

**WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**SELECT COMMITTEE ON PEIA, SENIORS AND LONG TERM CARE**

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**2014- 2015 Interims**

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## FINAL REPORT

### SELECT COMMITTEE ON PEIA, SENIORS AND LONG TERM CARE

The Select Committee on PEIA, Seniors and Long Term Care was established and appointed by the Joint Committee on Government and Finance, following the 2014 Regular Session of the 81<sup>st</sup> Legislature. The Committee was assigned the following resolutions and topics for study during the course of the 2014-2015 Interim Period:

- Study the relationship between organizations such as Humana and PEIA, including funding received, services offered, and long term strategies to offer the best available care for retired employees through PEIA.
- HCR57 - Providing for the licensing of adult day health centers that implement a hybrid model of care.

The committee **REPORTS** as follows:

#### ASSIGNED STUDY TOPICS

#### **HCR 57 - Providing for the licensing of adult day health centers that implement a hybrid model of care**

The committee heard from Commissioner Cindy Beane from the West Virginia Bureau for Medical Services. Commissioner Beane provided the committee with the Bureau's response to HCR57.

At this time the committee **RECOMMENDS** that **NO ACTION** be taken on this resolution.

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The committee took no action.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ISSUES

The committee heard from Max Francis, Executive Director fo the Harrison County Senior Citizens Center, Inc. Mr. Francis introduced Glenn Brown, President of IAC to the Committee. Mr. Brown gave an overview of a record management system (Copilot Pro 21)which his company created for in-home visits for the Harrison County Senior Center. Barbara Oldaker, CNA/ Harrison County Senior Center, spoke to the committee in regards to the advantages of the new system. The

new system is more accurate than the current paperwork method which other counties are utilizing. There is an estimated \$12 million in savings with this new system.

The committee heard from Robert Roswell, Commissioner, WV Bureau of Senior Services. Mr. Roswell updated the committee on the implementation and utilization of the “In-Home Workers Care Registry.”

The committee heard from Angela Vance, AARP and Brian Posey, Senior Legislative Representative AARP. Mr. Posey and Mrs. Vance provided an overview of AARP’s *Raising Expectations* - A scoreboard on long-term services and supports for older adults, people with physical disabilities and family caregivers.

The committee heard from Eric Hicks, President of the Board of the Home Care Association of WV, Inc./ CEO of Right-at-Home. Mr. Hicks, who represents business owners who have in-home care services, provided the committee with an explanation of in-home care benefits and services in the state. Mr. Hicks mentioned areas which he felt were deficient in regards to eligibility and lack of options seniors have primarily due to the certificate of need process.

These presentations were informational in nature. No actions are necessary.

The Committee **RECOMMENDS** that the WV Cares Act be adopted during the 2015 legislative session. The WV Cares Act allows patients to designate a caregiver upon formal admission. The hospital must notify the designated caregiver of the patient’s discharge and consult with the caregiver about aftercare.

Respectfully submitted:

Senator Brooks McCabe  
Co-Chair

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