

Joint Commission on Health Care

Newsletter

May 2011

From the Chairman



We had a busy 2011 Session which resulted in a number of new studies being referred to the Joint Commission. Proposed studies (shown on the next page) and work plans will be discussed during our first meeting which will be held at 10:00 a.m. on May 17th in Senate Room A.

I look forward to working with you in our review of health, behavioral health and long-term care.

Actions Taken on JCHC's 2011 Legislative Proposals

House Bill 1710 - Delegate Algie T. Howell, Jr. Senate Bill 803 - Senator L. Louise Lucas.

Amend *Code of Virginia* Title 22.1 to require schools to provide the opportunity for students in grades K-8 to participate in regular physical activity. HB 1710 was incorporated into HB 1644 (O'Bannon); HB 1644 was passed by the House, but was stricken at the patron's request in the Senate Committee on Education and Health.

SB 803 was incorporated into SB 966 (Northam). SB 966, which requires an average of 150 minutes of physical education per week for grades K-8 and a similar goal for high school, was passed by the House and the Senate. SB 966 was vetoed by Governor McDonnell on March 24, 2011.

House Bill 2303 - Delegate Robert H. Brink Senate Bill 988 - Senator Linda T. Puller

Amend *Code of Virginia* §30.170 to extend the JCHC sunset date to July 1, 2016. HB 2303 and SB 988 were amended several times and ultimately were referred to a conference committee. The committee report recommended extending the sunset date to July 1, 2015, which was agreed to by the House and the Senate. *2011 Acts of Assembly*, Chapters 501 and 607 respectively.

Budget Amendments

Language and funding of \$5 million to support cancer research at the University of Virginia Cancer Center.

- Item 189 #1c added \$3 million for FY 2011

No additional funding was appropriated for the following budget amendments:

- Language and funding of \$782,842 GFs and \$782,842 NGFs to offer coverage to legal immigrants who are Medicaid-eligible pregnant women.
- Language and funding of \$109,675 GFs and \$203,681 NGFs to offer coverage to legal immigrants who are FAMIS-eligible pregnant women.
- Language and funding to provide an additional \$100,000 for the Uninsured Medical Catastrophe Fund.
- Language and funding of \$6.4 million to provide additional funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) for FY 2012.
- Item 284 #1c reduced funding (-\$1 million) for FY 2012

Membership

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Secretary William A. Hazel, Jr.

Proposed JCHC Studies

2011 Study Resolutions

HJR 632 – Delegate G. Glenn Oder

Staff: Jaime H. Hoyle

Study Shaken Baby Syndrome and abusive head trauma; resolution agreed to by House and Senate.

HJR 566 – Delegate Christopher K. Peace

Staff: Jaime H. Hoyle

Study access to oral chemotherapy drugs; by letter.

HJR 579 – Delegate John M. O’Bannon, III

Staff: Michele L. Chesser, Ph.D.

Study the impacts of cost sharing, coinsurance, and specialty tier pricing for prescription medication; by letter.

HJR 682–Delegate John M. O’Bannon, III

Staff: Jaime H. Hoyle

Study the involuntary admission of persons in need of substance abuse treatment; by letter.

SJR 294 – Senator Linda T. Puller

Staff: Michele L. Chesser Ph.D.

Study eating disorders in the Commonwealth; by letter.

House and Senate Bills Referred

HB 1961 - Delegate Thomas D. Rust

Staff: Jaime H. Hoyle

Review the Code § 54.1-3307 relating to recusal of Board of Pharmacy members from certain proceedings.

HB 1966 - Delegate Thomas D. Rust

Staff: Jaime H. Hoyle

Review adding Code § 54.1-3316.1 relating to voluntary reporting by pharmacists.

HB 2487 – Delegate Terry G. Kilgore

Staff: Stephen W. Bowman

Review adding Code §§ 54.1-2956.12 - 15 relating to licensure of naturopaths.

SB 865 – Senator Harry B. Blevins

Staff: Stephen W. Bowman

Review disclosure of vital records.

SB 878 – Senator William Roscoe Reynolds

Staff: Michele L. Chesser Ph.D.

Review adding pseudoephedrine to Schedule III of the Drug Control Act.

Studies Continued or Proposed in 2010

Chronic Health Care Homes

HJR 82 (2010) – Delegate Patrick A. Hope

Staff: Jaime H. Hoyle

JMU Caregivers Community Network

Staff: Michele L. Chesser, Ph.D.

Improving Transparency by Developing a Health Claims Cost Database

Staff: Stephen W. Bowman

Defining Hospital-Offered Charity Care

Staff: Stephen W. Bowman

Involvement of Virginia’s Cancer Centers in Research and Treatment

Staff: Michele L. Chesser, Ph.D.

Update Recommendations from 2004 Working Group on Rural Obstetric Care

Staff: Stephen W. Bowman

Review Availability of Specialized Residential Care for Individuals with Severe Brain Injury

Staff: Kim Snead

Meeting Schedule for 2011

May 17

JCHC - 10:00 a.m.

BHC Subcommittee - 1:00 p.m.

June 14

JCHC Morning only 10:00 - Noon

September 19

JCHC - 10:00 a.m.

HL/HS Subcommittee - 1:00 p.m.

October 17

JCHC - 10:00 a.m.

BHC Subcommittee - 1:00 p.m.

November 22

JCHC - 10:00 a.m.

HL/HS Subcommittee - 1:00 p.m.