Meeting Minutes

Joint Commission on Health Care
Tuesday, September 18, 2012
Senate Room A – General Assembly Building

Present: Senator Linda T. Puller, Chair and Delegate John M. O'Bannon, III, Vice-Chair

Senator George L. Barker	Delegate Robert H. Brink
Senator Harry B. Blevins	Delegate David L. Bulova
Senator Charles W. Carrico, Sr.	Delegate Benjamin L. Cline
Senator L. Louise Lucas (conference call)	Delegate Rosalyn R. Dance
Senator Stephen H. Martin	Delegate T. Scott Garrett
Senator Jeffrey L. McWaters	Delegate Algie T. Howell, Jr.
Senator Ralph S. Northam	Delegate Riley E. Ingram
The Honorable William A. Hazel, Jr.	Delegate Christopher K. Peace
	Delegate Christopher P. Stolle

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by JCHC Chair, Senator Linda T. Puller. Delegate Benjamin L. Cline, who served as the Joint Commission's Chair from 2010 to 2012, was recognized and presented with a plaque for his dedicated service. Ms. Snead provided an overview of the meeting agenda for JCHC.

Presentations
In his update regarding Virginia's settlement agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice, Secretary Hazel discussed achieved milestones, ongoing efforts, and remaining issues in "preparing the community-based system" for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

JCHC staff presented three studies:

- Stephen W. Bowman provided an informational overview of potential legal, policy, and funding requirements, if Virginia chooses to join the Health Care Compact as proposed in HB 264 (Delegate Peace).

- Jaime H. Hoyle's study, *Regulation of Surgical Assistants and Surgical Technologists*, examined licensure of surgical assistants and certification of surgical technologists as proposed in SB 313 (Senator Blevins). Three policy options were offered for public comment.

- Dr. Michele Chesser's study, *Cost Sharing and Specialty Tier Pricing of Prescription Medications* (HJR 579 – Delegate O'Bannon in 2011), explored access to specialty drugs for individuals with chronic diseases. Five policy options were offered for public comment.

Senator Puller noted the late hour and postponed hearing the staff report on *Opt-Out Program for Organ, Eye, and Tissue Donation* until the next JCHC meeting on October 16, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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