

## JLARC Meeting

September 16, 2019 – MINUTES

### JLARC Members Present:

Senator Thomas K. Norment, Jr., Chairman; Delegate Betsy B. Carr; Speaker M. Kirkland Cox; Senator Emmett W. Hanger, Jr.; Delegate Charniele Herring; Delegate S. Chris Jones; Delegate R. Steven Landes; Senator Ryan T. McDougle; Delegate Robert D. Orrock; Delegate Kenneth R. Plum; Senator Frank M. Ruff, Jr.; Delegate Christopher P. Stolle and Martha S. Mavredes.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Norment. Chairman Norment recognized Hal Greer, JLARC staff Director. Mr. Greer gave an overview of the agenda and introduced a new JLARC employee. Mr. Greer then announced JLARC received an award from NLPES for the methods used on the 2018 study on inmate health care, as well as an impact award for its 2018 study on foster care.

### **Operation and Performance of the Office of the Inspector General (OSIG)**

Mr. Greer gave an overview of the study conducted on OSIG. He then introduced Mr. Justin Brown who addressed the Commission and announced that JLARC will present two studies related to the OSIG study resolution: one on OSIG's operation and performance, and one on state oversight of local and regional jails. Mr. Brown introduced Mr. Jamie Bitz who gave his presentation on the operation and performance of OSIG. Several questions were asked by Commission members during and at the conclusion of Mr. Bitz's report.

Senator Norment then introduced Mr. Michael Westfall, State Inspector General, who addressed the Commission and responded to several questions from Commission members. Following Mr. Westfall, Chairman Norment received a motion and the Commission voted to receive the OSIG report and authorize printing.

### **State Oversight of Local and Regional Jails**

Senator Norment again introduced Mr. Jamie Bitz who addressed the Commission. There were several questions from Commission members during Mr. Bitz's presentation. At the conclusion of Mr. Bitz's report, Chairman Norment received a motion and the Commission voted to receive the jail oversight report and authorize printing.

## Medicaid Expansion: Access to Services

Mr. Hal Greer introduced Ms. Tracey Smith who gave an overview of the HHR unit and summarized the topics being presented and topics which will be covered in the future. Ms. Smith then introduced Mr. Jeff Lunardi, who gave his presentation on Medicaid expansion and access to services. Mr. Lunardi replied to several questions from Commission members. Following his presentation, Mr. Greer introduced Ms. Karen Kimsey, the director of the Department of Medical Assistance Services, who commented on JLARC's report and replied to a question from a Commission member.

## Adjournment

Mr. Greer announced that the next JLARC meeting will be Monday, October 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., preceded by the Study Topic Selection Subcommittee meeting at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, the Commission rose at 3:14 p.m.

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