

Healthy Living/Health Services Subcommittee

General Assembly Building – Senate Room A

August 12, 2009 – 1:00 p.m.

Minutes

Attendance

Senator George L. Barker
Senator R. Edward Houck
Senator Ralph S. Northam
Senator Linda T. Puller
Senator Patricia S. Ticer

Delegate Robert H. Brink
Delegate Benjamin L. Cline
Delegate Rosalyn R. Dance
Delegate John M. O'Bannon, III

Call to Order

The HL/HS Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Delegate John M. O'Bannon, Subcommittee Co-Chair.

Stephen Bowman, Senior Staff Attorney/Methodologist gave an update on the trauma fund report.

Presentations

Lynne Fellin, Associate Director of the Office of School Nutrition Programs, Virginia Department of Education, presented an overview of school nutrition programs, standards of learning for physical education and health, and a number of related state initiatives.

Heidi Hertz, Obesity-Prevention Coordinator, Division of WIC and Community Nutrition Services, Virginia Department of Health, described the goals set for the Commonwealth's Healthy Approach and Mobilization Plan for Inactivity, Obesity, and Nutrition (CHAMPION) program.

Marty Kilgore, Executive Director of the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth, provided information on the priorities and strategies that the Foundation is working toward for the prevention of childhood obesity.

Kathy Hafford, Director of the Division of Disease Prevention, Virginia Department of Health, reported on the continuing HIV epidemic in Virginia including the scope of HIV in Virginia, funding for HIV prevention, and the impact of racial health disparities on HIV.

Sue Rowland, Executive Director for Virginia Organizations Responding to AIDS, addressed the cost of care for the treatment of an individual with HIV and the need for prevention for individuals under age 20.

Dr. David Suttle, Director for the Office of Family Health Services, Virginia Health Department, reported on *The Silent Epidemic – Uniting to Reduce Infant Mortality*. Dr. Suttle's presentation discussed such targeted interventions as:

- ♦ Expanding the FAMIS MOMs program to 200% of the federal poverty level
- ♦ Baby Care Program
- ♦ VDH Saving Babies Initiative
- ♦ Resource Mothers Program

Dr. Suttle noted the importance of engaging "health care providers, pregnant women and their families, community groups and health insurers" in changing attitudes about the issue of infant mortality.

Beth O'Connor, Executive Director of the Virginia Rural Health Association, discussed Virginia's rural health plan which encompasses a three to five year strategic plan. Ms. O'Connor described how the plan was created and its progress to date.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the HL/HS Subcommittee is scheduled for September 1, 2009.

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