

Joint Commission on Health Care

General Assembly Building – Senate Room A

April 30, 2009 - 9:30 a.m.

Minutes

Attendance

Senator George L. Barker	Delegate Robert H. Brink
Senator Harry B. Blevins	Delegate David L. Bulova
Senator R. Edward Houck	Delegate Phillip A. Hamilton
Senator Ralph S. Northam	Delegate Harvey B. Morgan
Senator Linda T. Puller	Delegate David A. Nutter
Senator William C. Wampler (conference)	Delegate John M. O'Bannon, III

The meeting was called to order by Senator R. Edward Houck, Chairman. The Honorable Franklin P. Hall, recently appointed as a Commissioner of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, was recognized by JCHC members for his many contributions during 13 years of service to the Joint Commission.

Presentations

At the request of the Chairman Houck, the State Health Commissioner, Dr. Karen Remley addressed the Joint Commission regarding the outbreak of the H1N1 (swine) flu. Dr. Remley answered questions posed by members of JCHC and the audience and indicated that VDH has taken steps to open lines of communication with the public.

Ms. Kim Snead presented the following proposed meeting topics for member consideration:

September 1st Meeting

JCHC Staff Reports

- Review of “opportunities for early identification and preventive care of chronic diseases.” (*Jaime H. Hoyle*)
 - SJR 325 (Senator Houck)
- Continued study of culture change in long-term care facilities, services that enable elders to age at home, and support services for family caregivers. (*Michele L. Chesser, Ph.D.*)
 - SJR 102 (Senator Stosch), HJR 238 (Delegate Shannon) & HJR 69 (Delegate Plum) in 2008
- Continued analysis of health workforce pipelines for physicians, psychiatrists, dentists, clinical psychologists and pharmacists. (*Stephen W. Bowman*)

October 7th Meeting

JCHC Staff Reports

- Joint JCHC/JCOTS review of additional safeguarding of medical information, such as notifying individuals of database security breaches involving their

medical or health insurance information and designating corporations established to maintain medical information as health care providers and subject to privacy provisions of the health records privacy act. (*Stephen W. Bowman*)

- SB 1229 (Senator Barker) referred to JCHC & JCOTS pursuant to Senate Rule 20(1)
- Two-year study of “benefits to the Commonwealth of appropriating additional funds for cancer research.” (*Michele L. Chesser, Ph.D.*)
 - SJR 292 (Senator Martin)
- Two-year study of “ways to ensure that individuals with life-threatening conditions receive the care they need, regardless of resources.” (*Jaime H. Hoyle*)
 - SJR 339 (Senator Barker)

Invited Speakers

- Representative of the American Cancer Society – Virginia Chapter

November 12th Meeting

Discussion of Decision Matrix

Ms. Snead indicated that the agendas may be adjusted to accommodate the schedules of invited speakers or to address any pressing new issues.

Comments

Delegate Bulova asked that Commissioner Remley provide periodic updates on the H1N1 flu outbreak.

Delegate Bulova mentioned issues related to the State’s training centers. Senator Houck requested that staff examine this issue in the BHC Subcommittee with periodic informational updates to the Joint Commission.

Senator Barker noted that since JLARC is studying autism and mandated health insurance issues related to autism were examined last year, he wondered if JCHC should receive periodic updates. Senator Houck asked that a staff member or the director monitor and provide updates on JLARC’s autism study.

JCHC members approved the proposed 2009 work plan as amended.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next JCHC meeting is scheduled for September 1, 2009.

Approved by: Kim Snead, Executive Director

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