

**SJ47 Joint Subcommittee to Study Mental Health Services  
in the Commonwealth in the 21st Century**

**Potential Topics and Items for 2019**

**PENDING STUDIES, REPORTS, AND INITIATIVES (following)**

● **JLARC**

- CSB Funding Formula Study → requested by SJ47; report expected June 2019
- Implementation of STEP VA Study → report expected June 2019

● **DBHDS**

- Implementation of STEP VA → status, process, costs, necessary adjustments
- Behavioral Health Redesign (with DMAS)
- Mobile Crisis Services
- Community needs assessment
- Hospital census issue
- SB 1488 work group (SJ47 recommendation) and Item 310.CC.1. work group - Meetings begin April; report due November 1, 2019
- Item 310.CC.2. right sizing study (SJ47 recommendation) - report due November 1, 2019
- State hospital/community-based services financial realignment
- CSB General Fund reductions
- Mental health services in jails
  - SB 1644 (Boysko) - workgroup to study and develop a plan for sharing protected health information of individuals with mental health treatment needs who have been confined to a local or regional jail and who have previously received CSB services; report due October 1, 2019.
  - HB 1942 (Bell, Robert B.) - working with BOC to develop standards for behavioral health services in jails.
- Alternative Transportation

● **DMAS**

- Behavioral health redesign (with DBHDS) - Farley Center report published December 2018; DMAS & DBHDS currently involved in planning and preparation; proposed implementation begins summer of 2020.

● **DOC**

- HB 2499 and Item 391.T. (SJ47 recommendation) - report due October 1, 2019.
- HB 1942 (Bell) (SJ47 recommendation) - State Board of Corrections to establish standards for behavioral health services in local correctional facilities and requirements related to sharing of offender medical information; work group to determine cost of implementation; report due November 1, 2019.

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- **DCJS**
  - HB 2666 (Bell, Robert B.) and SB 1489 (Deeds) (SJ47 recommendation) (Passed By Indefinitely in House and Senate Courts with letters to DCJS) - recommendations for training standards and model policies for law-enforcement personnel for sensitivity to and awareness of persons experiencing behavioral health or substance abuse crises; report due November 1, 2019.
- **Supreme Court Office of the Executive Secretary**
  - HB 2665 (Stolle) and SB 1655 (Cosgrove) (SJ47 recommendation) - develop statewide evaluation model and conduct ongoing evaluations of effectiveness and efficiency of all local specialty dockets and report to the GA by December 1 of each year.
- **Other**
  - Item 310.CC.3 - plan to replace Central State Hospital.

**OTHER ITEMS**

- Mental health services for children/school-based mental health services (Joint Subcommittee)
- Structure of the community service system → roles and responsibilities of CSBs and DBHDS; regionalization; alternative models (Work Group 1)
- Impact of Medicaid expansion on CSBs (Work Group 1)
- ECO/TDO process → time frames, custody of individuals involved in the process (NOTE: this topic will be included in the SB 1488/Item 310.CC.1 studies) (Work Group 2)
- Mandatory outpatient treatment (Work Group 2)
- Telemental health/telepsychiatry
- Housing

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<b>Proposed Schedule</b> (Note: each meeting will include time for follow-up on presentations and information from previous meetings + work group reports)	
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Topics</b>
<b>May</b>	<p>Progress reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SB 1488/Item 310.CC.1 Work Group - plans, issues, etc. (Meetings begin in April)</li> <li>• Behavioral Health Redesign - Farley Center Report submitted December 2018; preliminary planning for 2020 implementation underway</li> </ul> <p>Mental Health Services for Children/School-Based Mental Health Services</p>
<b>June</b>	<p>Final reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JLARC CSB Funding Formula</li> <li>• JLARC Implementation of STEP VA</li> </ul> <p>Mental Health Services for Children/School-Based Mental Health Services</p>
<b>July</b>	NO MEETING?
<b>August</b>	<p>Progress reports (items due November 1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DBHDS SB 1488/Item 310.CC.1 work group final report (November 1)</li> <li>• DBHDS Item 310.CC.2 “right sizing” final report (November 1)</li> <li>• DBHDS/BOC HB 1942 (Bell) final report (November 1)</li> <li>• DCJS HB 2666 (Bell)/SB 1489 (Deeds) final report (November 1)</li> </ul> <p>Mental Health Services for Children/School-Based Mental Health Services</p>
<b>September</b>	<p>Final reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DBHDS SB 1644 (Boysko) work group final report (October 1)</li> <li>• DOC HB 2499/Item 391.T. final report (October 1)</li> </ul> <p>Mental Health Services for Children/School-Based Mental Health Services</p>
<b>October</b>	NO MEETING
<b>November</b>	<p>Final reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DBHDS SB 1488/Item 310.CC.1 work group final report (November 1)</li> <li>• DBHDS Item 310.CC.2 “right sizing” final report (November 1)</li> <li>• DBHDS/BOC HB 1942 (Bell) final report (November 1)</li> <li>• DCJS HB 2666 (Bell)/SB 1489 (Deeds) final report (November 1)</li> <li>• Supreme Court OES HB 2665 (Stolle)/SB 1655 (Cosgrove) annual report, update on the process, content, etc. (December 1)</li> </ul> <p>Discussion of Recommendations for 2020 Session</p>
<b>December</b>	Finalize recommendations for 2020 Session