



Meeting Minutes - Joint Commission on Health Care

October 22, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

House Subcommittee Room C – General Assembly Building

Members Present

Delegate Rodney Willett, Chair

Delegate M. Keith Hodges

Delegate Cia Price

Delegate Atoosa Reaser (virtual)

Delegate Mark Sickles

Delegate Howard Wachsmann

Senator Ghazala Hashmi, Vice Chair

Senator Barbara Favola

Senator Mamie Locke

Senator L. Louise Lucas

Senator Stella Pekarsky

Senator David Suetterlein

Senator Todd Pillion (virtual)

Members Absent

Delegate Baxter Ennis

Delegate Cliff Hayes

Delegate Patrick Hope

Delegate Robert Orrock

Senator Christopher Head

Staff Present

Sarah Stanton

Jen Piver-Renna

Agnes Dymora

Emily Atkinson

Khadeejat Lawal

Mayesha Alam

Call to order and welcoming comments – Chairman Willett

Roll Call - Agnes Dymora

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

Jen Piver-Renna, Deputy Director and Chief Methodologist, presented a summary of public comments for the policy options for *Policy Solutions to the Commonwealth's Fentanyl Crisis* report.

JCHC members asked questions and discussed the policy options for the *Policy Solutions to the Commonwealth's Fentanyl Crisis* report and voted unanimously to adopt all 11 policy options, including three options amended prior to adoption:

- Option 5 (amended)
- Option 8 (amended)
- Option 11 (amended)

Emily Atkinson, Associate Health Policy Analyst, briefed members on the *Strategies to Address Transportation-Related Barriers to Health Care* report. She began by providing a brief overview of the background of transportation-related barriers to health care. She then

discussed the data available on Medicaid's non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) including performance- related metrics. Emily also briefed members on the Section 5310 Program, describing current funding and challenges resulting from current funding amounts and methodologies. Next Emily discussed the regional coordination of transportation services in the Commonwealth such as transportation hubs. Lastly, she spoke about the need for more transportation options in rural areas of Virginia and suggested microtransit as a viable option. She provided policy options throughout the presentation to assist in resolving the different issues associated with medical transportation and answered members' questions.

Sarah Stanton briefed members on selections of topics for the 2026 work plan that the Executive Subcommittee members selected in the prior meeting. All present members voted to approve the work plan.

Meeting adjourned.

Senator Pillion participated virtually due to travel distance. Delegate Reaser participated virtually due to transportation issues.