

Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee

Joint Commission on Health Care

Proposals for 2008 Workplan

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BHC Subcommittee Meetings for 2008

Tuesday, July 29th
11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 12th
9:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 23rd
1:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 6th
9:30 a.m.

All meetings will be held in Senate Room A



Examples of Previous Issues Considered by the Subcommittee

- Children's Behavioral Health Care Needs
 - Service and eligibility issues related to the Comprehensive Services Act
 - Service priorities identified in the "Integrated Policy and Plan to Provide and Improve Access to Mental Health and Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services for Children, Adolescents and their Families"
 - Provision of mental health services within juvenile detention centers
- Forensic Issues
 - Diversion of individuals with behavioral health care needs from the criminal justice system whenever appropriate; the provision of services when diversion is not possible and of reentry services upon release back into the community
 - Treatment needs of individuals found not guilty by reason of insanity or incompetent to stand trial



Examples of Previous Issues Considered by the Subcommittee

- Services Provided for Children and Adults with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
 - Specialized training for teachers
 - Need for a lead agency for ASD services
- Provision of mental health services by community health centers and free clinics
- Development of a reporting system for acute psychiatric beds
- Consideration of the findings of reports and reviews related to the Virginia Tech Tragedy



Agenda for July 29th Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

- Study of Child and Adolescent Services Provided by Community Services Boards
 - James W. Stewart, III, Inspector General
Office of the Inspector General for Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services
- JCHC Staff Description of Study Findings of JLARC Study *Mitigating the Costs of Substance Abuse in Virginia*
 - JLARC study required by HJR 683 and SJR 395 (2007)
 - SJR 77 (2008) created a joint subcommittee to study strategies and models for substance abuse prevention and treatment that effectively reduce the costly service demands created by substance abuse.
- JCHC Staff Report:
 - Overview of Underage Drinking



Proposed Agenda for August 12th Meeting

- Review of 2008 Legislation Related to Virginia's Mental Health System
 - Jane D. Hickey, Esquire
Senior Assistant Attorney General & Chief of Health Services Section, Office of the Attorney General
- Overview of the Supreme Court of Virginia's Commission on Mental Health Law Reform
 - Richard J. Bonnie, L.L.B.
Director of Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy
University of Virginia School of Law
- JCHC Staff Report:
 - Role of Psychiatrists and Psychologists in Emergency Custody Orders and Temporary Detention Orders (Budget Item 316-2s by request of Delegate Hamilton and Senator Houck)



Proposed Agenda for October 23rd Meeting

- Report on Changes Related to Mental Health Law Reform
 - Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services on implementation
 - Community services board representatives on initiatives and new requirements
- Report on 2008 Activities of the Supreme Court of Virginia's Mental Health Law Reform Commission
- JCHC Staff Report:
 - Minority Access to Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth SJR 46 – 2008 (Senator Marsh)
 - Response from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia on including cultural competency training as part of the college curriculum for health profession majors.



Agenda for November 6th Meeting

- Discussion of Decision Matrix
 - Review reports (which were presented in Subcommittee earlier in the year) for potential legislative actions to recommend to JCHC or for continued study by the Subcommittee in 2009.



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