

**Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services
in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century**

Meeting Summary

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

General Assembly Building
Richmond, Virginia

The first meeting for 2017 of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century (the Joint Subcommittee) was scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2017, at the General Assembly Building in Richmond. Due to the need for some members to attend meetings scheduled at the same time as the Joint Subcommittee's, a quorum of the Joint Subcommittee was not present and the meeting was not convened. However, the chair of the Joint Subcommittee, Senator R. Creigh Deeds, announced that the Mental Health Crisis and Emergency Services work group would be incorporated into the Service System Structure and Financing work group and that the Housing work group would be incorporated into the Criminal Justice Diversion work group. Senator Deeds stated that the two work groups would likely meet at least four times during 2017. Senator Deeds noted that the House Courts of Justice Committee referred five bills introduced during the 2017 regular session to the Joint Subcommittee for study and that each bill will be assigned to the appropriate work group. Finally, Senator Deeds noted that the Joint Subcommittee had been appropriated funds in the 2017–2018 budget that will enable the engagement of a consultant to assist the work of the Joint Subcommittee, if necessary.

Materials

Presentations and materials from the meeting can be found on the website of the Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century at http://dls.virginia.gov/interim_studies_MHS.html.