



Meeting Minutes - Joint Commission on Health Care

June 11, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

House Subcommittee Room C – General Assembly Building

Members Present

Delegate Rodney Willett

Delegate M. Keith Hodges

Delegate Robert Orrock

Delegate Cia Price

Delegate Atoosa Reaser

Delegate Mark Sickles

Delegate Howard Wachsmann

Senator Barbara Favola

Senator Ghazala Hashmi

Senator Stella Pekarsky

Senator David Suetterlein

Members Absent

Delegate N. Baxter Ennis

Delegate Cliff Hayes

Delegate Patrick Hope

Senator Todd Pillion

Senator L. Louise Lucas

Senator Christopher Head

Senator Mamie Locke

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 introduced Mark Schwartz, a COVES fellow who will be with the JCHC through the summer, and announced Jen Piver-Renna's promotion to Deputy Director. She then provided a study overview of the two studies and three briefings that were voted last December to be in the 2024 workplan.

Deputy Director Jen Piver-Renna provided an overview of the *Performance of Health Care Workforce Programs* study including the purpose, focus, and methods to be used. She also answered member questions about the study.

Sarah Stanton provided an overview of the *Strategies to Extend Health Care Access to Vulnerable Populations* study. Sarah briefed about the specific strategies that will be looked into and then gave a summary of each of those strategies. She also answered member questions about the study.

Sarah provided a summary of what the JCHC Executive Subcommittee members voted on for the workplan and the JCHC Dashboard. She informed the members that the Executive

Subcommittee recommended that the 2024 workplan be revised to include narrowly scoped studies for *Sickle Cell Disease in the Commonwealth* and *Anesthesia Workforce in the Commonwealth*, and that the *Fentanyl Crisis* and *Medicaid Eligibility Criteria* studies be added to the 2025 workplan. All present JCHC members voted unanimously to adopt those updates. Sarah also informed members that the Executive Subcommittee recommended to pause updates on the JCHC Dashboard. After some questions and discussion, all present members voted to adopt that recommendation.

Jen Piver-Renna briefed members on the *Strategies to Address Social Determinants of Health* (SDOH). Jen defined what SDOH are and how they affect individuals' health outcomes. She also spoke about how health care systems address and assist in improving individuals' health-related social needs. She concluded with information about how policy developments in all areas can improve health related policies. Lastly, she answered members' questions.

Sarah concluded the meeting by providing members with the 2024 meeting dates.

Meeting adjourned.