

Progress Report to Joint Subcommittee on Start-Up of Expert Advisory Panels
Richard J. Bonnie, Chair
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Formation of Panels and Initiation of Deliberations

- Panels have all convened for their inaugural sessions
- Panel chairs have begun monthly coordination calls
- Initial priority for all panels is to identify information needs
- Panels have also identified key problems and have begun to develop work plans.
- DLS is preparing minutes

Data Collection and Research Already Underway

- SJ 47 Research Team is being assembled by ILPPP under contract with DBHDS. It includes several MPH data analysts, a health economist, and several graduate students in public policy, law and public health
- Based on Del. Garrett's draft, Research Team is conducting structured interviews of CSB Executive Directors in June and will also field a written survey to CSB Emergency Services Directors, probably in July.
- Research Team is preparing updated report on impact of 2014 legislative changes
- Research Team is studying emergency department waiting times for CSB pre-screening evaluations under HB 2368 and will work with DBHDS to reduce wait times in the localities with longest delays
- DBHDS-CSB performance contracts will be reviewed
- Mental health services structure will be analyzed in selected comparison states

Progress Report for Panel on System Structure and Financing

- See Minutes of initial meeting on April 12
- See Agenda for May 23
- Provisional work plan would aim for statement of key principles in time for legislative endorsement in 2017 session, with specific statutory language and major financing proposals developed for 2018 session