



Public Awareness Committee Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2024

Present: Kristen Nelson, Dr. Dawn Ide, Erin Otis, Dr. John Shaner, Donyale Wells, David Coe, Leigh Carroll-Stump

Absent: Marsha Obremski

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m.

2. Old Business

Grocery Cart Advertising - Ms. Carroll Stump presented sample alcohol/drug use and problem gambling grocery cart ads and selected stores within our catchment area for the committee to review. Discussion.

Committee members suggested editing problem gambling imagery to focus on youth prevention.

Committee members selected alcohol/drug use ads and locations.

Agency Brochure Redesign - Ms. Carroll-Stump presented several options to create an agency booklet – consolidating the 25+ agency brochures; awaiting on pricing from several printing companies before a design is established. Discussion.

All Committee Members in agreement of an agency booklet and the use of color tabs to define department services (Emergency, Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health, Substance Use and Prevention Services).

3. New Business

Legislative Update – Mr. Coe presented a summary of several bills of interest from the 2024 General Assembly session. Discussion.

4. Conclusions, Recommendations, Actions

Ms. Carroll-Stump will follow-up with Committee Members via email of the revised Problem Gambling Ad and contact IndoorMedia to secure a contract and deliverable date.



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5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Submitted by: Leigh Carroll-Stump

Next Meeting

Date: May 15, 2024

Time: 3:30 pm

Location: York-Poquoson Office

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BILL #	CHIEF PATRON	BILL SUMMARY	COMMENTS
<p>HB 224</p> <p>HB 603</p>	<p>Henson</p> <p>Price</p>	<p>Public schools; teachers and other relevant personnel; mental health awareness training. Requires each teacher and other relevant personnel, as determined by the applicable school board, employed on a full-time basis to complete mental health awareness training that addresses the needs of youth populations that are at a high risk of experiencing mental health challenges and disorders in accordance with evidence-based best practices developed by the American Psychological Association. Current law requires such teachers and personnel to complete mental health awareness training but does not contain any requirements relating to the specific topics such training must address. The bill prohibits any of its provisions or any policy adopted in accordance with its provisions from being construed to permit biased or discriminatory treatment of any youth population deemed to be at a high risk of experiencing mental health challenges and disorders.</p>	<p>HB603 is slightly different in allowing the Board of Education to determine age appropriateness of the program.</p> <p><u>Governor has offered recommendations on both bills.</u></p>
<p>HB 698</p> <p>SB 423</p> <p>SB 448</p>	<p>Krizek</p> <p>Ebbin</p> <p>Rouse</p>	<p>These bills would have essentially created the retail cannabis market in Virginia.</p>	<p><u>Vetoed by Governor.</u></p> <p>25% of state profits from the market to be distributed to CSBs for SUD programming.</p>
<p>HB 888</p> <p>SB 176</p>	<p>Watts</p> <p>Favola</p>	<p>Civil commitments and temporary detention orders; definition of mental illness; neurocognitive disorders and neurodevelopmental disabilities; Secretary of Health and Human Resources to evaluate placements for certain individuals; report. Specifies that for the purpose of civil commitments and temporary detention orders, behaviors and symptoms that manifest from a neurocognitive disorder or neurodevelopmental disability are excluded from the definition of mental illness and are, therefore, not a basis for placing an individual under a temporary detention order or committing an individual involuntarily to an inpatient psychiatric hospital. The bill provides that if a state facility has reason to believe that an individual's behaviors or symptoms are solely a manifestation of a neurocognitive disorder or neurodevelopmental disability, the state</p>	<p>Provisions of the bill do not become effective unless reenacted by the 2025 Session of the General Assembly.</p> <p>The bill also directs the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene a work group to evaluate, identify, and develop placements for individuals with neurocognitive disorders and neurodevelopmental disabilities, as well as any statutory or funding changes</p>

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		<p>facility may require that a licensed psychiatrist or other licensed mental health professional reevaluate the individual's eligibility for a temporary detention order before the individual is admitted and shall promptly authorize the release of an individual held under a temporary detention order if the licensed psychiatrist or other licensed mental health professional determines the individual's behaviors or symptoms are solely a manifestation of a neurocognitive disorder or neurodevelopmental disability.</p>	<p>needed to prevent inappropriate placements for such individuals, and to report his findings and recommendations by November 1, 2024.</p> <p><u>Approved by Governor.</u></p>
HB 919	Srinivasan	<p>School boards; model memorandum of understanding; partnerships with certain mental health services providers; provision and expansion of virtual mental health services. Directs the Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Department of Medical Assistance Services, to develop, adopt, and distribute to each school board a model memorandum of understanding between a school board and a nationally recognized school-based telehealth provider that sets forth the parameters for the provision of mental health teletherapy by such provider to public school students enrolled in the local school division. Current law only requires the development, adoption, and distribution of a model memorandum of understanding between a school board and a public or private community mental health services provider. The bill also permits each school board to adopt policies and procedures to increase the accessibility of school-based mental health services for students enrolled in each school division who may not have access to mental health services otherwise by providing or expanding virtual mental health resources and establishing or expanding a partnership with (i) a public or private community mental health services provider that offers school-based teletherapy to students or (ii) a nationally recognized school-based telehealth provider that provides mental health teletherapy to students.</p>	<p><u>Approved by Governor.</u></p>
HB 971	Tran	<p>Nurse practitioners; autonomous practice. Lowers from five years to three years the amount of full-time clinical experience required</p>	<p><u>Approved by Governor.</u></p>

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		before an advanced practice registered nurse may practice without a practice agreement and permits qualified nurse practitioners to attest that a nurse practitioner may be qualified to practice without a practice agreement. The bill permits advanced practice registered nurses to practice without a practice agreement when a patient care team physician is no longer able to serve if such advanced practice registered nurse provides evidence that he meets the requirements to practice without a practice agreement as established by the bill.	
HB 974	Keys-Gamarra	Workers' compensation; presumption that certain injuries arose out of employment. Provides that in any claim for workers' compensation, where the employee suffers an unexplained fall in the course of employment, such employee may satisfy the burden of proof by circumstantial evidence, testimony of others, other evidence, or any combination thereof.	<u>Vetoed by Governor.</u>
HB 1242 SB 546	Willett Bagby	Emergency custody and temporary detention orders; evaluations; presence of others. Requires (i) the evaluator conducting the evaluation of an individual to determine whether such individual meets the criteria for temporary detention or (ii) the hospital emergency department and treating physician or other health care provider designated by the physician, when providing services to an individual who is being evaluated to determine whether the individual meets the criteria for temporary detention, to allow the individual's family member or legal guardian who is present and who may provide support and supportive decision making to be present with the individual unless the individual objects or the evaluator or treating physician determines that their presence would create a medical, clinical, or safety risk to the patient or health care provider or interferes with patient care.	<u>Approved by Governor.</u>
HB 1269 SB 626	Price Pillion	Barrier crimes; adult substance abuse and mental health services; exception. Permits the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, providers of substance abuse or mental health services to adults, and community services boards and behavioral health authorities to hire applicants convicted of certain	<u>Approved by Governor.</u>

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		barrier crimes of misdemeanor assault and battery or involving controlled substances provided that such conviction occurred more than four years prior to the application date for employment.	
HB 1336 SB 568	Sickles Deeds	Crisis stabilization services; facilities licensed by DBHDS; nursing homes; dispensing and administration of drugs; emergency. Permits facilities licensed by the DBHDS that provide crisis stabilization services to maintain a stock of Schedules II through VI controlled substances necessary for immediate treatment of patients admitted to such facility. Under current law, maintenance of a stock of Schedule VI controlled substances is allowed under certain conditions, but a stock of Schedules II through V controlled substances may be maintained only if authorized by federal law and Board of Pharmacy regulations. The bill also allows automated drug dispensing systems and remote dispensing systems to be used by state facilities established pursuant to Title 37.2 (Behavioral Health and Developmental Services), facilities that provide crisis stabilization services, nursing homes, and other facilities authorized by the Board of Pharmacy that meet certain conditions. The bill contains an emergency clause, directs the Board of Pharmacy to adopt emergency regulations to implement the provisions of the bill.	<u>Approved by Governor.</u>
SB 34	Locke	Temporary detention; certified evaluators; report. Authorizes hospitals with a psychiatric emergency department located in the City of Hampton to employ certain trained individuals to perform evaluations to determine whether a person meets the criteria for temporary detention for behavioral health treatment.	<u>Approved by Governor.</u>
SB 403 SB155 HB 1289	Durant Head Willett	Behavioral health technicians; behavioral health technician assistants; qualified mental health professionals; qualified mental health professional-trainees; scope of practice, supervision, and qualifications. Adds behavioral health technicians and behavioral health technician assistants to the professions governed by the Board	<u>Approved by Governor.</u>

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<p>HB 1499</p> <p>HB 1500</p>	<p>Willett</p> <p>Willett</p>	<p>of Counseling. The bill also establishes qualification, scope of practice, and supervision requirements for qualified mental health professionals and qualified mental health professional-trainees. The bill directs the Board of Counseling to adopt regulations governing the behavioral health technician, behavioral health technician assistant, qualified mental health professional, and qualified mental health professional-trainee professions by November 1, 2024, and for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and the Department of Medical Assistance Services to promulgate regulations that align with the regulations adopted by the Board of Counseling in accordance with the bill.</p>	
<p>SB 543</p> <p>HB 601</p>	<p>Bagby</p> <p>Kilgore</p>	<p>Health insurance; emergency services; mobile crisis response services. Provides that emergency services, as it relates to any mental health services or substance abuse services, as those terms are defined in § 38.2-3412.1, Code of Virginia, rendered at a behavioral health crisis service provider, include (a) a behavioral health assessment that is within the capability of a behavioral health crisis service provider, including ancillary services routinely available to evaluate such emergency medical condition, and (b) such further examination and treatment, to the extent that they are within the capabilities of the staff and facilities available at the behavioral health crisis service provider, as are required so that the patient’s condition does not deteriorate. Such emergency services may be rendered at a location other than the emergency department of a hospital, such as a behavioral health crisis service provider, as required (including Crisis Receiving Centers).</p>	<p><u>Approved by Governor.</u></p>
<p>SB 574</p>	<p>Deeds</p>	<p>Behavioral Health Commission; behavioral health and crisis response services; civil admissions laws and processes; work group; report. Directs the Behavioral Health Commission to convene a work group to study how to effectively align current civil admissions laws and processes with new behavioral health and crisis response services and resources in the Commonwealth. The bill directs the Behavioral Health Commission to make recommendations for any statutory,</p>	<p><u>Approved by Governor.</u></p>

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		regulatory, licensing, training, and reimbursement changes related to Virginia's current civil admissions process and to report such recommendations by July 1, 2025.	
SB 734 HB 894	Marsden Bennett-Parker	Virginia Freedom of Information Act; electronic meetings. Amends the number of all-virtual public meetings that public bodies, with certain exceptions, may convene in a calendar year to no more than two times per calendar year or 50 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater. Current law limits the number of all-virtual public meetings to no more than two times per calendar year or 25 percent of the meetings held per calendar year rounded up to the next whole number, whichever is greater. The bill also provides that with respect to all-virtual public meetings, when audio-visual technology is available, a member of a public body shall, for purposes of a quorum, be considered absent from any portion of the meeting during which visual communication with the member is voluntarily disconnected or otherwise fails or during which audio communication involuntarily fails.	<u>Approved by Governor.</u>
SB 569	Deeds	State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services; regulations; crisis receiving centers; appropriate and safe use of seclusion; work group; report. Directs the State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to amend its regulations to ensure that its licensing and human rights regulations support high-quality crisis services, including by authorizing the appropriate and safe use of seclusion in crisis receiving centers and crisis stabilization units. The bill also directs the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services to convene a work group to propose additional regulations to allow for the use of (i) evidence-based and recovery-oriented seclusion and restraint practices and (ii) alternative behavior management practices that may limit or replace the use of seclusion and restraint in hospitals, residential programs, and licensed facilities.	<u>Approved by Governor.</u>