



## Meeting Minutes - Joint Commission on Health Care – Executive Subcommittee

June 4, 2026 – 09:00 a.m.

Senate Room A – General Assembly Building

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### Members Present

Delegate M. Keith Hodges  
Delegate Patrick Hope  
Delegate Wachsmann  
Delegate Rodney Willett

Senator Barbara Favola  
Senator L. Louise Lucas  
Senator Mamie Locke

### Members Absent

Senator David Suetterlein  
Senator Todd Pillion

### Staff Present

Sarah Stanton  
Jen Piver-Renna  
Mayesha Alam  
Agnes Dymora  
Khadeejat Lawal

Call to order and welcoming comments – Senator Favola

Roll Call - Agnes Dymora

Executive Director Sarah Stanton provided an overview of the work planning process and reviewed the workplan options available to members for the summer/fall 2026 workplan. After some discussion, members voted unanimously to approve the updated 2026 workplan which includes:

- A targeted study of HB 605 (Willett): An evaluation of Virginia’s nursing facility workforce and options for staffing standards.
- An information brief on the impact of HR 1 (2025) on Virginia’s Medicaid program and health care system, focusing especially on rural hospitals.
- A targeted study with policy options of SB 789 (Reeves): Liquid nicotine and nicotine vapor products; certification.
- Any Step 2 analyses of proposed mandated health care benefits at the direction of the Health Insurance Reform Commission (HIRC).
- If additional capacity develops, prioritizing HB 1423 (McGuire) Group homes; oversight and accountability for 2027 workplan.

Members also chose to postpone policy option development for the two information briefs on *Public Health Impacts of E-cigarettes and E-cigarette Retailers* and *Financial Condition of Virginia’s Rural Hospitals* to monitor the rollout of legislation this summer affecting these two topics.

Meeting adjourned.