

Healthy Living/Health Services Subcommittee
Joint Commission on Health Care
General Assembly Building – Senate Room A
April 30, 2009 – 11:00 a.m.

Minutes

Attendance

Senator George L. Barker
Senator Harry B. Blevins
Senator R. Edward Houck
Senator Ralph S. Northam
Senator Linda T. Puller

Delegate Robert H. Brink
Delegate Phillip A. Hamilton
Delegate Harvey B. Morgan
Delegate David A. Nutter
Delegate John M. O’Bannon, III

The meeting was called to order by Senator Linda T. Puller, Subcommittee Co-Chair.

Presentation

Mr. Stephen Bowman stated that the Long-Term/Medicaid Reform Subcommittee which was established in 2000, with Medicaid Reform added in 2006 has had a somewhat limited subject area. The new focus will allow for LTC/Medicaid Reform topics be considered as well as many other areas such as prevention, obesity, and chronic diseases in the newly formed Healthy Living/Health Services Subcommittee.

Mr. Bowman presented the following topics to be considered in the Subcommittee’s work plan:

Infant Mortality

- ♦ Virginia Department of Health (VDH) update on rates of infant mortality in Virginia and efforts to reduce mortality rates.

Childhood Obesity

- ♦ Presentation by the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth (*formerly the Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation*) regarding plans to address childhood obesity.
- ♦ VDH presentation regarding the Commonwealth’s Healthy Approach and Mobilization Plan for Inactivity, Obesity and Nutrition (CHAMPION).

JCHC Staff Review of Virginia’s Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

Virginia’s Health Care Safety Net

- ♦ Update from health care safety net providers regarding the effect of the economic downturn on the need for their services.

HIV/AIDS in Virginia

- ♦ VDH Report on the current and projected incidence rates and funding levels.

Update on Virginia’s Rural Health Plan

Comments

Delegate Hamilton asked that within the review of the health care safety net, include a progress report on the Virginia Cares Uninsured program.

Delegate O'Bannon asked that emergency medical helicopter services in Virginia be included as part of the rural health report as such services are perhaps more important in the rural area.

Delegate Nutter noted that with relation to the rural health report; a couple of years ago a trauma fund was established. The funds for the trauma fund have been hit hard recently and he would like to have the funding restored if possible.

The Subcommittee members accepted the proposed 2009 work plan as amended.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the HL/HS Subcommittee meeting was adjourned.

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