

Joint Commission on Health Care

October 23, 2008 – 9:30 a.m.

Minutes

Members in Attendance

Senator George L. Barker	Delegate Robert H. Brink
Senator Harry B. Blevins	Delegate David L. Bulova
Senator R. Edward Houck	Delegate Franklin P. Hall
Senator L. Louise Lucas	Delegate Harvey B. Morgan
Senator Linda T. Puller	
Senator Ralph S. Northam	
Senator Patricia S. Ticer	
Senator William C. Wampler, Jr. (conference)	Secretary Marilyn B. Tavenner

Call to Order

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

Presentations

Ms. Kim Snead, Executive Director of the Joint Commission gave an overview of the public comment received on the policy options presented in the JCHC Study of Section 125 Plans and the Virginia Health Insurance Exchange and described briefly tables and reports included in the members' notebooks (and subsequently posted on the JCHC website) including:

[DD -MR Waiver Chart](#)

[Current Medical DD Waiver Diagnoses](#)

[HPV Vaccine Information - VDH](#)

[Jail Diversion Initiatives - DMHMRSAS](#)

[Enhanced Benefits Accounts Report - DMAS](#)

Dr. Paul F. Aravich, chair of the Virginia Public Guardian & Conservator Advisory Board presented an update on the guardianship program.

Ms. Heidi Dix, Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Resources presented an overview of the implementation plan for DMHMRSAS to serve as the lead agency for coordinating developmental disabilities services and policies.

Dr. David Suttle, Director, Office of Family Health Services in the Virginia Department of Health reported on actions taken to address recommendations related to tracking services provided for preterm/low-birth weight infants and to establishing a Virginia Stroke Systems Task Force.

Dr. Michele Chesser, Senior Health Policy Analyst presented the staff report, *Alternatives to Long Term Care and Support for Family Caregivers* focusing on culture change in LTC facilities and support for family caregivers with a primary focus on aging at home. Public comments are requested on the four policy options presented in the report.

Ms. Jaime Hoyle, Senior Staff Attorney/Health Policy Analyst presented the staff report, *Various Responses to Medical Errors* describing such responses as disclosure, apologies, and alternative dispute resolution and their impact on medical malpractice. Jeanne Franklin, mediator and attorney at law and Larry Hoover, of counsel, Hoover Penrod PLC addressed the Commission in support of the study report and recommendation two. Public comments are requested regarding the report's two policy options.

Ms. Jaime Hoyle presented the staff report, *The Commonwealth's Efforts to Recruit and Retain Psychiatrists* reporting on a general statewide shortage which is more pronounced in rural areas of the State.

Mr. Stephen Bowman, Senior Staff Attorney/Methodologist presented the staff report, *Analysis of Health Workforce Pipelines* for physicians, psychiatrists, dentists, clinical psychologists and pharmacists. Public comments are requested regarding the report's three policy options.

After several questions and discussion on the presentations given, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Joint Commission, scheduled for November 24, 2008, will address the decision matrix for legislative action during the 2009 General Assembly Session.

Approved by: Kim Snead

Date: October 29, 2008

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