members' notebooks, and welcomed students, from the health politics and policy class of VCU's Masters of Health Administration program who were in attendance.

Presentations

Commissioner James A. Rothrock provided an overview of the newly-formed Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) including some emerging issues and agency innovations. Commission Rothrock also noted that DARS staff members are answering questions of the federal Office for Civil Rights concerning possible discrimination in Virginia's Auxiliary Grant program.

Beth A. Bortz, President and CEO of the Virginia Center for Health Innovation described several Center projects and priorities: development of the Virginia Health Innovation Plan, assistance for entities in submitting proposals for the CMS Innovation Challenge, launch of the Virginia Health Innovation Network, and support of regional health collaboratives.

Dr. Dianne L. Reynolds-Cane, Director of the Department of Health Professions, discussed findings from the 2012 Physician Survey.

JCHC staff presented two reports:

- Stephen Bowman provided an update on Virginia's physician workforce shortage (HJR 687 – Delegate Purkey). Six policy options were offered for public comment.
- Dr. Michele Chesser discussed questions raised by members last year regarding implementation of expedited partner therapy (HJR 147 - Delegate Herring 2012). Two policy options were offered for public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next JCHC meeting will be held October 22, 2013.

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