



## Meeting Minutes - Joint Commission on Health Care

November 13, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.

Senate Room A- General Assembly Building

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### Members Present

Delegate Dawn Adams  
Delegate Emily Brewer  
Delegate Karen Greenhalgh  
Delegate Patrick Hope  
Delegate Robert Orrock  
Delegate Sam Rasoul  
Delegate Roxann Robinson

Senator George Barker  
Senator Siobhan Dunnavant  
Senator Barbara Favola  
Senator Ghazala Hashmi  
Senator L. Louise Lucas  
Senator David Suetterlein

### Members Absent

Delegate C.E. (Cliff) Hayes, Jr.  
Delegate M. Keith Hodges  
Delegate C. Matthew Fariss  
Senator John S. Edwards  
Senator Todd Pillion

### Staff Present

Jen Piver-Renna  
Emily Atkinson  
Agnes Dymora  
Estella Obi-Tabot  
Kyu Kang

Call to order and welcoming comments – Senator Barker  
Roll Call - Agnes Dymora

Acting Executive Director and Principal Health Policy Analyst and Methodologist Jen Piver-Renna, gave an overview of the agenda and presented on the Health Care Workforce studies review. She spoke about the focus and effectiveness of Virginia’s health care workforce programs and as well as barriers to fully evaluate the programs.

Harrison Hayes, Executive Director at Virginia Health Workforce Development Authority, presented the Authority’s report on *Identifying Strategies for Strengthening the Health Care Workforce in the Commonwealth of Virginia*. He discussed the approach to the study, the key findings, and the recommendations for improving the Commonwealth’s health workforce. He also spoke about next steps for the Authority including an appropriations request and standing up a legislative committee.

James Jenkins, Chief Deputy Director, Virginia Department of Health Professions and Special Advisor to the Governor for the Healthcare Workforce, gave an overview of funding that was appropriated during the 2023 session toward behavioral health and nursing. He provided statistics on the current state of the behavioral health workforce and how discussed how “Right Help, Right Now” is assisting with workforce shortages.

Associate Health Policy Analyst, Estella Obi-Tabot, summarized the key findings and policy options for the Obesity and Eating Disorders study presented in October and informed members of how public comments received since the presentation aligned with policy options outlined in the study.

Associate Health Policy Analyst, Kyu Kang, summarized the findings and policy options for the 2022 JCHC study on Local Health Department Structure and Financing.

Dr. Elaine Perry, Director of Richmond/Henrico Health District at Virginia Department of Health, briefed Members on policy option prioritization and other considerations from Virginia Health Department's workgroup, as was directed by the JCHC in 2022. VDH prioritized three of the eleven options pertaining to CHA/CHIP process, performance management process for local health departments, and tracking of budget funding for each local health department.

Jen Piver-Renna closed out the meeting by reviewing the study resolutions for the two 2024 proposed studies.

Meeting adjourned.