

A photograph of the Virginia State Capitol building, a large white neoclassical structure with a prominent portico and columns, set against a blue sky with light clouds. The building is situated on a green lawn. Two flags, the American flag and the Virginia state flag, fly on poles in front of the building.

# Virginia Priorities Going Into 2024

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# VA Priorities Going Into 2024

# Mental Health Services in FY 24

\$155.6 million in additional spending

- \$58 million to create crisis receiving centers
- \$34 million for permanent supportive housing
- \$11.7 million for school and community-based services for children
- \$10 million for additional mobile crisis teams
- \$8.4 million for increased funding for STEP-VA and the Virginia Mental Health Access Program
- \$18 million for a targeted pay increase averaging 5% for all CSB staff



# Compensation Increases FY24

\$ in millions	FY 2024
Community Service Boards	\$18.0
Indigent Defense Commission: Public Defenders	3.7
Deputy Sheriffs, Regional Jail Officers	7.6
Commonwealths' Attorneys Staff	4.0
General District Court Clerks	1.0
Circuit Court Clerks	0.6
VDH Chief Medical Examiner's Office	0.7
Crime Commission Staff	0.1
Virginia Sentencing Commission Staff	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35.8</b>

# Grants to Localities in the Amended Budget

Localities play a major role in distributing the funds needed to secure ample social services in their area

- In the coming year localities can expect millions to support CSBs, permanent supportive housing, and various behavioral health services

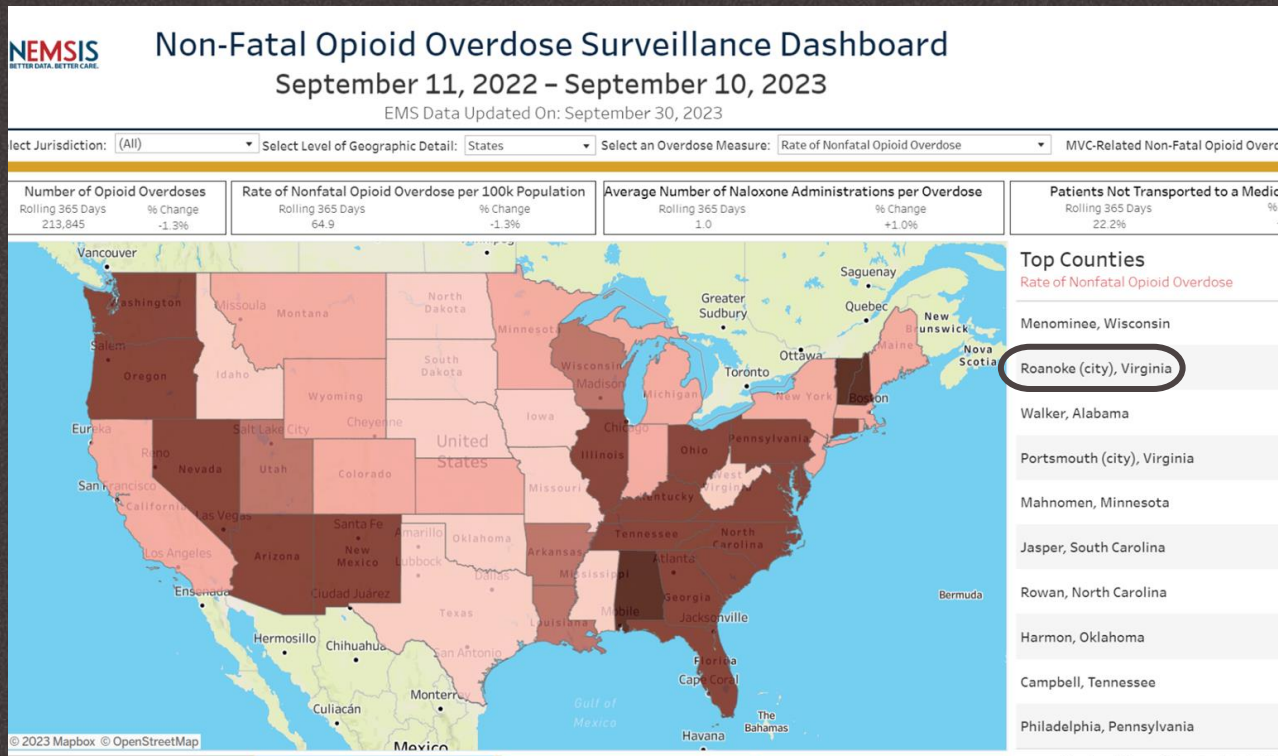
140	313	Health and Human Resources	Grants to Localities	Children's Behavioral Health Services	\$4,200,000
141	313	Health and Human Resources	Grants to Localities	Compensation for Community Services Board Staff	\$18,000,000
142	313	Health and Human Resources	Grants to Localities	Permanent Supportive Housing	\$30,000,000
143	313	Health and Human Resources	Grants to Localities	Increase Funding for First Three STEP-VA Services	\$4,350,000

# Medicaid Increases

- Amendments add a \$42.8 million GF and \$49.4 million NGF for Medicaid and other health care rate increases beginning January 1, 2024
  - \$20.8 million GF and \$23.6 million NGF to increase rates for personal care attendants
  - \$8.7 million GF and \$18.5 million NGF for a 10% increase in rates for community mental health services
  - \$7.3 million GF to increase the Auxiliary Grant rate from \$1,609 to \$2,055 per month for low income aged and disabled individuals residing in assisted living facilities
  - \$5.2 million GF and \$5.9 million NGF to increase supplemental physician payments for the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters
- Provides 500 additional Medicaid Developmental Disability waiver slots, beginning January 1, 2024 (in addition to the 600 slots that became available July 1, 2023)
- Adds \$9.5 million for health workforce initiatives to help address the critical nursing and behavioral health work shortages
- Reflects \$259.3 million GF of technical savings reflecting the most recent Medicaid expenditure forecast and revenue estimate for the Virginia Health Care Fund, and the final months of the enhanced federal match rate



# Substance Use Disorder



# HB 2192 - Catawba Hospital - Study

Out in SWVA we are working to create a state-of-the-art facility at Catawba Hospital to combat the ever-prominent opioid crisis.

The DBHDS data analysis showed that between 35% and 55% of all patients at the three hospitals (Western State Hospital, Catawba Hospital and Southwestern Mental Health Institute) had SUD and a mental health illness, and only 10% of the patients were diagnosed with SUD with no underlying mental illness. After fully analyzing the IBM/Watson data and the DBHDS historical data, it was determined that there is a need for approximately 100 – 150 Acute Behavioral Health Beds, 80 - 120 residential SUD treatment beds and 16 Detox Beds in the surrounding Catawba Hospital area through 2030.



# Substance Use Disorder Ecosystem

## The ASAM Continuum of Care



# The Catawba Region

Southwest Virginia has a need for increased services to treat mental health and substance use disorders across the region.

- ✓ Substance Use Disorder Treatment (PPP)
- ✓ Behavioral Health Workforce Development
- ✓ SUD Research & Development (Fralin Bio, Universities)

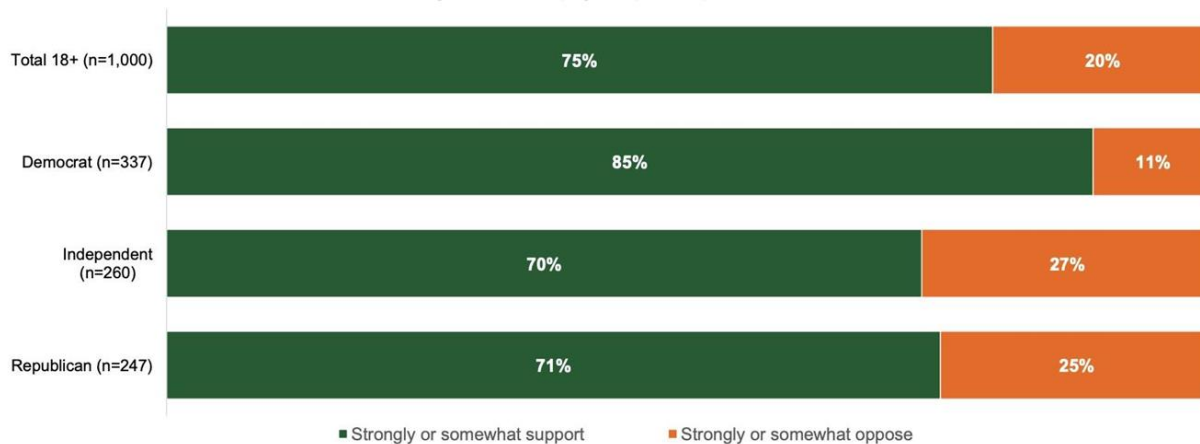
This would be the first program of its kind in the nation.



# Prescription Drug Costs

## Support for a Prescription Drug Affordability Board is strong across party lines

Support or oppose creating a Prescription Drug Affordability Board to help reduce what people pay for drugs in Virginia? The board would evaluate drug costs and set limits on how much certain payers, such as state agencies, will pay for prescription medications.



Q6-Q9. The following are proposals that have been made to lower the prices of prescription drugs. For each one, please tell me if you would support or oppose that proposal. [Would that be strongly or just somewhat?] Base: Total respondents (n=1,000)

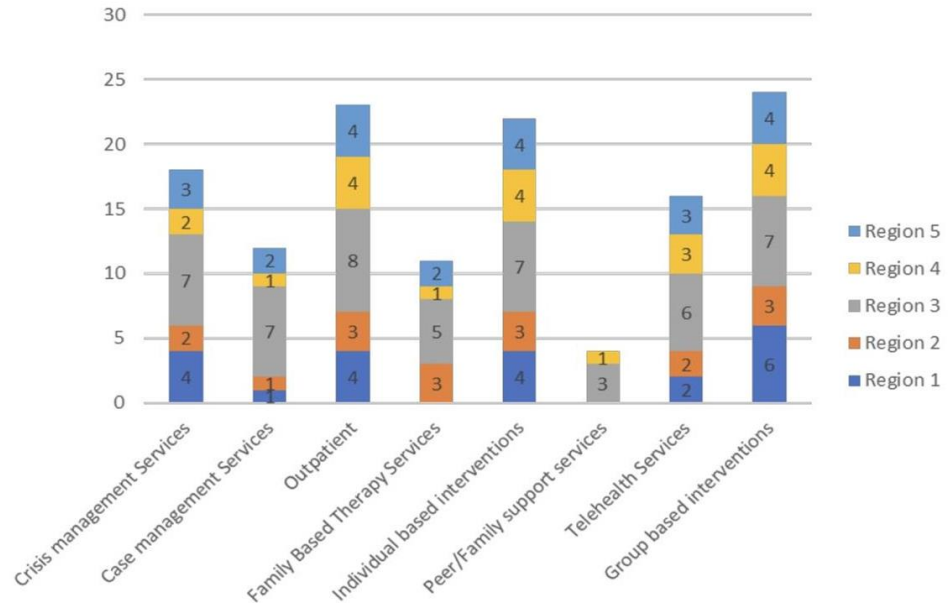
# Integration of CSBs in Public Education

DBHDS

- CSBs provide a range of services to support schools
- Top services provided:
  - group based therapy (n=24)
  - individual based interventions (n=21) and
  - crisis management services (n=18)

## School-Based Mental Health Survey

SBMH Services By Region





# Where CSBs Stand in VA

CSBs have become more and more critical to VA over the years, especially with mental health has being brought to the closer to the forefront of VA policy.

CSBs are providing services that are essential to many across the Commonwealth and support for their work is a bi-partisan effort.

DBHDS Strategic Plan is a good resource for following the priorities and goals of DBHDS.

# Lobbying



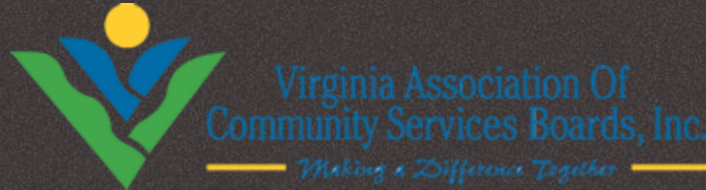
# Lobbying Tips (Educational Tips)

1. Don't be intimidated – legislators are just as intimidated by you, so be confident
2. Come in prepared – your meeting time will be limited, less than 15 minutes
3. Bring a simple one pager – bold print the top 3 facts on the sheet



# Lobbying Tips

- 4. Focus on subcommittee/committee personnel – research and focus efforts
- 5. Make it personal – real world examples achieve results and are most effective
- 6. Close strong – know what your ask is and **go for it!**







# Questions?

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