



Review and Oversight of Health and Human Resources Programs

Study subcommittee

Background

- 2018 Appropriation Act requires ongoing review and evaluation of HHR agencies and programs
 - Includes in-depth studies and targeted analyses
- Staff have been assigned to lead the unit, and preliminary research has begun
- Staff have obtained input from General Assembly members and money committee staff
 - Including members of the Joint Subcommittee for HHR Oversight

Subcommittee meeting objectives

- Provide input into HHR topics for review
- Determine 2019 priorities
- Recommend process for future work assignments

Rotating review of agencies and programs

- Interest expressed by members in having staff conduct reviews on a rotating basis over a multi-year cycle
- Staff are exploring how to operationalize this idea
 - categorizing agencies and programs by spending, objectives, populations served

Topic: Medicaid expansion implementation

- JLARC staff could report on a series of topics related to the implementation of Medicaid expansion
 - Annual report on costs/savings associated with expansion
 - Readiness of local DSS offices and state systems to determine eligibility and monitor TEEOP compliance
 - Capacity of workforce programs to prioritize and serve Medicaid clients
 - Capacity of providers to accept Medicaid recipients

TEEOP: Medicaid Training, Education, Employment and Opportunity Program

Topics: Behavioral health and child welfare

- STEP-VA implementation
- Children's Services Act
- Child Protective Services

STEP-VA: System Transformation Excellence and Performance, a 2017 reform initiative for Virginia's behavioral health system that is intended to ensure more timely and higher quality care.

Proposed priorities for 2019

- Medicaid
 - 1st annual update on Medicaid expansion, including costs and savings
 - Readiness and capacity of local agencies and providers for Medicaid expansion
- Behavioral health
 - Review of STEP-VA

Proposed process for assigning work and reporting findings

- Study and analysis requests will come from members of JLARC and the Joint Subcommittee for HHR Oversight
- JLARC will receive and approve requests
- Final products will be reported to the full Commission
 - Members of Joint HHR Subcommittee will be invited to attend presentations

Conclusion

- Next steps
- Other discussion?