

Joint Commission on Health Care

September 4, 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 Phillip A. Hamilton
Senator L. Louise Lucas	Delegate David A. Nutter
Senator Linda T. Puller	Delegate John M. O'Bannon, III
Senator Patricia S. Ticer	
	Secretary Marilyn B. Tavenner

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

Dr. Karen Remley, Commissioner for the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) highlighted VDH priorities and initiatives for 2008 and 2009:

- Safeguarding the Health of Children
 - The VA Immunization Information System
 - Childhood Obesity
 - Infant Mortality
- Improving Access to Care
 - Funding of Indigent care - COPN conditioning
 - Statewide Rural Health Plan
- Ensuring Emergency Preparedness and Response
 - From Outbreaks to Disasters
- Serving as Responsible Stewards of Taxpayer Funds
 - Eligibility/Billing/Collections in Local Health Departments

Mr. Michael Lundberg, Executive Director of Virginia Health Information (VHI) presented the 2008 VHI Annual Report as well as actions taken on several new initiatives.

The following individuals addressed the Commission concerning the MR waiver and/or the individual and family developmental disability supports waiver.

Dr. James Reinhard, Commissioner, DMHMRSAS

Terry Smith, Director of the Division of Long Term Care, DMAS

Mary Ann Bergeron, Executive Director, VACSB

Jennifer Fidura, Virginia Network of Private Providers

Howard Cullum, President, The Arc of Virginia

Sara Ruh, The Arc of Hanover

Katherine Montgomery, The Arc of Northern Virginia

Sandy Hermann, Parent & Care Connection for Children, Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters

Dana Kavanagh, Ability Unleashed

Jill Jacobs, Parent and Alliance for Cross-disability Empowerment

Joshua Wilson

Kim Lett, Parent and disAbility Resource Center

Written comments were submitted by Kathi Carfrey and on behalf of Peter Zaino.

Mr. Stephen Bowman, Senior Staff Attorney/Methodologist with the Joint Commission presented the study report analysis on Section 125 Plans and a Virginia Health Insurance Exchange. He also, briefed the members on access to health insurance options and gave an update on the Riverside Share Program and Maryland's Health Insurance Partnership. Mr. Bowman outlined policy options for members which will be addressed again at the November 6th meeting.

Senator Houck requested staff move the presentation on Alternatives to Long Term Care to the October 23rd meeting because of time constraints.

After several questions and discussion on the presentations, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Joint Commission is scheduled for October 23, 2008.

Approved by: Kim Snead

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