# Joint Subcommittee to Study Pandemic Response and Preparedness Suggested Subcommittee Structure

# Subcommittee #1 Government and Regulatory Systems (9)

1 Senator

2 Delegates

Delores Oates (local elected official representing a rural locality)

Vacant (local elected official representing an urban locality)

Keith Stephens (a private businessman)

Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia or designee

Secretary of Finance or designee

Secretary of Commerce and Trade or designee

# Subject matter coverage:

- 1) Scope of the Governor's powers in long-term states of emergency and the feasibility of legislative oversight of such powers;
- 2) The adequacy, resilience, and performance of and the need to develop future emergency plans to facilitate better responsiveness of the:
  - a. General Assembly and local governments;
  - b. Judicial system;
  - c. Virginia Freedom of Information Act and meeting rules governing homeowners' associations and corporate entities; and
  - d. Business regulatory system.

#### **Subcommittee #2 Health Care Systems and Emergency Management (8)**

- 1 Senator
- 2 Delegates
- S. Chris Jones (owner of a local pharmacy)

Jennifer W. Siciliano (representing public hospital or health care system)

Dr. Jordan Asher (representing private hospital or health care system)

Secretary of Health and Human Resources or designee

Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security or designee

#### Subject matter coverage:

- 1) The adequacy, resilience, and performance of public and private health care systems, pharmacies, hospitals, independent providers, health system providers, federally qualified health centers, urgent care centers, long-term care agencies and organizations, and congregate care facilities, including:
  - a. Assessment of the readiness of all such facilities and providers to implement infection prevention and control measures in order to prevent and stop the spread of infectious diseases; and

- b. Assessment of the adequacy of regulations relating to vulnerable Virginians, including the elderly, the infirm, and children.
- 2) The adequacy, resilience, and performance of the emergency management and public health care systems, including:
  - a. The need for stockpiling and planning for distribution of pandemic response supplies and materials;
  - b. The performance of local health districts and the feasibility of allowing for local decision-making during pandemics, in contrast to delivery of routine services; and
  - c. The existing system's ability to detect and prevent future outbreaks and deploy health care solutions.

### **Subcommittee #3 Education (7)**

- 2 Senators
- 2 Delegates

Katelyn Deel (representing K-12 public education system) Brian Yates (representing four-year institution of higher education Secretary of Education or designee

### Subject matter coverage:

The adequacy, resilience, and performance of the K-12 and higher education systems and the need to develop future emergency plans to facilitate better responsiveness.