

Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee

October 23, 2008 - 1:00 p.m.

Minutes

Members in Attendance

Senator George L. Barker	Delegate Robert H. Brink
Senator L. Louise Lucas	Delegate Harvey B. Morgan
Senator Ralph S. Northam	
Senator Linda T. Puller	
Senator Patricia S. Ticer	Secretary Marilyn B. Tavenner

Call to Order

The Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee meeting was called to order by Delegate Harvey B. Morgan, Subcommittee Co-Chair.

Ms. Kim Snead, Executive Director of the Joint Commission gave an overview of the agenda and indicated that a copy of the report *Review of Community Services Board Child and Adolescent Services* from the Office of the Inspector General for Mental Health, Mental Retardation & Substance Abuse Services was included in the members' notebooks.

Presentations

The Subcommittee heard from several speakers (listed below) on the effects of the mental health law reform changes:

- ◆ Dr. James Reinhard, Commissioner for the Department Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services;
- ◆ George Braunstein, Public Policy Chair, Virginia Association of Community Services Boards;
- ◆ Nancy L. Quinn, Esquire, Special Justice (Henrico County);
- ◆ Sheriff Steve Draper, City of Martinsville, President, Virginia Sheriffs' Association;
- ◆ Sheriff Beth Arthur, Arlington County;
- ◆ Sheriff Tommy Whitt, Montgomery County;
- ◆ Dr. Gary S. Kavut, Riverside Regional Medical Center, Newport News; and
- ◆ Dr. Chris Nogues, Riverside Behavioral Health Center.

Several speakers addressed activities of the Commission on Mental Health Reform:

- ◆ Richard J. Bonnie, L.L.B., gave an overview (via video) on the current and planned activities for the Commission;
- ◆ The Honorable Stephen D. Rosenthal, Esquire, Troutman Sanders LLP gave a brief overview of the proposed recommendations from the Commission's Task Force on Advance Directive; and
- ◆ Jane D. Hickey, Office of the Attorney General gave a briefing on potential legislative proposals for 2009 from the Commission.

The staff report *Minority Access to Mental Health Services in Virginia* was not presented due to time constraints; however the Subcommittee members and the audience received a copy of the presentation.

After several questions and discussion on the presentations given, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee, scheduled for November 24, 2008, will address the decision matrix for legislative action during the 2009 General Assembly Session.

Approved by: Kim Snead
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