



Meeting Minutes - Joint Commission on Health Care

October 18, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

East Reading Room- Patrick Henry Building
1111 E Broad St, Richmond VA 23219

Members Present

Delegate Dawn Adams

Delegate Emily Brewer

Delegate Karen Greenhalgh

Delegate C.E. (Cliff) Hayes, Jr.

Delegate M. Keith Hodges

Delegate Patrick Hope

Delegate Robert Orrock

Delegate Sam Rasoul (virtual)

Delegate Roxann Robinson

Senator Siobhan Dunnavant

Senator John S. Edwards

Senator Barbara Favola

Senator Ghazala Hashmi

Senator L. Louise Lucas

Senator David Suetterlein

Members Absent

Senator George Barker

Senator Todd Pillion

Delegate C. Matthew Fariss

Staff Present

Jen Piver-Renna

Kyu Kang

Agnes Dymora

Estella Obi-Tabot

Emily Atkinson

Call to order and welcoming comments – Delegate Orrock

Roll Call - Agnes Dymora

Acting Executive Director Jen Piver-Renna gave an overview of the agenda.

Associate Health Policy Analyst Estella Obi-Tabot presented on the Obesity and Eating Disorders Prevention and Treatment in Virginia study. She discussed obesity prevalence, early identification and treatment strategies, and insurance coverage available through Medicaid and state-regulated health plans. She answered Member questions throughout. Next, Ms. Obi-Tabot discussed eating disorders. She talked about prevalence, early identification strategies, and the barriers that exist in treatment for eating disorders. Lastly, she provided a summary of all the policy options discussed for both topics. Members asked questions and discussed modifications to some policy options.

Jen Piver-Renna, Acting Executive Director, gave a presentation on Prescription Drug Affordability. She discussed prescription drug spending trends and the impact of IRA on those trends as well as what states are doing to address drug affordability.

Ms. Erin Fuse Brown, JD, MPH, Law Professor at Georgia State University, briefed Members on the impact of ERISA's preemption clause on state's attempts to regulate pharmacy benefit managers. She also spoke about two federal court cases that ruled on ERISA's preemption clause and discussed how that might apply to Virginia's PBM statutes.

Kyle Russell, CEO of Virginia Health Information, provided a presentation on their annual report. He spoke about the accomplishments in the last year as well as the priorities for the upcoming year.

Jen Piver-Renna summarized the topics that the Executive Subcommittee chose for studies and presentations in 2024.

Meeting adjourned.

Delegate Rasoul participated virtually due to a personal reason.