

## **Joint Commission on Health Care**

General Assembly Building – Senate Room A

October 7, 2009 - 10:00 a.m.

### **Minutes**

#### **Attendance**

Senator George L. Barker  
Senator Harry B. Blevins  
Senator R. Edward Houck  
Senator Linda T. Puller  
Senator Patricia S. Ticer

Delegate Robert H. Brink  
Delegate David L. Bulova  
Delegate Benjamin L. Cline  
Delegate Rosalyn R. Dance  
Delegate Phillip A. Hamilton  
Delegate A.T. Howell  
Delegate Harvey B. Morgan  
Delegate John M. O'Bannon, III

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Senator R. Edward Houck, Chairman.

Kim Snead gave a brief overview of the agenda and summarized the public comments received on the following study reports:

- Preventive Care of Chronic Diseases
- Improving Aging-at-Home Services/Culture Change Initiatives
- Virginia's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
- Virginia's Health Care Workforce: Present and Future

Ms. Snead directed the members' attention to several reports (shown below) received by the staff:

- Virginia Primary Care Association's Annual Report
- Plan for the Elimination of Waiting Lists under Medicaid submitted by the Department of Medical Assistance Services
- Final Progress Report on FY 2009 State Funds submitted by the Virginia Association of Free Clinics

#### **Presentations**

State Health Commissioner Karen Remley, M.D., M.B.A. updated the members on the H1N1 Flu outbreak, and how the Department of Health plays a leadership role with infectious disease outbreaks.

Charlie Frazier, M.D., Board President of the Virginia Health Information (VHI) and Michael Lundberg, Executive Director presented the VHI 2009 Annual Report on current and new initiatives and programs.

Kirsten Edmiston, M.D., FACS, CPAC Advisory Board Co-chair and Diane Cole, MPH, CPAC Co-chair presented information on the Cancer Plan Action

Coalition (CPAC), the Virginia Cancer Plan, and the role of the General Assembly in implementing the Plan.

Michele Chesser, Ph.D., Senior Health Policy Analyst presented the interim staff report on *State Funding for Cancer Research*. The interim report included a discussion on:

- o Incidence of cancer
- o Hospitalizations and costs
- o Mortality
- o Prevention, treatment; and research

Stephen Bowman, Senior Staff Attorney/Methodologist presented the staff report on *Notification for Breaches of Personal Health Records* that discussed:

- o Virginia's data breach law
- o Federal health information breach notification laws
- o JCOTs and JCHC subcommittee conclusions
- o Policy options

Jaime Hoyle, Senior Staff Attorney/Health Policy Analyst presented the background information of the interim staff report on *Individuals with Life-Threatening Conditions* and the study process for year-two of the study.

Ms. Hoyle, in conjunction with the Virginia Bar Association and the HJ 101 Task Force members completed the study on *Response to Adverse Medical Outcomes*. The Task Force agreed to the elements of the proposed pilot disclosure program, except for dissenting opinions from representatives of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association regarding privilege provisions. The Policy Options were discussed and will be voted on during the November Decision Matrix meeting.

Richard Bonnie, L.L.B., Chair of the Commission on Mental Health Law Reform proposed a study on mental health issues in higher education under the auspices Joint Commission. The proposed study would be directed by a steering committee that Dr. Bonnie would chair. The JCHC members in attendance voted unanimously to approve the study.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2009.

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