



Meeting Minutes - Joint Commission on Health Care

June 18, 2025 – 10:30 a.m.

House Subcommittee Room C – General Assembly Building

Members Present

Delegate Rodney Willett (virtual)
Delegate M. Keith Hodges
Delegate Patrick Hope
Delegate Robert Orrock
Delegate Cia Price (virtual)
Delegate Atoosa Reaser (virtual)
Delegate Mark Sickles
Delegate Howard Wachsmann

Senator Ghazala Hashmi
Senator Christopher Head
Senator Barbara Favola

Members Absent

Senator David Suetterlein
Senator Stella Pekarsky
Senator Todd Pillion
Senator Mamie Locke
Senator L. Louise Lucas
Delegate Baxter Ennis
Delegate Cliff Hayes

Staff Present

Sarah Stanton
Jen Piver-Renna
Estella Ob-Tabot
Emily Atkinson
Agnes Dymora
Khadeejat Lawal

Call to order and welcoming comments – Senator Hashmi

Roll Call - Agnes Dymora

Executive Director Sarah Stanton introduced the newest staff for JCHC - Khadeejat Lawal. She then provided an overview of the agenda.

Senior Health Policy Analyst Estella Obi- Tabot provided a background briefing on the Access to Pharmacy Services study. She listed the study questions and research methods she is using in the study. Estella talked about the pharmacy services that a pharmacist may provide and gave an overview of the number of pharmacies operating in Virginia in the last decade. She also discussed the localities in Virginia that are affected by pharmacy closures, listed the possible reasons for these closures, and described the negative health impacts of for affected individuals of pharmacy closures. Lastly, Estella listed the topics that will be included in the final report. She answered members' questions throughout the presentation.

Associate Health Policy Analyst Emily Atkinson provided a background briefing on the Strategies to Address Transportation- Related Barriers to Health Care study. She listed the study questions and research methods she is using in the study. Emily described how transportation is an important factor in accessing health care and listed the populations who experience higher burden of lack of transportation. She listed the different types of transportation available and spoke about two transportation programs for individuals with significant health-related transportation burdens that the state funds. She then listed the barriers that exist to accessing health related transportation services such as eligibility criteria or limited capacity of providers. Lastly, Emily listed the topics that will be included in the final report. She answered members' questions throughout the presentation.

Sarah Stanton reminded members of the meeting dates for 2025.

Meeting adjourned.

Delegate Price participated virtually due to being unable to drive. Delegate Reaser participated virtually due to a medical appointment. Delegate Willett participated virtually due to out of area meeting.