

Behavioral Health Care Subcommittee

August 12, 2008 – 9:30 a.m.

Minutes

Members in Attendance

Senator George L. Barker	Delegate Robert H. Brink
Senator L. Louise Lucas	Delegate David L. Bulova
Senator Ralph s. Northam	Delegate Phillip A. Hamilton
Senator Linda T. Puller	Delegate David A. Nutter (conference)
Senator Patricia S. Ticer	Secretary Marilyn B. Tavenner
Senator William C. Wampler, Jr. (conference)	

Senator L. Louise Lucas, Subcommittee Co-chair called the meeting to order.

Ms. Jaime Hoyle, Senior Staff Attorney/Health Policy Analyst explained the role of psychiatrists and psychologists in emergency custody orders, temporary detention orders and involuntary civil commitment.

Ms. Jane D. Hickey, Chief of Health Services Section, Office of the Attorney General briefed the members on the legislative actions taken during the 2008 General Assembly concerning mental health law reform. The briefing included: commitment criteria; emergency custody order and transfer; examiner qualifications and requirements; CSB attendance at hearings; inpatient treatment; mandatory outpatient treatment; hearing records; privacy disclosures; restoration of firearms rights; and psychiatric inpatient treatment of minors act.

Mr. Richard J. Bonnie, Chairman of the Commission on Mental Health Law Reform presented a summary of the Commission's activities, plans and a status report on proposals currently under study. Mr. Bonnie stated there will be a follow-up report in December, 2008 with the final report completed by December, 2009.

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

Approved by: Kim Snead, Executive Director

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