

Opioid Curricula Workgroup Steering Committee

May 19, 2017

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Call to Order of Meeting: Secretary William A. Hazel, Jr., MD

Introductions

Opening Remarks and Discussion

Workplan – Discussion and Approval

Subcommittee Structure and Composition – Discussion and Approval

Public Comment

Closing Comments and Discussion

Adjourn

******Box lunches will be provided at 1 pm.******

CHAPTER 180

An Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Resources to convene a workgroup to develop educational standards and curricula for training health care providers in the safe and appropriate use of opioids to treat pain while minimizing the risk of addiction and substance abuse.

[H 2161]

Approved February 23, 2017

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. *§ 1. That the Secretary of Health and Human Resources shall convene a workgroup that shall include representatives of the Departments of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Health, and Health Professions as well as representatives of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and at least one representative of each medical school, dental school, school of pharmacy, physician assistant education program, and nursing education program located in the Commonwealth to develop educational standards and curricula for training health care providers, including physicians, dentists, optometrists, pharmacists, physician assistants, and nurses in the safe and appropriate use of opioids to treat pain while minimizing the risk of addiction and substance abuse. Such educational standards and curricula shall include education and training on pain management, addiction, and the proper prescribing of controlled substances. The workgroup shall report its progress and the outcomes of its activities to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2017.*
2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.

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Workplan

1. Convene a Steering Committee for the Workgroup (**May**), composed of:
 - Representatives from each school of medicine, osteopathy, pharmacy and dentistry
 - A representative from each fully accredited PA program
 - A representative from a state BA nursing program, a community college nursing program, and a private nursing education program
 - A Board of Nursing staff person who oversees nursing education programs.
 - SCHEV
 - Representation from HHR, VDH, and DHP

2. Convene subcommittees of content experts to make specific recommendations for curricula (**June, July, August**)
 - Opioid therapy and pain management
 - Addiction and treatment
 - Non-prescriber health professional education
 - Patient education

3. Reconvene Steering Committee to review subcommittee recommendations (**August**)

4. Convene full workgroup in two or more sections (**September**)
 - Prescribers and Pharmacists
 - Non-prescribers (the 152 nursing education programs specified in the bill, as well as physical therapy, psychology, counseling, social work, and peer recovery specialists)