

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

July 16, 2018, Catawba Hospital, Catawba

Meeting Summary

Members Present: Senator Deeds (Chair), Senator Barker, Senator Hanger, Delegate Garrett, Delegate Rush, and Delegate Watts.

The Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century (the Joint Subcommittee) held its fourth meeting of the 2018 interim on July 16, 2018, at Catawba Hospital in Catawba, Virginia.

Discussion of Tour of Catawba Hospital

Prior to the meeting, members of the Joint Subcommittee toured Catawba Hospital. Following opening remarks, the Joint Subcommittee discussed the tour. Members noted that the facility and grounds seemed more therapeutic than those of some other state hospital facilities. Members also noted that the facility and grounds were very well maintained despite the considerable age of the facility.

Future Meetings

Following discussion of the tour, Senator Deeds announced that the next meeting of the Joint Subcommittee will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, at Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute in Marion. That meeting will focus on other models of behavioral health service delivery.