



JCHC Executive Subcommittee

June 11, 2024

Meeting objectives

- Recommendations for disposition of newly referred topics and changes to the 2024 workplan, if any
- Direction to staff regarding the JCHC Health Care Dashboard



2024 Workplan

Members previously selected two studies for 2024

- Performance of Health Care Workforce Programs (September 2024)
- Strategies to Extend Health Care Access to Vulnerable Populations (October 2024) including:
 - Mobile health clinics
 - Community paramedicine
 - Home visiting programs
 - Community health workers
 - Telehealth

Members previously requested presentations on three topics

- Strategies to Address the Social Determinants of Health (June 2024)
- Services for Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury in Long-term Care Settings (July 2024)
- Impact of Technology on Children's Health (July 2024)

Four additional topics referred

- Sickle Cell Disease in the Commonwealth (HJ 60, Hayes) (by letter)
- Anesthesia Workforce in the Commonwealth (HB 1322, Sickles & SB 33, Locke) (by letter)
- Policy Solutions to the Commonwealth's Fentanyl Crisis (HJ 41, Srinivasan)
- Medicaid Program Eligibility Criteria and Options to Eliminate Benefit Cliffs (request of the Virginia Disability Commission) (by letter)

Two topics could be narrowly scoped for targeted studies in 2024

- Targeted studies are narrowly tailored to address select questions within existing staff resources
- Two topics could be narrowly scoped to allow for targeted studies in 2024:
 - Sickle Cell Disease in the Commonwealth (HJ 60, Hayes)
 - Anesthesia Workforce in the Commonwealth (HB 1322, Sickles & SB 33, Locke)

Targeted study of sickle cell disease in Virginia could address key questions

- A targeted study of sickle cell disease in Virginia could include description of:
 - Prevalence and impact of sickle cell disease in Virginia
 - State-funded programs and services to support individuals with sickle cell disease in Virginia
 - Evidence-based treatment for individuals with sickle cell disease and barriers to treatment

Targeted study of Virginia's anesthesia workforce could address key questions

- A targeted study of the anesthesia workforce in Virginia could include evaluation of:
 - Existing anesthesia workforce in the Commonwealth
 - Impact of supervision requirements for CRNAs on the anesthesia provider workforce and patient outcomes
 - Considerations for certification of AAs including impact on anesthesia provider workforce and patient outcomes

NOTE: CRNA = certified registered nurse anesthetist, AA = anesthesiologist assistant

Comprehensive staff study of one topic will be completed in 2025

- Policy solutions to the Commonwealth's fentanyl crisis
 - Mandatory study required by HJ 41 (Srinivasan), approved by the General Assembly during the 2024 Session
 - Requires comprehensive staff study to address the issues raised in the study resolution
 - Study resolution directs the JCHC to complete work by November 1, 2025

One topic could be studied in 2025 or referred for presentation in 2024

- Medicaid program eligibility criteria and options to eliminate benefits cliffs within the Medicaid program
 - Would require comprehensive staff study to address issues raised; no date specified so could be considered for 2025
 - JCHC could request a presentation from DMAS on eligibility categories and criteria and their impact on access to services

Questions & Discussion



JCHC Health Care Dashboard

JCHC Dashboard

Created in 2021 with intent to:

- Monitor select metrics for trends in accessibility, affordability, quality, and equity of health care
- Measure impact of JCHC recommendations and other policy changes on progress toward strategic objectives
- Inform selection of topics for JCHC studies

Dashboard may not provide sufficient information to accomplish intent

The dashboard provides a snapshot of data on selected metrics but may not provide a complete picture

- Metrics measure some, but not all, factors that may contribute to progress toward strategic objectives
- Lack of context may limit ability to identify causal connections
- Lags in data reporting timelines may result in information that does not reflect the current situation

Alternative approaches could better serve JCHC goals

- Briefings could provide data and information on the current status of key issues in relation to strategic objectives
- Study selection process could be enhanced to support selection of relevant study topics and contribute to strategic objectives
 - Studies could include reviews of the impact of JCHC recommendations and other policy changes

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