

Joint Commission on Health Care

July 29, 2008

9:30 a.m.

Minutes

Members in Attendance

Senator George L. Barker	Delegate Clifford L. Athey, Jr.
Senator Harry B. Blevins	Delegate Robert H. Brink
Senator R. Edward Houck	Delegate David L. Bulova
Senator Linda T. Puller	Delegate Franklin P. Hall
Senator Patricia S. Ticer	Delegate Phillip A. Hamilton
Senator William C. Wampler (conference)	Delegate Harvey B. Morgan
	Delegate David A. Nutter
Secretary Marilyn B. Tavenner	Delegate John M. O'Bannon

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

Ms. Snead presented the following proposals for the JCHC 2008 work plan:

September 4, 2008 Meeting

- State Health Commissioner Karen O. Remley, M.D., M.B.A. will discuss her priorities and new initiatives for the Virginia Department of Health
- Virginia Health Information regarding new initiatives
- Discussion of mental retardation waiver design and services
- JCHC Staff Reports:
 - Study of alternatives to traditional long-term care facilities
 - Continuation of the study on health care costs

October 23, 2008 Meeting

- Report on establishing a lead agency for services for individuals with autism spectrum disorder
- Briefing on the reporting of convictions (required by *Code § 54.1-2917*) from the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia and Virginia Compensation Board
- Briefing regarding actions taken related to recommendations from the JCHC preterm/low-birth weight study
- JCHC Staff Reports:
 - Study on the "use of disclosure, apologies, alternative dispute resolution and other measures in the case of medical errors"
 - Study of "support services for family caregivers of the frail elderly and disabled and community-based caregiver support organizations"
 - Interim report on two-year study of Virginia's pipeline for the education of physicians, pharmacists, dentists, and clinical psychologists

November 6, 2008 Meeting

- Discussion of Decision Matrix
- Tour of Virginia Treatment Center for Children

Comments:

Delegate Brink requested that the Joint Commission examine the Public Guardian and Conservator Program. He stated he would like a 10 year review of this program, focusing on the funding level provided and how adequate the population is being served.

Delegate Nutter suggested VDH give a briefing on the facts and use of the Gardasil vaccine. He also requested that the State's rural health care plan be included in the presentation.

The members accepted the proposed 2008 work plan as amended.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting was scheduled for September 4, 2008.

Approved by: Kim Snead, Executive Director

Prepared by: Sylvia A. Reid

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