



Review and Oversight of Health and Human Resources Programs

Background

- 2018 Appropriation Act requires ongoing review and evaluation of HHR agencies and programs
 - Includes in-depth studies and targeted analyses
- Staff have obtained input from General Assembly members and money committee staff
- Staff proposed topics and schedule at JLARC's September study subcommittee meeting

Objectives

- Approve HHR topics for review in 2019
- Approve process for future work assignments

Member priorities will be initial focus

- Staff propose to review priority programs identified by members of JLARC and the Joint HHR Subcommittee
- Some reviews can be conducted in a shorter timeframe than a typical JLARC study
 - Others may require more time for in-depth research and analysis
- Staff would have flexibility to accommodate requests for short-term, targeted analyses

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

Topic: Behavioral health

- JLARC staff could review the implementation of “STEP-VA”
 - Evaluate progress toward achieving same-day access to services
 - Evaluate progress toward implementing primary care screening and outpatient services
 - Assess impact on need for mental health crisis services and hospitalizations

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
- Decision-making regarding HHR Unit's design

Additional topics (2020)

- Children's Services Act
- Child Protective Services

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?