



## Meeting Minutes - Joint Commission on Health Care

December 17, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

House Subcommittee Room C – General Assembly Building

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### Members Present

Delegate Rodney Willett

Delegate N. Baxter Ennis

Delegate Cliff Hayes

Delegate M. Keith Hodges

Delegate Atoosa Reaser

Delegate Cia Price

Delegate Mark Sickles

Delegate Howard Wachsmann

Senator Ghazala Hashmi

Senator Barbara Favola

Senator Christopher Head

Senator Mamie Locke

Senator L. Louise Lucas

Senator Stella Pekarsky

Senator Todd Pillion (virtual)

Senator David Suetterlein

### Members Absent

Delegate Robert Orrock

Delegate Patrick Hope

### Staff Present

Sarah Stanton

Jen Piver-Renna

Estella Obi-Tabot

Emily Atkinson

Agnes Dymora

Call to order and welcoming comments – Delegate Willett

Roll Call - Agnes Dymora

Executive Director Sarah Stanton provided an overview of the agenda and reminded members of the voting process for study policy options.

Estella Obi-Tabot reminded members of the findings and policy options for the sickle cell disease report. Members discussed the policy options and voted to:

- Unanimously incorporate option 3 into option 2
- Unanimously adopt options 1, 2 (as amended), 4, 6, 7 and 8
- Adopt option 5 by 14-1-1 vote

Emily Atkinson reminded members of the findings and policy options for the anesthesia workforce report. Members discussed the policy options and voted to:

- Unanimously adopt policy options 2 and 5
- Amend option 4 to introduce legislation to license certified anesthesiologist assistants

- Amend option 3 to require that the Department of Health Professions identify appropriate settings in which CRNAs may practice without supervision in the plan for transitioning CRNAs independent practice but fail to pass by a 4-11-0 vote

Sarah Stanton presented the two policy options for extending health care access to vulnerable populations that were carried over from the last meeting. Members discussed the policy options and voted unanimously to:

- Adopt amended policy option 3
- Adopt option 6 by 14-0-1 vote

Sarah also presented draft study resolutions for three studies added to the 2025 JCHC work plan by the Executive Subcommittee in October. Members amended objectives for the study of access to pharmacy services to strike the term “evidence-based” then voted to approve all three study resolutions.

Sarah proposed a recommendation for a budget amendment to add funds to the JCHC’s annual appropriation to cover the cost of salary and benefits for one extra staff member. Members voted to adopt the recommendation by a 13-0-2 vote.

Meeting adjourned.