



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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MINUTES

October 11, 2005

Attending

JLARC MEMBERS: Delegate Lacey E. Putney, Chairman; Senator Thomas K. Norment; Vice-Chairman; Delegate Vincent Callahan; Senator John H. Chichester; Senator Charles J. Colgan; Delegate M. Kirk Cox; Delegate Morgan Griffith; Delegate Frank Hargrove; Delegate Dwight Jones; Senator Walter Stosch; Senator Marty E. Williams; 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, Trish Bishop, Jamie Bitz, Jenny Breidenbaugh, Justin Brown, Angela Coleman, Ashley Colvin, Martha Erwin, Joan Irby, Jennifer Jenkins, Paula Lambert, John Long, Eric Messick, Ellen Miller, Jason Powell, Greg Rest, Kimberly Sarte, Walt Smiley, Tracey Smith, Elisabeth Thomson, Christine Wolfe, Kent Wyatt.

Others: Delegate R. Steven Landes; Joe Flores, Senate Finance Committee; Chris Spanos, Director, VLSSE; Bo Harris, Chief Operating Officer of DSS; Julie Christopher, Chairperson, SBSS; Jennifer Fidura, Fidura and Associates and Virginia Network of Private Providers; Mary Ann Bergeron, Virginia Association of Community Service Boards; Cindi Jones, DMAS; William Lessard, DMAS; Joe Hilbert, Department of Health; Jack Stadler, Verizon Lobbyist; Susan Massart, House Appropriations Committee; Anthony Conyers, Commissioner of DSS; Mark Bowles, Lobbyist; Jim Regimbald, Lobbyist; Pete Geisen, Lobbyist; Robert Hicks, Director, Environmental Health Services, Virginia Department of Health.

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Delegate Putney, Chairman. Delegate Putney recognized Phil Leone who provided an overview of the meeting agenda (Enclosure 1).

Mr. Leone then introduced Justin Brown who gave the staff presentation on the Operation and Performance of Virginia's Social Services System


(Enclosure 2). Mr. Brown answered several questions from the Commission members. Delegate Griffith made a motion to delete the following language from Recommendation 11: "requesting the Governor or Secretary of Health and Human Resources." The motion was seconded by Delegate Callahan and approved unanimously by the Commission. At the conclusion of Mr. Brown's presentation, Mr. Anthony Conyers, Jr., Commissioner of the Department of Social Services provided some remarks in response to JLARC's findings and recommendations. Delegate Griffith made a motion to receive the report as amended and authorize printing (Enclosure 3). The motion was seconded by Delegate Jones and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Mr. Leone then introduced Kimberly Sarte who gave the staff presentation on the Assessment of Reimbursement Rates for Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (Enclosure 4). Following a few questions from the Commission a motion was then made by Delegate Colgan to receive the report and authorize printing (Enclosure 5). The motion was seconded by Delegate Jones and approved unanimously by the Commission.

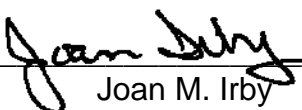
Mr. Leone then introduced Eric Messick who gave the staff presentation on the Review of Land Application of Biosolids in Virginia (Enclosure 6). Mr. Messick answered a few questions from the Commission members. At the conclusion of Mr. Messick's presentation, Mr. Robert W. Hicks, Director Environmental Health Services, Virginia Department of Health, thanked JLARC for the review and offered to answer any other questions the Commission had. There being no further questions, a motion was made by Delegate Colgan to receive the report and authorize printing (Enclosure 7). The motion was seconded by Delegate Callahan and approved unanimously by the Commission.

Mr. Leone concluded the meeting with a request that JLARC conduct a review of severance agreements in employment contracts (Enclosure 8). After some discussion, Delegate Griffith made a motion to approve the review. The motion was seconded by Delegate Colgan and approved unanimously by the Commission.

There being no further business, the Commission rose at 11:30 a.m.

Approved by: 
Philip A. Leone, Director

Date: October 14, 2005

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