Thank you for meeting yesterday, March 28 at 9:30 a.m. to begin our work to review the Health Care Cost analysis of the application for the Health Authority.

The following members were in attendance at the Higher Education Center: Sam Neese
Tabitha Crowder
Donna Henry
Delegate J. William Morefield (via conference call)
J. Michael Whiting

The following members were absent:

Larry Mosley

We reviewed our charge as outlined in the Health Authority memorandum disseminated on 3/7/16 from Delegate Terry Kilgore:

"Health Care Cost Working Group. This working group will focus its review of the Application on the issues directly related to health care cost, such as ensuring accountability of the cost of care, improving regional collaboration and integration, and reviewing cost efficiencies discussed in the Application.

Additionally, at this time all that is required is determination of whether the application is complete. As each working group reviews their specific focus area the goal in this initial review process should be focused on whether the application provides enough information for the Authority to determine whether the benefits outweigh the disadvantages and whether the Authority's goals are integrated into the plan of the applicants going forward."

At our meeting, we reviewed three sections of the Application that dealt with budget/finances. Each of these sections includes exhibits, some of which are proprietary. The committee members had not yet had access to the proprietary information. We were informed by Ashley Russell that we should be able to access those resources in Share Point.

Additionally, there was a question raised by Sam Neese regarding the oversight of the newly formed health care system, and who would oversee the that the measures were met. Delegate Morefield suggested contacting the Secretary of Health for input in this regard. Donna Henry agreed to reach out to Secretary Hazel and report back at the next meeting of the working group.

Our next meeting has been set for April 7 at 3:00 p.m. at The University of Virginia's College at Wise. The meeting location will be confirmed and sent to everyone in a reminder e-mail.