

2020 General Assembly Update Advisory Council on Health Disparity and Health Equity

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Presentation Outline

Secretary/Agency Bills

VDH Budget Amendment Items

Secretary's Bills

HB907 - Sickle Cell Disease

Authorizes Board of Health to expand its role to work with adult sickle cell centers and to ensure better coordination in the transition from pediatric to adult sickle cell treatment; companion budget item provides funding for comprehensive adult sickle cell program

HB1000 - Expedited Partner Therapy

Removes July 1, 2020 Sunset; authorizes use of EPT by all physicians and nurse practitioners

Secretary's Bills

SB330 - Certificate of Public Need/psychiatric beds

Exempts psychiatric facilities and services from COPN requirement

SB386 - Emergency Medical Services Data Sharing

Provides expanded authority for State Health Commissioner to share EMS data with stakeholders in order to support development and implementation of programs and services that improve the quality of patient care, access to medical services, or make some other type of system improvement

Agency Bills

HB378 - Comprehensive Harm Reduction
Removes July 1, 2020 Sunset Date

HB474 - Community Health Workers

Directs the State Board of Health to promulgate regulations governing the certification of Community Health Workers

VDH Budget Amendment Items

State Health Services

Update Appropriation Act language regarding payment for abortions in cases of fetal anomalies

- Protects women's rights to make their own healthcare decisions.

Language Only

Renew funding for the Virginia Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) initiative

- Renews federal support for the education and expanded access for women's reproductive health. The goal of this intervention is to remove barriers, such as financial barriers and limited availability of Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC), in order to increase access to and utilization of highly effective methods of contraception using TANF funding.

FY21 - \$2,000,000 GF FY22 - \$2,000,000 GF

VDH Budget Amendment Items

State Health Services

Develop electronic health record system

- Provides general fund support to develop an electronic health record system and provide an important and critical addition to Virginia's health safety net. This new system will allow the agency to efficiently and effectively operate its preventive health clinics, collect standard demographic information, and provide the capacity for electronic orders for laboratory tests, results, and prescriptions.

FY21 - 7,011,531 GF

FY22 - \$8,320,216 GF

Add funding for adult sickle cell services

- Provides general fund appropriation to establish a comprehensive adult program for sickle cell disease within the Office of Family Health Services' Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs program.

FY21 - \$305,000 GF

FY22 - \$305,000 GF

VDH Budget Amendment Items

State Health Services

Increase general fund support for tobacco cessation through Quit Now Virginia

- Supports nicotine cessation counseling through an evidence-based “quitline” program known as Quit Now Virginia (QNV). The emphasis will be on supporting nicotine cessation for Virginia Medicaid clients with a goal of helping to reduce Medicaid costs from smoking and tobacco-related illnesses for both children and adults.

FY21 - 3,149,088 GF

FY22 - \$3,149,088 GF

VDH Budget Amendment Items

Epidemiology

Add funding to expand protection and prevent deaths from drug overdose to vulnerable populations

- Expands the distribution of NARCAN and personal protection equipment to Virginia's most at-risk populations, related to the opioid epidemic, through the local health departments and community services boards by providing general fund support to purchase kits and other medical supplies.

FY21 - \$1,600,011 GF FY22 - \$1,600,011 GF

Health Equity

Add funding for building Office of Health Equity infrastructure and capacity

- Provides general fund support and one position to the Office of Health Equity to support a "Health in All Policies" position. This position would work with local communities to educate and gather feedback on policy issues, specifically those related to health equity.

FY21 - \$150,000 GF 1FTE FY22 - \$150,000 GF 1FTE

VDH Budget Amendment Items

Drinking Water

Increase general fund and nongeneral fund appropriation related to the EPA Drinking Water State Revolving Fund grant

- Increases the general fund appropriation used as match to draw down the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's grant funds for the Drinking Water Revolving Fund Grant. It also increases the nongeneral fund appropriation necessary to keep pace with the reimbursement and payment trends of the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Grant.

FY21 - \$482,400 GF \$3,000,000 NGF

FY22 - \$482,400 GF \$3,000,000 NGF

VDH Budget Amendment Items

Drinking Water

Add funding for a data management system for Virginia's Drinking Water Program

- Provides general fund support to cover a portion of the costs associated with updating and securing water quality and monitoring databases. The Office of Drinking Water must update its current database system to meet state security standards and federal reporting requirements under the Safe Drinking Water Act and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations implementation.

FY21 - \$150,000 GF

FY22 - \$250,000 GF

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Environmental Health Services

Adds positions for the Shellfish Safety Division

- Provides general fund support and two positions to address a staffing shortage within the Office of Environmental Health Services and to address the steady increase in workload over the past several years. The volume of oyster production reported has significantly increased, from 23,000 bushels in 2004 to more than 700,000 bushels in 2017 without an increase in staff.

FY21 - \$168,270 GF 2 FTE FY22 - \$168,270 GF 2 FTE

Add funding and a position for a wastewater infrastructure manager

- Provides general fund appropriation and one position to support a Wastewater Infrastructure Manager in the Office of Environmental Health Services. This position is necessary to address the aging wastewater treatment systems in Virginia.

FY21 - \$131,880 GF 1 FTE FY22 - \$131,880 GF 1 FTE

VDH Budget Amendment Items

Community Health Services

Add funding for community health workers: two-year pilot

- Increases local health department capacity to improve health outcomes in high-burden communities by providing general fund support and positions for four community health workers.

FY21 - \$289,168 GF 4 FTE FY22 - \$289,168 GF 4 FTE

VDH Budget Amendment Items

Financial Assistance to Community Human Services Organizations

Increase Hampton Roads Proton Therapy Institute funding

- Increases funding for the Proton Therapy Institute at Hampton University. This funding allows the institute to continue to provide cancer care for patients in the Commonwealth. Funding will also assist in infrastructure development and advance the research and training components of the institute.

FY21 - \$3,000,000 GF

FY22 - \$3,000,000

Administration

Mandatory reporting of Temporary Detention Orders by private hospitals

- Mandates that inpatient hospitals report the admission source of any individuals meeting the criteria for voluntary or involuntary psychiatric commitment to the Board of Health. The board shall share the data with the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

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QUESTIONS??

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