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MINUTES

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Attending

JLARC Members:

Senator Thomas K. Norment, Chairman; Delegate Leo C. Wardrup, Vice-Chairman; Senator John H. Chichester; Senator Charles J. Colgan; Delegate Kirkland Cox; Delegate Morgan Griffith; Delegate Frank Hargrove; Delegate Johnny Joannou; Delegate Dwight Jones; Delegate Lacey E. Putney; Senator Martin Williams; and Mr. Walter J. Kucharski, Ex Officio.

JLARC Staff:

Phil Leone, Director; Glen Tittermary, Deputy Director; Bob Rotz, Division Chief; Hal Greer, Division Chief; Janice Baab, Aris Bearse, Trish Bishop, Jamie Bitz, Jenny Breidenbaugh, Justin Brown, Martha Erwin, Eileen Fleck, Joan Irby, Paula Lambert, Brad Marsh, Eric Messick, Ellen Miller, Nathalie Molliet-Ribet, Jason Powell, Greg Rest, Kimberly Sarte, Pinki Shah, Walt Smiley, Elisabeth Thomson.

Others:

Rob Jones, Virginia Education Association; Martha Mavredes, Auditor of Public Accounts; Michael Jay, House Appropriations Committee; Amy Atkinson, Commission on Youth; Mark Smith, Virginia Commonwealth University; Pete Giesen, Lobbyist; Jeff Shapiro, Richmond Times Dispatch; Keith Cheatham, Virginia Chamber of Commerce Vice President for Government Affairs; Catherine Harris, Virginia Association of Hospital Plans; Betty Long, Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association; Dr. Raymond Jirran, Retired VRS Member.

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Senator Norment, Chairman. The first order of business was to decide on the next JLARC Commission meeting, which was originally scheduled for June 11, 2007. The Commission members agreed upon combining the June and July meeting agendas and canceling the June meeting. Therefore, the next Commission meeting will be held on July 9, 2007.

Senator Norment then recognized Phil Leone, JLARC's Director, who provided the Commission with an overview of the meeting agenda (Enclosure 1) and the 2007 Legislative Impact of JLARC Studies (Enclosure 2). At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Leone introduced Glen Tittermary who presented a summary of

JLARC's FY 2008 Strategic Plan (Enclosure 3). Following Mr. Tittermary's presentation, a motion was made to receive JLARC's Strategic Plan and authorize printing, which was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

At the request of Delegate Cox, Phil Leone introduced Mr. Bob Rotz who provided the Commission with an overview of the *Virginia Preschool Initiative: Current Implementation and Potential Changes* study. Following Mr. Rotz's presentation and several questions from the Commission, Mr. Tittermary continued the presentation of the *2007 JLARC Workplan* (Enclosure 4) by providing an overview of the projects under his supervision, which include: (1) *Impact of Assisted Living Facility Regulations (Final Report)*, (2) *Growth in State Spending (2007 Update)*, (3) *Review of Compensation for State Employees*, (4) *Virginia Retirement System (VRS) Oversight*, (5) *2007 Report to the General Assembly*, (6) *Internal Service Fund Oversight*, and (7) *Ongoing Computer Resources and Website Support*. Mr. Tittermary then turned the presentation over to Walt Smiley, project leader of the Assisted Living Facility study.

Mr. Smiley gave a brief overview of the Assisted Living Facility study and the 2007 State Spending update. After a few questions from the Commission, Mr. Smiley turned the meeting over to Justin Brown who spoke about the Review of Compensation for State Employees study. Mr. Brown then turned the presentation over to Trish Bishop who provided an overview on the staff's VRS oversight activities. Following this presentation, Ms. Bishop then introduced Martha Erwin who briefly described the *2007 Report to the General Assembly*.

Following Ms. Erwin's presentation, Bob Rotz, Senior Division Chief, gave a brief overview of the projects assigned to his division: (1) *Virginia Preschool Initiative: Current Implementation and Potential Changes*, (2) *State Spending on Standards of Quality (SOQ) Costs (2007 Update)*, and (3) *Review of Higher Education Management Agreements*. Mr. Rotz briefly described the spending on SOQ costs then introduced Aris Bearse, project leader for the Higher Education Management Agreements study.

Mr. Bearse then introduced Hal Greer, Division Chief, who gave an overview of the projects assigned to his division: (1) *Use and Financing of Licensed Inpatient Psychiatric Facilities*, (2) *Review of Mandated Health Insurance Benefits*, (3) *Access to Brain Injury Services in Virginia*, and (4) *Costs and Benefits of Substance Abuse Services in Virginia*. Mr. Greer provided a brief presentation of the psychiatric facilities study then introduced Kimberly Sarte, project leader of the Mandated Health Insurance Benefits study.

Ms. Sarte gave a brief overview of the mandated benefits in Virginia then turned the presentation over to Eric Messick who provided the Commission with a summary of the brain injury study. Mr. Messick then introduced Nathalie Molliet-Ribet, project leader of the substance abuse study.

At the conclusion of Ms. Molliet-Ribet's presentation, Senator Norment asked if there were any additional questions of the Commission and requested a motion to receive the *2007 JLARC Workplan* (Enclosure 5) and authorize printing. Delegate

Putney made a motion to receive the workplan, which was seconded by Senator Colgan and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Walt Kucharski gave a presentation (Enclosure 6) of the Auditor of Public Accounts workplan and proposed salary scales. Following Mr. Kucharski's presentation, Senator Colgan made a motion approve the APA's workplan and salary scales (Enclosure 7). This motion was seconded and approved unanimously by the Commission.

There being no further business, the Commission rose at 12:00 p.m.

Approved by: 
Philip A. Leone, Director

Date: May 16, 2007

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