



Joint Commission on Health Care

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2011

Present: Delegate Benjamin L. Cline
Delegate Robert H. Brink
Delegate David L. Bulova
Delegate Rosalyn R. Dance
Delegate T. Scott Garrett (Conference)
Delegate Algie T. Howell, Jr.
Delegate John M. O'Bannon, III
Delegate Christopher K. Peace

Senator Linda T. Puller
Senator George L. Barker
Senator R. Edward Houck
Senator Patricia S. Ticer
Senator William C. Wampler, Jr. (Conference)

The Honorable William A. Hazel, Jr.

Next meeting: June 14, 2011

The Joint Commission meeting was called to order by Delegate Benjamin L. Cline, Chairman. Delegate Cline recognized Kim Snead, executive director, who provided an overview of the meeting agenda and introduce Michael Waters who is volunteering his time as an intern with JCHC, before starting medical school at VCU this fall.

Presentations

The Honorable William A. Hazel, Jr., Secretary of Health and Human Resources gave a brief overview of recent activities related to the Department of Justice (DOJ) investigation of training centers in Virginia. Due to the confidential nature of the negotiations, few details could be shared. Secretary Hazel was hopeful that a settlement with DOJ will be reached.

Kim Snead presented the 2011 proposed work plan and meeting schedule for the Joint Commission and the Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee. Ms. Snead mentioned that the Joint Commission and its Subcommittee will present on 14 studies this year. Stephen Bowman presented the proposed work plan for the Healthy Living/Health Services Subcommittee.

Michele Chesser, Ph.D., Senior Health Policy Analyst presented the final report on *Feasibility of Replicating James Madison University's Caregivers Community Network*. Dr. Chesser presented three policy options for the members to consider in November. After much discussion, several JCHC members indicated more information was needed on the effectiveness of the caregivers community network program and more generally, the level of need for and availability of respite services in Virginia. Delegate Cline suggested adding a fourth option which would be a broader overview of respite care in the Commonwealth.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next JCHC meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2011.

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