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day on January 20, 2026 to pick up  
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## Welcome Message from the VACSB Board Chair



On behalf of the Board of Directors and members of the Virginia Association of Community Services Boards, I am elated that you have decided to join us in learning and networking with your colleagues at VACSB's 2026 Legislative Conference. It is my honor to be part of this event. If this is your first VACSB conference, I extend a warm welcome and hope to see you at future conferences.

The Legislative Forum opens our conference on Tuesday morning and will be presented by VACSB Executive Director, Jennifer Faison, Public Policy Committee Chair, Greg Preston, Vice Chair, Mary Cole, and VACSB Public Policy Manager, Heather Orrock. During the Legislative Forum, you will receive a comprehensive overview of legislation currently under consideration by the General Assembly which may impact our system.

We are pleased to have Jonah C. Cunningham, President & CEO of the National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors, as the conference luncheon speaker. Mr. Cunningham's presentation will serve to inform CSB leadership, Board Members, staff and other stakeholders of Federal Policy updates. This information will provide you with additional talking points for the conversations you will be having with your legislators while in Richmond, and throughout the General Assembly.

As always, a very special thanks to the VACSB staff for their dedication and support. To the sponsors and exhibitors, we extend our sincere appreciation and are grateful to have you with us.

It is a privilege to serve as your VACSB Chair, and I truly thank you for your hard work, commitment, and service. If you have questions, suggestions, or simply want to say "Hi", please stop me during the conference. I look forward to seeing each of you at the Tuesday evening networking reception.

Warmly,  
Gib Sloan, VACSB Chair



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# 2026 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The Richmond Marriott, Downtown

## Tuesday, January 20, 2026

8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	Lower Level
8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Exhibit Center Open	Capital Ballroom Foyer
9:30 am - 10:30 am	Continental Breakfast and Exhibit Center	Capital Ballroom Foyer
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	<b>2026 Legislative Forum-</b> <i>A review of legislative and budget items relative to CSBs which are under consideration by the General Assembly</i>	Capital Ballroom 4-8
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	<b>Conference Luncheon Presentation-</b> <i>On Federal Policy Updates provided by Jonah C. Cunningham, President &amp; CEO, National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors</i>	Grand Ballroom E&F
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Exhibit Center and Stretch Break	Capital Ballroom Foyer
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>CSB/BHA Board Member Session -</b> <i>Fundamentals of Parliamentary Procedure- Presented by Scott Madera, Legislative Process Consultant, International Roll-Call Corp. &amp; Jeff Finch, Director of Client Relations, International Roll-Call Corp.</i>	Monroe
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>Conference Meetings</b> <div> <div>Executive Directors Forum</div> <div>Room: Shenandoah</div> </div> <div> <div>MH/SUD Services Councils</div> <div>Room: Salon D/Grand Ballroom</div> </div> <div> <div>Developmental Services Council</div> <div>Room: Salon C/Grand Ballroom</div> </div> <div> <div>Children &amp; Family Council</div> <div>Room: Jefferson</div> </div> <div> <div>Emergency Services Council</div> <div>Room: Salon A/Grand Ballroom</div> </div> <div> <div>Human Resources Council</div> <div>Room: Dominion/Commonwealth</div> </div> <div> <div>Prevention Services Council</div> <div>Room: Salon B/Grand Ballroom</div> </div>	
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm	<b>Refreshment Break -</b> <i>Provided by A Harmony Home. Inc</i>	Capital Ballroom Foyer
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<b>Networking Reception –Sponsored by Oracle &amp; St. Mary’s Home</b> <i>(Complimentary Hors d’oeuvres &amp; Cash Bar)</i>	Salon F/Grand Ballroom

## Wednesday, January 21, 2026

8:00 am	Registration Desk Open	Lower Level
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Buffet Breakfast	Capital Ballroom 4&5
9:00 am	Combined VACSB Board of Directors and Business Meeting	Capital Ballroom 4&5
12:00 pm	<b>VACSB Clearinghouse Committee Meeting</b> <i>Boxed lunches available to Committee members at 11:30 am.</i>	Madison/Jefferson/Monroe

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### Refreshment Break Sponsored by:



## Conference Faculty

**Jonah C. Cunningham** currently serves as President and CEO of the National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors (NACBHDD). In this role he proactively advocates for national policies that recognize and support the critical role counties play in caring for people affected by mental illness, addiction, and developmental disabilities. Prior to joining NACBHDD, Jonah worked at Trust for America's Health, a public health think tank, where he focused extensively on ways to reduce mortality from substance misuse and suicide. Additionally, he worked as a congressional staffer for several years in the office of Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano (CA) where he helped to reestablish the Congressional Mental Health Caucus and created a Suicide Prevention Task Force within the Caucus. Jonah C. Cunningham has received numerous awards and recognition for his commitment to the field of behavioral health and those served by the nation's behavioral health system. Jonah has a Bachelor of Science in Political Science from the University of Utah and a Master of Public Policy from The George Washington University. He enjoys learning how to cook and is a black belt in Jiu-Jitsu.

**Jeff Finch**, a legislative process professional, has 40+ years of direct legislative and government relations experience, with 23 years as Deputy Clerk for Legislative Operations with the Virginia House of Delegates Clerk's Office. Since June 2019, he has served as Director of Client Relations and Legislative Process Consultant for International Roll-Call Corporation, a legislative voting system technology company that represents more than 2/3s of the 99 state legislative chambers across the United States. Jeff possesses a thorough knowledge of Virginia's and state legislatures' legislative processes and parliamentary procedures with a network of contacts across the United States; helped implement the Virginia House Chamber Automation System (CAP) and developed various legislative process efficiencies; advised legislative leadership, legislative members, lobbyists, and staff on legislative process, parliamentary procedure, and protocol; and conducted procedural and historical research. Further, Jeff served as Adjunct Faculty in the Political Science Department for Christopher Newport University, and the Government Department for J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. He previously taught in the MPA Program at Virginia Commonwealth University and has guest lectured at James Madison University, George Mason University, and the University of Richmond. Jeff was active in the National Conference of State Legislatures; a former member of the Legislative Effectiveness Committee and American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries (ASLCS); past member of the ASLCS Executive Board and Associate Vice President; served on the Mason's Manual Revision Commission; and is a graduate of the Legislative Staff Management Institute, and the Virginia Executive Institute. Jeff has volunteered for the American Legion Boys State of Virginia Program, and Virginia YMCA Model General Assembly. Jeff was inducted into the American Legion Boys State of Virginia Hall of Fame in 2021. Jeff is a graduate of Virginia Tech (BA PSCI) and Virginia Commonwealth University (MPA); the Virginia Executive Institute; and the NCSL Legislative Staff Management Institute.

**Scott Madera** retired from the Virginia House of Delegates Clerk's Office in 2018 as Deputy Clerk for Committee Operations after more than 34 years with the legislature. He is a nationally recognized expert in parliamentary procedure, legislative processes, and the history of the Virginia General Assembly, and is a frequent guest lecturer on the legislative process and currently works as a Legislative Process Consultant at International Roll-Call Corporation, and consults with state legislatures across the country. Scott received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Richmond, M.A. in American Military History from American Military University and is a graduate of the Virginia Executive Institute and the Legislative Staff Management Institute. A 25-year veteran of the U.S. Army Reserve, he currently serves as Commander of The American Legion, Department of Virginia.



**Virginia Association of Community Services Boards**  
**Emergency Services Council Meeting**  
**January 20, 2026                      2:00 PM                      ROOM: Salon A**

- I. Welcome / Roll Call / Announcements
- II. DBHDS Updates
  - a. Lars Messerschmidt
  - b. Shannon Richardson
  - c. Gail Paysour & Dustin Wilcox
- III. Committee Updates
  - a. Administrative Public Policy Committee – Allison Guernsey
  - b. Bed Registry Committee – Heather Baxter
  - c. DMC Committee – Patty Hargitay
  - d. Legislative Policy Committee – Cheryl St. John/Andrea Hess
  - e. Training Committee – Natasha Randall
- IV. Regional updates:
  - a. Region 1: Chris Barnes
  - b. Region 2: Heather Baxter
  - c. Region 3: Ashley Spanfelner
  - d. Region 4: Scott Ward
  - e. Region 5: Shannon Hodges/Shameka Brown
- V. General Topics
  - a. Structure of ES Council Meetings
  - b. Behavioral Health Commission—Cheryl St. John
  - c. VACIT—Andrea Hess/John Konkel
  - d. CRCs/CSUs Updates
    - i. On site debriefing models
- VI. Open Floor
- VII. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 3pm (Virtual)

**Virginia Association of Community Services Boards  
Children & Family Services Council**

**January 20, 2026**

**2:00 PM**

**ROOM: Jefferson**

**Welcome and Introductions**

**Partner Updates and Related Council Q&A/Discussion**

- DBHDS – Office of Child & Family Services
- CCCA – Veronica Yockey
- OCS – Scott Reiner

**Regional Crisis Updates ► Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5**

- Regional Program Information Sharing

**VACSB Committee Updates**

- Administrative Policy (Whitney)
- Development & Training (Morgan)
- Finance (Cathy)
- Public Policy (Paulette)
- Quality & Outcomes - (Cathy)
- Regulatory (Paulette)
- DMC (Rebecca)

**Open Council Dialogue**

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting – TBD March, 2026**

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**Virginia Association of Community Services Boards  
Finance Directors Council**

The Finance Directors' Annual Retreat will be held on January 27, 2026, at Valley CSB in Staunton, VA.

# Virginia Association of Community Services Boards

## Human Resource Directors Council

January 20, 2026

2:00 PM

ROOM: Dominion/Commonwealth

- Welcome/Introductions/Agenda (Crystal Homer, Chair)
- Approval of Minutes of October meeting
- DBHDS Updates/ Workforce Reporting/Peer reporting
- Legal Updates with Woods Rogers
- Next Meeting Date/Agenda (Cindy Lewis, Vice-Chair)
- Adjournment

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##### Women's Residential Treatment Center

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##### Children's Services Center

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**Virginia Association of Community Services Boards**  
**Developmental Services Council**  
**January 20, 2026                      2:00 PM                      ROOM: Salon C**

- Opening & Introductions *Shannon Clark, Chair*
- DS Directory Updates *Natacha Dolson, Secretary*
- Announcements/Reminders *Shannon Clark, Chair*
- Partner Updates
  - Early Intervention/Part C *Kyla Patterson*
  - DBHDS- Waiver *Nicole DeStefano*
  - DBHDS Updates *Eric Williams*
  - DMAS Updates *Ann Bevan or Jason Perkins*
- Closed Session: DD Council-Only Discussion
  - Regional Updates
    - Region I *Tina Martina*
    - Region II *Chontelai Patterson-Mendie*
    - Region III *Wendy Gullion*
    - Region IV *Johnnie Cunningham*
    - Region V *Jaylene Trueblood*
    - CoCoA *Alison Standring*
- VACSB Committee Reports
  - Public Policy
  - Regulatory
  - Development & Training
  - Administrative Policy
  - Data Management
  - Quality Leadership
  - Quality & Outcomes
- Next meeting: March 23, 2026- Hybrid- Henrico CSB & Virtual options

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**Virginia Association of Community Services Boards  
Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Services Councils**

**2:00 PM**

**ROOM: Salon D**

## I. MH/SUD Chairs and Co-Chairs Introduction, Welcome, & Roll Call

- LeNelle Mozell, SUD Council Chair, [lmozell@pwcgov.org](mailto:lmozell@pwcgov.org)
- Michele Ebright, MH Council Chair & Council Secretary, [mebright@crossroadscsb.org](mailto:mebright@crossroadscsb.org)
- Darrin Adams, Behavioral Health Co-Chair, [dadams@southsidebh.org](mailto:dadams@southsidebh.org)

## II. MH/SUD Council Representatives acknowledgments and updates (if any)

- **Public Policy** – Bill Rooney, Alexandria
- **Data Management Council** – Susan Chittum, Allegheny Highlands
- **Training and Development Committee** – Debra O’Beirne, Fairfax-Falls Church
- **Regulatory Committee** – Michelle Ebright, Crossroads
- **Finance Committee** – KJ Holbrook, Mount Rogers
- **Quality and Outcomes Committee** – Jodie E. Burton, Danville-Pittsylvania

### III. Peer Support Services Subcommittee report – Robyn Collins, Harrisonburg-Rockingham CSB

#### IV. Behavioral Health Redesign – Laura Reed, LCSW, Behavioral Health Senior Program Advisor, DMAS

**VI. WHODAS – Adopted!** Any updates from CSBs beginning to utilize it? Considerations for adopting?

## VII. ASAM – Apparently approved and rolling out. Considerations for adopting?

## VIII. DBHDS Updates

## X. Council Members' Questions/Comments/Announcement/Kudos

## XI. Next Meeting Dates

January 20, 2026 – in-person

March 2026 – virtual

May 7, 2026 – in-person

## XII. Adjournment



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**Virginia Association of Community Services Boards**

**Prevention Services Council**

**January 20, 2026**

**2:00 PM**

**ROOM: Salon B**

Meeting Facilitated by:

Kelly Bulin, Eastern Shore Community Services Board, Chair

Michelle Wagaman, Rappahannock Area CSB, Co-Chair

Timekeeping and Minutes by:

Charmin Horton, Eastern Shore CSB, Secretary

**AGENDA:**

**TIME:**

**Welcome and Rollcall (Kelly and Charmin)**

**2:00-2:05pm**

**Group Discussion (Kelly)**

**2:05-2:15pm**

- CSB and Regional Updates
- Reminder RSPI Report Dates: April 17 (January-March) July 17 (March-June)
- Local Prevention Collaboration with Treatment/Recovery
- Young Adult Survey (February through April)
- Marijuana/Cannabis Rescheduling Executive Order (Federal)

**VACSB Committee Reports: Updates (Michelle)**

**2:15-2:25pm**

**Current Committee Representatives:**

- |                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| a. Administrative Policy Committee   | (Amanda Oakes and Kelly Bulin)             |
| b. Data Management Committee         | (Hannah Bershing)                          |
| c. Governor's Addiction and Recovery | (Tim Griffin and April Miller)             |
| d. Leadership Committee              | (Kelly Bulin and Michelle Wagaman)         |
| e. Prevention Council Co-Chairs      | (Kelly Bulin and Michelle Wagaman)         |
| f. Public Policy Committee           | (Heather Martinsen)                        |
| g. Q&O Committee                     | (Kelly Bulin and Emily Mullins)            |
| h. Quality Leadership Subcommittee   | (Samantha Crockett)                        |
| i. Regulatory Committee              | (Lori Gates-Addison)                       |
| j. Training and Development          | (Tamnequa McIntyre and<br>TeVondra Gayden) |
| k. VACSB Finance Committee           | (Emily Mullins)                            |

**DBHDS Updates (Colleen Hughes)**

**2:15-3:00pm**

- Updates
- OMNI Salary Survey Result – Recap and Next Steps
  - o Certified Prevention Specialist Credentialling

**BREAK**

**3:00-3:30pm**

**Partner Networking (Michelle and Kelly)**

**3:30- 4:30pm**

**Next Meeting & Adjournment (Kelly)**

**4:30-4:35pm**

**February 20, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. via ZOOM**



## Virginia Association of Community Services Boards

### Executive Directors Forum

January 20, 2026

2:00 PM

ROOM: Shenandoah

- I. Call to Order, Welcome and Introductions – *Ellen Harrison*
- II. Additions to the Agenda
- III. DBHDS Updates – *DBHDS Staff*
- IV. VACSB Reports and New Business
  - A. VACSB CCBHC Project Updates – *CCBHC Steering Committee Members*
  - B. General Assembly Preparations – *Jennifer Faison*
  - C. Crisis Services/MARCUS Alert – *Group Discussion*
- V. DMAS Updates – *Group Discussion*
  - A. Medicaid Redesign
  - B. DD Waiver Rate Study
- VI. Committee Updates
  - A. Administrative Policy – *Mark Chadwick/Ellen Harrison*
  - B. Public Policy – *Greg Preston/Mary Cole*
  - C. Regulatory – *Ivy Sager/Melba Moore*
  - D. Service Development – *MiMi Sedjat/Margaret Graham*
  - E. Quality & Outcomes – *Melissa Lucy/Brandon Rogers*
  - F. Training & Development – *Lisa Beitz/Melissa Lucy*
- VII. Adjourn



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**Virginia Association of Community Services Boards**

**VACSB Board of Directors**

**VACSB Membership Business Meeting**

**January 21, 2026**

**9:00 AM**

**ROOM: Capital Ballroom 4&5**

- I. Call to order/Welcome/Introductions – *Gib Sloan*
  - A. VACSB Board Members Roll Call – *Stephanie Clark*
  - B. VACSB Membership Roll Call – *Stephanie Clark*
- II. Approval of Outcomes:
  - A. 10 DECEMBER 2025 Board of Directors Meeting (*previously distributed*)
  - B. 03 OCTOBER 2025 Combined Board of Directors and Business Meeting (*p. 18 and previously distributed*)
- III. Additions to the Agenda
- IV. Officer's Reports
  - A. Chair – *Gib Sloan*
  - B. Past Chair – *Patrick Sowers*
  - C. 1st Vice Chair – *Angelo Wider*
  - D. 2nd Vice Chair – *Ellen Harrison*
  - E. Secretary – *Stephanie Clark*
  - F. Treasurer – *Bernetta Watkins*
- V. Council Reports
  - A. Children & Family Services – *Cathy Brown/Paulette Skapars*
  - B. Developmental Services Council – *Shannon Clark/LaVoyce Reid*
  - C. Emergency Services Council – *Cheryl St. John/Andrea Hess*
  - D. Mental Health Services Council – *Michele Ebright/VACANT*
  - E. Prevention Services Council – *Kelly Bulin/Michelle Wagaman*
  - F. Substance Use Disorder Services Council – *LeNelle Mozell/VACANT*
  - G. Regional Programs and Services Council – *Lisa Beitz*
  - H. Finance Directors Council – *Danielle Sayre/VACANT*
  - I. Human Resources Directors Council – *Crystal Homer/Cindy Lewis*
  - J. Quality Leadership Council – *Melissa Constantine/Laura Davis*
- VI. Committee Reports
  - A. Administrative Policy – *Mark Chadwick/Ellen Harrison*
  - B. Public Policy – *Greg Preston/Mary Cole*
  - C. Regulatory – *Ivy Sager/Melba Moore*
  - D. Service Development – *MiMi Sedjat/Margaret Graham*
  - E. Quality & Outcomes – *Melissa Lucy/Brandon Rodgers*
  - F. Training & Development – *Lisa Beitz/Melissa Lucy*
- VII. Regional Reports
  - A. Region 1 – *Melissa Lucy/James Sikkema/Barbara Barrett*
  - B. Region 2 – *Margaret Graham/Evan Jones/Voneka Bennett*
  - C. Region 3 – *Mark Chadwick/Jane Carlson/Brenda Ephriam*
  - D. Region 4 – *Cristi Zedd/Bernetta Watkins/Helen Leonard*
  - E. Region 5 – *Nathan Woodard/Darryl Pirok/VACANT*
- VIII. VACSB Reports and New Business - *Jennifer Faison*
  - A. VACSB CCBHC Project Updates – CCBHC Steering Committee Members
  - B. General Assembly Preparations – *Jennifer Faison*
  - C. Crisis Services/MARCUS Alert – *Jennifer Faison*

VIX. DMAS Updates – *Jennifer Faison*

- A. Medicaid Redesign
- B. DD Waiver Rate Study

X. Executive Director's Report – *Jennifer Faison*

XI. Other Items/Announcements

XII. Future Meetings

A. March 11, 2026

VACSB Conference Room (Zoom access available)

B. May 8, 2026

Richmond Marriott, Downtown

XIII. Adjourn



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## Virginia Association of Community Services Boards Combined

### Board of Directors and Business Meeting

OCTOBER 3, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

### OUTCOMES

**Board of Directors Members in Attendance:** Gib Sloan, Angelo Wider, Ellen Harrison, Patrick Sowers, Bernetta Watkins, Mary Cole, Mimi Sedjat, Margaret Graham, Mark Chadwick, Lisa Beitz, Melissa Lucy, Ivy Sager, Melba Moore, Brandon Rodgers, James Sikkema, Evan Jones, Voneka Bennett, Cristi Zedd, Nathan Woodard, Cathy Brown, Paulette Skapars, LaVoyce Reid, Cheryl St. John, Andrea Hess, Danielle Sayre, Crystal Homer, Cindy Lewis, Michele Ebright, Michelle Wagaman, Laura Dais, LeNelle Mozell

**Board of Directors Members Not in Attendance:** Stephanie Clark, Ingrid Barber, Greg Preston, Barbara Barrett, Brenda Ephriam, Jane Carlson, Helen Leonard, Darryl Pirok, Shannon Clark, Kelly Bulin, Melissa Constantine,

**CSB Membership in Attendance:** Alexandria, Alleghany Highlands, Arlington County, Blue Ridge, Chesapeake, Chesterfield, Colonial, Crossroads, Cumberland Mountain, Danville-Pittsylvania, Eastern Shore, Fairfax-Fall Church, Goochland Powhatan, Greater Reach, Hampton-Newport News, Hanover, Harrisonburg-Rockingham, Henrico, Highlands, Horizon, Loudon, Middle Peninsula-Northern Neck, Mount Rogers, New River Valley, Norfolk, Northwestern, Piedmont Regional, Planning District One, Portsmouth, Prince William, Rappahannock Area, Region Ten, Richmond, Southside, Valley, Virginia Beach, Western Tidewater

**CSB Membership Not In Attendance:** Dickenson, Encompass, Rockbridge Area

- I. Call to Order/Welcome – Gib Sloan called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees.
  - A. Board of Directors Roll Call- Jennifer Faison called the roll and confirmed a quorum was present.
  - B. Membership Roll Call- Jennifer Faison called the roll and confirmed a quorum was present.
- II. Approval of Outcomes- Gib Sloan
  - A. Board of Directors: July 23, 2025
    - **OUTCOME:** Upon motion and second the outcomes were approved unanimously as previously distributed.
  - B. Membership Business Meeting: May 9, 2025
    - **OUTCOME:** Upon motion and second the outcomes were approved unanimously as previously distributed.
- III. Additions to the Agenda:
- IV. Officer Reports:
  - A. Chair- Gib Sloan expressed thanks for everyone's support of VACSB and looks forward to continuing to work together.
  - B. Past Chair- Patrick Sowers had no report.
  - C. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair- Angelo Wider had no report.
  - D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair- Ellen Harrison reported briefly on the discussion with DBHDS in the ED Forum held on 02 OCT 2025. The group received updates on the Enterprise Data Warehouse and crisis services generally. The group also discussed the upcoming General Assembly session and the need to keep in close contact.
  - E. Treasurer Bernetta Watkins reported the following:
    - The Finance Committee met to receive information about the VACSB audit, which received a clean report, in this year's audit. Financials are tracking according to budget. The committee

unanimously voted to forward the VACSB FY25 financial statement and audit to the Board of Directors for acceptance at the October 2025 meeting, which is today. The vote will happen next on the agenda.

V. Action Items

A. Treasurer- Bernetta Watkins provided the motions on behalf of the Finance Committee  
Action Items

A. Board Of Directors- VACSB FY25 Financial Audit

**Motion:** On behalf of the VACSB Finance Committee, Bernetta Watkins moved that the Board of Directors accept the FY25 finance statement as distributed.

**Outcome:** The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Board of Directors- VACSB 2026-2028 Draft Budget Priorities

**Motion:** On behalf of the Public Policy Committee, Mary Cole moved the Board of Directors to approve the VACSB 2026-2028 Budget Priorities on page 45 of the conference program.

**Outcome:** The motion was unanimously approved.

C. VACSB Membership- VACSB 2026-2028 Draft Budget Priorities

**Motion:** On behalf of the Public Policy Committee, Mary Cole moved the VACSB Membership to approve the VACSB 2026-2028 Budget Priorities on page 45 of the conference program.

**Outcome:** The motion was unanimously approved.

D. **VACSB Membership (Motion from the Public Policy Committee to Membership):** Clearinghouse Committee authorization for the 2026 General Assembly.

**Motion:** On Behalf of the Public Policy Committee, Mary Cole moved that the VACSB Membership authorize the VACSB Clearinghouse Committee to be empowered to make decisions and to take action on legislative and budget issues on behalf of the VACSB during the 2026 General Assembly Session.

**Outcome:** The motion was unanimously approved.

E. **Board of Directors (Motion from the Public Policy Committee to Board of Directors):** Clearinghouse Committee authorization for the 2026 General Assembly

**Motion:** On behalf of the Public Policy Committee, Mary Cole moved that the Board of Directors authorize the VACSB Clearinghouse Committee to be empowered to make decisions and to take action on legislative and budget issues on behalf of the VACSB during the 2026 General Assembly Session.

**Outcome:** The motion was unanimously approved.

F. **VACSB Membership:** Board Recommended Proposed VACSB FY27 Budget: Bernetta Watkins reported that the VACSB Board of Directors approved the proposed FY26-27 budget at the July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 Board of Directors meeting for a recommendation of consideration by the membership. The FY26-27 budget was emailed to members for review in August of 2025. No questions or comments were received. On behalf of the VACSB Finance Committee, Bernetta Watkins moved the VACSB Membership to approve the proposed FY27 budget.

**Motion:** On behalf of the VACSB finance Committee, Bernetta Watkins moved the VACSB Membership to approve the proposed VACSB FY27 budget.

**Outcome:** The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Council Reports

A. Children and Family Services Council

- No update.

B. Developmental Services Council- LaVoyce Reid reported the following on behalf of the council:

- Partner Updates:
  - Kyla Patterson met with the council to discuss Early Intervention/Part C:

- In regard to the federal shutdown, in previous shutdowns there have not been issues addressing Part C funds. There are no anticipated issues at this time.
- The previous budget presentation maintained the Part C budget at its current level which is what is anticipated to be approved.
- New regulations added disciplines to provide support. The system's vendor is being worked with on implementation.
- The revised practice manual, dated October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 will be open for public comment from October 20<sup>th</sup> to November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- The Trac-It package of enhancements is being released to ensure that systems' needs are being met. H11-7 pipeline is being reviewed for potential shared data to reduce duplication and possibly share information back.
- The budget shows a \$1.6 million deficit between revenue and expenditures. In FY26, 10 systems reported budget deficits totaling approximately \$3.6 million. There will be participation in a finance exercise to determine what can be done to help solve problems.
- DBHDS Waiver- Shannon Clark:
  - Shannon offered on Nicole's behalf recognition for managing the increased waiver slot releases.
  - Support Intensity Scale (SIS) participation and ensuring completion: Block scheduling is available and encouraged for getting SIS assessments for new-to-Waiver and backlogged SISs completed.
- DBHDS Updates- Eric Williams discussed the following:
  - Discussion around strengthening the provider community was provided. Licensing will send out a memo next week informing new providers that they will need to take a proctored test to establish competency. Newly licensed providers will need to take it within three months.
  - The Virginia Informed Choice (VIC) form has been released and will close on October 22<sup>nd</sup> for public comment.
  - CMSC report: 14-17 employment conversations is at an all-time high. ISPs in WaMS are up to 79%.
  - Uploading evidence on DOJ settlement with a deadline of October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
  - SCQR report- final report training. Expectation of permanent injunction required 9 of 10 elements to be met at 86%.
  - Final edits to DSP competencies changed from 3 documents to 1 document with 11 pages. The workgroup is being worked with to make changes to the progress note and decouple repetitive documentation.
  - WaMS is being modified between now and December to reflect VIC changes and the Part V changes that providers have been requesting to make the workflow easier.
  - In mid-November the vendor will be met with about ISP 4.1. No significant changes are expected. Mainly meeting in regard to employment conversations and credit for discussion.
  - SUD and DD modules are available with accompanying slides, videos, and training materials (optional and not required).
- DBHDS-MART/QSR/ECTA- Jamie Rupe, Kara Clemons, and Christi Lambert presented the following updates:
- Expanded Consultation & Technical Support (ECTA)

- 637 providers were eligible for ECTA and 321 accepted, 205 completed.
  - 716 total ECTA sessions; 6891 sessions with providers who completed.
  - Mandatory ECTA implementation began on July 15, 2025, as per the June 10, 2025, memo for those not in compliance. 83% of those in a non-compliance status that participated in ECTA are now compliant.
  - QSR ECTA invitations will be sent out soon.
  - Licensing gets a report on which providers participate and complete the process.
  - Multi-Agency Review Team (MART):
    - For any teams access issues, please notify [mart@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:mart@dbhds.virginia.gov).
    - Continuing to work on MART 2.0 with no active target date:
      - Enhanced Master Scheduler
      - Improved repository
    - MART CSB and Reviewer Training
      - Planning for the week of November 10-14
      - Licensing has agreed to participate
      - Invitations will be sent out to MART users
    - Purging Repository Documents:
      - On October 9, 2025, an email will be sent to remind people to purge, CSBs will determine which documents are still effective.
      - Lookback period 24 months
    - MART users must ensure that the documents that are in the repository are updated and meet regulatory standards
  - Support Coordination Quality Reviews (SCQR):
    - Addresses 10 indicators directly.
    - CMSC oversees the overall SCQR process and any improvement efforts.
    - There is a process of cross-scoring for quality and alignment measures.
    - Recent SCQR round was completed on 09/10/2025.
    - Data is being compiled and analyzed, and changes in scoring are expected due to ISP 4.0. The committee will review the results to determine if any changes are needed to the process and/or scoring. Process/material revisions to be completed and shared by December 15, 2025.
    - The SCQR Evaluation Survey is now open, with a deadline to complete it of October 6, 2025.
    - Statewide Results will be shared on October 15, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. and on October 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. Links can be found in the CSM Team's Case Management Data Channel, as announced on September 18, 2025.
- C. Emergency Services Council- Cheryl St. John reported the following on behalf of the council:
- DBHDS Report:
    - Lars met with the council and reported:
      - Pre-screening: Implementation of VCC for bed finding is going well. Emergency Services Managers reported that this has helped them to get individuals placed faster.
      - Stats have shown there have been over 52k crisis evaluations in FY25 resulting in approximately 38% TDOS. There is hope that with more Crisis Receiving Centers, Crisis Stable Units, 23-hour beds, MCR, and more services that are in line with the Governor's Right Help, Right Now initiative, the TDO # will decrease but will take time for the data to catch up. Data can drive how the crisis continuum system is changing. Alternative Transportation and using SCOPs (Special Conservators of the

Peace) in Region 3 continues to prove successful with getting LE out of the TDO process—52% of TDO custody was able to be handled by AT instead of LE, expanding to Region 1 very soon.

- Around the state, several jurisdictions have either opened a Crisis Receiving Center or will be by the end of 2025, with other CSBs starting their RFP process. Many of the new centers will also provide services for youth.
- Regarding the new Exception Report the TDO, Interrupted report is still pending.
- Riverside data was reviewed.
- Gail Paysour & Dustin Wilcox: Alternative Transportation
  - The rollout of alternative transportation continues with Region 1 next in line.
  - The Special Conservators of the Peace pilot is going well in Region 3 and DBHDS would like to expand it.
- Shannon Richardson provided the following updates on State Hospitals:
  - All state hospitals are at capacity. Most admissions are forensic. CCCA is at 21 beds, but there will be no new admits until they can discharge. Data needs from VCC-BHL were discussed. Phone numbers need to be imported for BHL hospitals.
- Curt Gleeson stated his appreciation for Emergency Services.
- Committee Updates:
  - **PRMC:** no new information, no updates.
  - **Bed Registry Committee:** Last meeting was held on 9/12/25. ED docs are wanting more information regarding denials in the BHL from the privates. Privates are not interested in providing any more than the EMTALA requirements for denial. Next meeting is 10/27/25.
  - **DMC:** Some discussion on new TDO Exception-TDO Interrupted Report. Report has not yet been approved by READS or DBHDS.
  - **Emergency Services 2026 Conference:** Location and dates have been identified. June 23rd-24th at the Fairfax Marriott at Fair Oaks. Conference planning is underway.
  - **Public Policy:** There was lively discussion surrounding the number of available inpatient beds, excluding state hospital beds and ECO timeframe suggestion to expand ECO timeframe if SCOPs can maintain.
- **CRU/CSU Updates:** Lots of activities with new CRCs and CSUs.
- **Regional Updates:**
  - **R1:** Valley Healthcare & SCOPs
  - **R2:** Planning for ES Conference
  - **R5:** Addressing Vets & Active Duty TDOs in regional meeting.
- **Open Discussion:**
  - Doc to Doc/Provider to Provider
  - Special recognition was given to Lars, Bill and Curt for implementation of VCC-BHL, Emergency Services is very grateful for this.

D. Mental Health/SUD Services Council-Lenelle Mozelle and Michele Ebright reported on the following:

- Combining the mental health and SUD councils into one Behavioral Health Council. Jennifer Faison will review the merger of the two councils with a new committee that is looking at the VACSB bylaws. There is no date for this meeting yet, no disagreement is anticipated with the change.
- Darrin Adams (Southside CSB) agreed to serve as the co-chair for the proposed new Behavioral Health Council.
- MH/SUD Council Representatives acknowledgments and updates:



- Public Policy -No update
- Data Management-
  - Susan Chittum, Allegheny Highlands – Virginia Crisis Connect and Crisis Reporting
  - Bill reports 8 months of active VCC. There is a Queue-by-Queue review of all of the data elements to see if there are any questions that are unnecessary.
  - Discussion coming about data points collected in Mobile Crisis and Emergency Services.
  - Several meetings with bed registry group and VHHA, they are working on a project to use the private hospitals VIHAS system to include psychiatric beds and integrating these with the BHL for active bed registry information. The goal is to get to a good point in reporting and have it included in the background of BHL. Send any questions, comments, and concerns to Bill Howard.
  - Enterprise Investment Board - Septembers EIB approved DAP System increment 2.
  - They are attempting to see how ad hoc reporting can be more efficient and get a starting baseline to quantify how much we are required to report. (Brandie Williams) Currently they've mapped 40% and they've found 1k data points, several that are redundant.
  - TRAC-IT- December enhancements are being worked on for the next package. Vendor support desk is working with those using HER, uploads are working properly with the new changes.
  - VIPRS - They have turned in our extension request for planning to CMS. A planning document has been submitted for timing and resource money for design development and implementation plans gathered so that when 2026 kickoff happens, we can hit the ground running. On track for everything.
  - STEP VA/STAC 2.0 - Slides for Step VA presented. Adjourning Internal Core Team, Stac 2.0. Performing READS and Program Workgroup. Will be continuing CSB Site visits. Slides will be included in minutes.
  - Be on the lookout for new funding formulas.
  - Looking for a DLA-20 replacement. Looking at WHODAS and other options. Discussion on this will be provided before any implementation and the pilot members will be part of that conversation before hashing out next steps.
  - WaMS - Between Oct and December, changes will be made to Part 5 for providers to increase functionality. Specs will be worked on through November and a few other small changes.
  - "Is there any conflict with any other system if we look at a go live date of May 1, 2026?" EDW is lining up for July 1... because it is the same people doing both.
  - AI Discussion - Qualifacts announced that it has become the first EHR solutions provider to achieve ISO 42001:2023 certification—the new international standard for Artificial Intelligence Management Systems. With this achievement, Qualifacts joins the ranks of other leading organizations like Google, AWS, and Anthropic.
  - MART - Demos have been going out and supervisors are meeting weekly. More to come soon. There is a Microsoft glitch that can impact TEAMS and remove access to specific files.
  - On the Week of Nov 10<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> there are upcoming CSB trainings for MART. Licensing will be part of that training. Invites will be going out to identified MART

users. If there are any useful training topics, please share with MART team to incorporate into the trainings.

- Oct 9th - Expect an email on purging documents. Old versions eligible to be purged if updates have been made within the last 24 months.
- ECTA and MART will both have updates to provide at the breakout meetings at VACSB.
- Training and Development- No update
- Regulatory- Up for public comment now are changes to the MOUD regulations. These are open for comment until October 22, 2025. Changes seem to be provided for greater flexibility for providers. There is a new chapter to the ARTS manual (Chapter 12/Appendix D) as well as revisions to Chapter IV. These were finalized on 7/7/25. New CM regulations state registration with the MCO must occur within 1 business day of admission to the program. Feedback from CSB's is that this is unrealistic and suggests 3 days as more reasonable. No final regulations have been posted yet. CPST draft regulations closed for public comment on 9/21/2025. Comments are worth reading.
- Finance- No update
- Quality and Outcomes-New Authorized Representative form coming out.
- DBHDS-Meredith Nusbaum:
  - Reorganization has resulted in Adult Community Mental Health adding peer support and prevention supports to their umbrella and changing their name to Mental Health and Wellness Supports.
  - They have completed STEP VA site visits and are planning next year's visits. They are also developing goals for the coming year. They are sensitive to the amount of changes that the CSB's are going through and are trying not to make too many changes.
  - WHODAS Pilot: Consensus is that it is less administrative burden, evidenced based, and generally positive.
  - ISURF Pilot is looking at date of first contact measurement. February 2026 pilot ends and CSB's will be expected to implement this measurement. It is in the performance contract.
  - They are working through the STAC recommendations.
  - STEP-VA office hours are Tuesdays at 1:00 pm. Email step-virginia@dbhds.virginia.gov to get an invite to the office hours.
- Kim Boyd-Recovery Supports Manager
  - Sponsoring free ethics trainings for peers with Dr. Gillette. The next one is scheduled for December 4, from 9am-12pm. Peers can sign up through the Recovery Blast email. Reminder that peers need 6 hours of ethics training every 2 years.
  - Emotional CRP- Working on offering this training to peers. Partnering with Corey Williams. He did a session on Motivational Interviewing for peers, looking at having more Motivational Interviewing training for peers in the future.
  - Recovery Leadership Academy is going well. Applications just closed for the next cycle.
  - Working to develop Peer Led Wellness Stays, which are respite homes, staffed by peers, for individuals in crisis who do not meet criteria for hospitalizations. These are home-like places where individuals can stay for up to 14 days. Currently, one

is open through Mount Rogers. Two more are to open in Western Tidewater and Fairfax Falls Church.

- Currently, there are 1,117 certified peer recovery specialists in the state of Virginia, per the Board of Counseling.
- DMAS is looking at a PRS-T credential. This will allow for PRS-T's to bill once they have completed the DBHDS approved 72-hour training.
- There is a guidance document that went out regarding the training requirements for staff and peers regarding the role of peer support. Training videos have been developed by the Department. The expectation is that 80% of peer supervisors will have the training by June 30, 2026. The training is to be uploaded to Relias by 12/30/25 to facilitate the training being completed. Definitions of who needs to be trained are as follows:
  1. Direct service staff are defined as those providing direct services to individuals with mental health or substance use challenges within the CSB setting.
  2. Peer supervisory staff are defined as any staff providing supervision to Peer and Family Support Partners staff.
- Patty Brown-Addiction Recovery Services
  - ASAM 4th edition-It has not been decided when the ASAM 4th Edition will be implemented. No trainings are planned at this time.
  - Two trainings for QMHP supervisors have been conducted.
  - Award letters for SOR went out on 9/22/25. If you have not heard anything, email [sorteam@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:sorteam@dbhds.virginia.gov). All money has been allocated at this time.
  - GIPRA tool has ended. The new tool is Unified Performance Reporting Tool. There are two forms: Form A is completed by provider. Form C is completed is completed by client or caregiver.
  - SUD case management modules are in development. Contact hours will be available for this training.
  - They are working on a pilot program for problem gambling with 5 CSB's.
  - DBHDS and VDH are collaborating on HB2446 for postpartum depression.
  - Marie Bage is now over all issues related to REVIVE. The REVIVE dashboard is now live. If you do not get a REVIVE training certificate, email Marie Bage with the date, time and name of trainer and you will get a certificate. Email address: [marie.bage@dbhds.virginia.gov](mailto:marie.bage@dbhds.virginia.gov)
  - OTP Central registry: This is part of emergency preparedness regulations. This registry will allow individuals to find a provider for dosing if their home clinic is closed due to an emergency. Also will allow a means for ensuring individuals are not getting doses from more than one provider. OTP changes will be coming as the state works to align regulations with the federal regulations.
  - FB838: Work group with mission to ensure that recovery residences are safe for all involved. Beginning 7/1/26, all recovery residences must be conditionally certified by DBHDS. They must then work to get accredited by either VARS or Oxford House. They can then apply to be certified by DBHDS.
- Mark Chadwick-Administrative Policy Committee
  - The Committee has two requests:
    - The Committee is working to create a document for DBHDS to show current language in the performance contract, recommended language

for the performance contract, and rationale for the recommendations. They are working to build this document and will be asking for input.

- Regarding Exhibit D's, when you see a "red flag" in the performance contract, share this with counterparts at other CSB's. They are trying to compile comments to create a unified response to issues identified in the Exhibit D's.

- Peer Sub-Committee-

- Medicaid Redesign:

- There is concern that CANS Lifetime will not be ready for several months. There will be a need for training for this instrument. It seems unlikely that this training will be completed in time for the July 1, 2026 implementation date.
- Also concerns about the CANS lifetime not being a validated, reliable and evidenced-based tool. It is an alternate version of a reliable, validated tool, but that does not meet the standard of it being a valid, reliable, evidenced based tool.
- The new DMAS regulations are not aligning with DBHDS licensing regulations. The CANS and the CNA need to be better integrated so that the client's experience is not negatively impacted and remains person centered.
- The experience of the client entering services does not seem to have been taken into account in drafting the regulations. CSB's are trying to provide person centered services and new regulations threaten this.
- Leslie suggests that Teams Channels are created to allow for dialogue among CSB's about implementation challenges, exhibit D concerns etc.

- Report out from the VACSB Leadership Call 9-5-2025 –

- VACSB is actively working with DBHDS re: costs of services information CSBs sent in.
- QMPH (Chaquitta Scott-Tillerson) – some individuals have successfully been able to register, VACSB is identifying which federally-required trainings might match to the 40 hours required for the certification, also learned that sociology is no longer allowed as an approved degree.
- CCBHC Update – DMAS supports moving to CCBHC, VA would apply with DBHDS being the lead; BH Redesign and CCBHC requirements don't match in regard to "grants to localities" – state interprets any grants we have to localities as not supported, and SAMHSA's definition of grants refers to those that an entity would apply for, and these are not typically applied for.

E. Regional Programs Services Council

- No report.

F. Prevention Services Council- Michelle Wagaman reported the following on behalf of the council:

- 18 CSBs were represented at the council meeting on the previous day during the conference.
- The council also met on Tuesday with DBHDS and Omni , who hosted a prevention forum where regional planning highlights were discussed as well as learning opportunities around different initiatives.
- The Young Adult Survey is being prepared to launch again in February and will happen every other year. Data will be collected from this survey through the end of April.
- The council has been working with the Department of Education around legislation that was passed, requiring a plan for school divisions to implement Youth Mental Health First Aid.

- The Prevention of Problem Gaming and Gambling learning management system has launched the high school curriculum, which several communities are utilizing along with the statewide Beyond the Bet media campaign.
- Annual site visits are occurring, there is a list of initiatives that prevention teams undertake and can be reviewed on the agenda.
- The following was stated regarding discussion around the panel on the previous day: Prevention services are data driven, the strategic prevention framework was brought to Virginia over 10 years ago and has been utilizing evidence-based curriculums for decades. The Virginia Social Indicator Summary, VSIS.org is the basis for this and is managed by the State Epidemiological Outcomes Work Group, which is DBHDS, CSBs, VDH, DCJS, DSS, and the office of the Chief Medical examiner who collects data from across the state and is used to inform decision making when determining prevention strategies and initiatives to utilize and implement in the community.
- The fallout from the reorganization and the elimination of the Office of Behavioral Health and Wellness at DBHDS continues to be processed, as this divided state leads into two divisions resulting in challenges with lack of communication and guidance for the future of prevention in Virginia. Collaboration continues with CSBs to address the needs of the community.

G. Finance Directors Council- Danielle Sayre reported the following on behalf of the council:

- The council met on the previous day with 32 in attendance, representing 26 CSBs. Discussion took place surrounding behavioral health redesign and CCBHC. Primarily the focus was on issues related to web grants, specifically with reporting or lack thereof as well as issues related to making a change in a budget that is already in web grants.
- The council discovered that they have a representative on the web grants user group. A second representative was also recruited to start attending meetings with DBHDS to bring awareness to these issues in improving experiences with using web grants.
- The newly implemented AR reporting in the performance contract was discussed. First reports are due at the end of this month.
- Discussion was provided on the Exhibit Ds. Regarding the inconsistencies between the CSBs and individual funding streams, the language is different between all of these. Regional Reps will be utilized going forward as a conduit to bring forth issues as Exhibit Ds are reviewed to report to the Administrative Policy committee in terms of making changes before the next performance contract.
- The organizational structure of the council was discussed as there is a vacancy for the co-chair position. Finance directors are encouraged to get involved in the finance council.

H. Quality Leadership Council- Laura Davis reported the following on behalf of the council:

- The council met on the previous day with 21 CSBs represented and 31 people in attendance.
- DBHDS Updates:
  - Kara Clemons from the Office of Quality Management met with the council and provided information on Expanded Consultation and Technical Assistance (ECTA), specifically targeting regulatory requirements related to risk management and quality improvement programming. DBHDS has been actively working with CSBs on technical assistance, particularly those who are receiving citations, however it is open to others as well. Many CSBs have reported this as being a valuable resource and had positive feedback. Additionally, data has shown that during this fiscal year, 103 ECTAs have been completed covering 1,041 regulatory citations. Suggestions are being taken for additional topics on technical assistance.

- Jamie Rupe from the Office of Quality Management met with the council and provided discussion on the Multi-Agency Review Team (MART), which is a repository for policy, procedure, and other different documents, used in regards to auditing. Efforts are being made to improve the master schedulers to reduce the chance of multiple auditors showing up at the same time or in the same time period. Additionally, there will be efforts to improve the MART repository, reviewing it weekly. Trainings on MART will be held November 10<sup>th</sup> through November 14<sup>th</sup>. There have been some concerns regarding instances where CSBs received citations due to documents not being up to date in MART. This is a concern because, at the time of MART's implementation, it was stated that it would serve solely as a resource and not a compliance tool. Licensing representatives will be present at the November trainings, making it a potential opportunity to discuss these concerns further. While invitations will be sent directly to MART users, the trainings are open to anyone interested. An email will be sent out October 9<sup>th</sup> reminding CSBs about purging and making sure documents are kept up to date.
  - Christi Lambert who oversees Support Coordination and Quality Reviews, met with the council and discussed the 10 indicators that are typically being looked at. It was stated that this year has been completed as it was a shortened version and data is now being analyzed. Reports indicated that overall, the CSB scores are increasing due to risks being mediated as well as there potentially being some impact from the new ISP 4.0 format. It was encouraged to complete the anonymous SCQR FY26 evaluation by the 10/6 deadline as they are looking for feedback regarding SCQRs. There will be a statewide call regarding the results of this round of the SCQRs on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM and October 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Meeting links went out in the CSB teams case management date channel on September 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Dev Nair met with the council and provided updates regarding licensing regulations being overhauled. Clarification was given on the language in terms of this being more of a restructure as part of their effort to better support providers through the redesign and to make things start moving in the direction of where licensing regulations can align better with redesign. DBHDS and DMAS are working together regarding the timeline of redesign and making sure the office of licensing has a plan for any new license or changes in licenses that will need to happen because of CPST and other services. It was highlighted to review the MOUD updated regulations to ensure that they align with federal regulations. A public comment period is currently taking place through October 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will go into effect December 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Discussion on redesign was provided and it was highlighted to review the Case Management changes that came out on Monday September 29<sup>th</sup>. The public comment period also started on Monday and ends October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- I. Human Resources Council- Crystal Homer reported the following on behalf of the council:
- The council met on the previous day with 42 people in attendance.
  - Woods Rogers met with the council to provide legal updates and information regarding the changing landscape surrounding the different accommodations and discrimination of pregnant workers as well as fairness and pay. One new item was highlighted and CSBs were encouraged to review it: a recent change in Virginia law increases employer liability for the misconduct of caregivers (e.g., abuse). Even if employers can demonstrate that caregivers were trained and instructed not to engage in such behavior, this may no longer be sufficient to mitigate liability.

- Craig Camidge met with the council and discussed workforce and compensation reporting as well as the new peer data submission. There was a request to streamline the reports and data received through various surveys from DBHDS, particularly those that ask similar questions and are already being reported such as FTEs, vacancies, and related metrics. Craig Camidge will be working with the council on this by requesting that future survey and data requests from different DBHDS groups be shared with him so he can assist in coordinating and streamlining the process.
- There was a round table discussion on efforts within some CSBs and regions to further define some of the DBHDS training requirements. A lot of progress has been made, particularly in Region 1, with hopes of sharing this on a larger scale in the future. The goal is for there to be a central location or landing point where an individual coming in would be able to easily identify the required trainings, language, and code associated with this.
- Changes to regulations in the performance contract were discussed.
- The council plans to meet again in person soon.

## VII. Committee Reports

### A. Administrative Policy Committee

- Mark Chadwick reported that the Administrative Policy Committee continues to meet and has laid out a pathway for negotiations with DBHDS which includes an internal VACSB rapid review process. We are hopeful that we will have a draft to review in January.

### B. Public Policy Committee

- Mary Cole reported that the Public Policy Committee will have its last meeting in December and will then convert to the Clearinghouse Committee for the purpose of reviewing bills during the 2026 General Assembly session.

### C. Regulatory Committee

- Ivy Sager reported that the Regulatory Committee has made a few structural changes in order to better respond to a rapidly changing regulatory environment. The group is fleshing out its membership and continue to evolve.

### D. Service Development Committee

- No report.

### E. Quality and Outcomes Committee:

- Brandon Rodgers reported that the Quality and Outcomes Committee continues to dive deep into the performance metrics proposed by DBHDS. At the last meeting, they focused on several metrics regarding mobile crisis response which will be circulated for further review.
- The group also heard updates on ViPRS, STEP-VA, case management measures and STEP-VA.

### F. Training and Development Committee:

- Lisa Beitz thanked everyone for their support of this conference

## VIII. Regional Reports – The recording for this portion of the meeting did not come through so a general synopsis of regional activities is as follows:

- All regions are focused on MARCUS Alert implementation, the development of crisis receiving centers and the build-out of the crisis continuum, permanent supportive housing and a multitude of initiatives within their individual communities.

## IX. VACSB Reports and New Business-Jennifer Faison reported the following:

### A. VACSB CCBHC Project Updates

- The VACSB continues to work to ensure that the incoming administration has a robust packet of information in order to proceed with an application to the federal CCBHC demonstration on 01 APR 2026.

- VACSB sent out an RFP for consulting assistance and received 3 responses. The CCBHC Steering Committee will review the proposals and select an awardee.
  - Still in question is whether DBHDS will be able to support funding for these consulting services.
- B. Environment at the Federal Level
- Provisions in the federal budget will have a significant impact on individuals who have Medicaid in Virginia. Twice yearly redeterminations and work requirements for the expansion population will lead to decreased enrollment. As the public safety net, the CSBs will be hit hardest because when a person who is being served in the private sector now loses their coverage, that provider will not likely continue to serve them so they would need to forego care or get it at a CSB. There will also be people currently receiving services in a CSB who will lose their coverage despite all of the best efforts of CSB staff to help them maintain it. When this happens, it will mean that CSBs will have to use their scarce resources to serve an individual who had been previously funded through Medicaid.
- C. Crisis Services/MARCUS Alert
- This item was covered extensively in Council reports above.
- X. Executive Director's Report- Jennifer Faison
- A. Nothing further to the above.
- XI. Other Announcements
- None
- XII. Future Meeting
- December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. VACSB office.
- XIII. Adjourn


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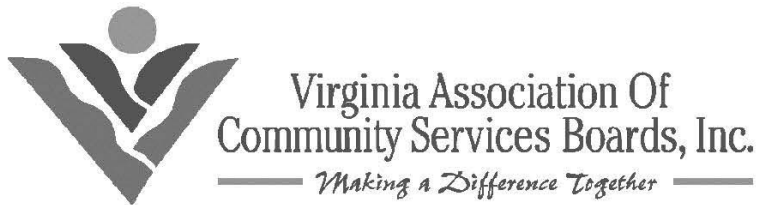
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### Executive Directors Forums

July 22, 2025	VACSB Conference Room (Zoom access available)
October 2, 2025	Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center
December 9, 2025	VACSB Conference Room (Zoom access available)
January 20, 2026	Richmond Marriott Downtown
March 10, 2026	VACSB Conference Room (Zoom access available)
May 7, 2026	Richmond Marriott Downtown
July 21, 2026	VACSB Conference Room (Zoom access available)
October 8, 2026	Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center
December 8, 2026	VACSB Conference Room (Zoom access available)

### VACSB Board of Directors Meetings

July 23, 2025	VACSB Conference Room (Zoom access available)
October 3, 2025	Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center
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**\*\*\*All meetings that take place at the VACSB and will begin at 10:00 AM and are available via Zoom\*\*\***

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October 1-3, 2025	◆	Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center
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May 6-8, 2026	◆	Richmond Marriott Downtown
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# Virginia Association of Community Services Boards

## Budget Priorities for the 2026 General Assembly Session

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*The Virginia Association of Community Services Boards (VACSB) will support amendments from its advocacy partners once they are advanced.*

**CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC DEMONSTRATION:** The CCBHC model was developed at the federal level and has been implemented in multiple states over the last decade. The state adopted System Transformation Excellence and Performance in Virginia (STEP-VA) which is based off of the core services and supports included in the CCBHC model:

Same Day Access	Outpatient	Veteran and Family Services
Case Management	Primary Care Screening	Peer Family Support Services
Crisis Services	Psychiatric Rehabilitation	Care Coordination

In order to realize the potential of having these critical services in place, Virginia needs to fully implement the CCBHC model, and CSBs will play a critical role in the success of that implementation. Full implementation includes the development of a prospective payment system that covers the cost to deliver services based on a rate methodology that is tailored to the provider's circumstances.

States that have fully implemented the CCBHC model have seen significant improvements in their service delivery systems, including an expansion of capacity to serve children/youth, the uninsured and those without a prior source of outpatient care. In addition, CCBHCs have expanded access to substance use disorder treatment, including medication assisted treatment which helps to keep individuals engaged in their recovery.

**The VACSB will pursue legislation to ensure that Virginia is ready to apply for the federal CCBHC demonstration on 01 APR 2026.**

**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY (DD) WAIVER SERVICES: FUNDING FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT COORDINATORS:** The VACSB is grateful to the Governor and the General Assembly for including **\$8.7M in the FY26 budget to allow CSBs to recruit additional support coordinators**. This funding is essential to ensure that Developmental Disability Waiver slots can be brought online quickly. **Therefore, the VACSB requests that this funding be made ongoing.**

**EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES:** VACSB requests **\$3.4M in FY26 to address program deficits and \$3.5M for the 2026–2028 biennium to support a projected 5% annual increase in the number of children served**. Early Intervention services for infants and toddlers with developmental disabilities can have a significant impact on a child's ability to learn new skills and increase their future success in school and in life. These services are much more effective and less costly when provided during the Early Intervention period, which is from birth to age three.

**MARCUS ALERT PROGRAMS:** The Code of Virginia requires all localities with a population of greater than 40K individuals to participate in a MARCUS Alert program by 2028. In order to ensure this code mandate is fulfilled, the **VACSB requests \$7.8M in funding for the 13 MARCUS Alert programs that will need to be brought online over the 2026 – 2028 biennium.**

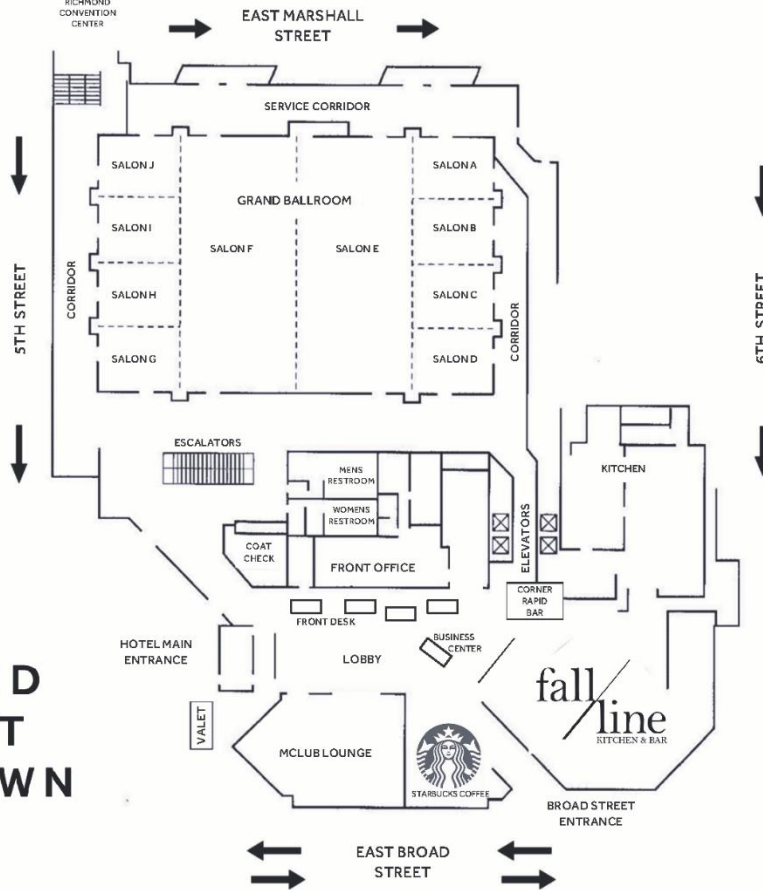
**RESTORATION OF COMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL:** The VACSB is grateful to the Governor and the General Assembly for including **\$1.5M to allow for increased capacity to provide restoration on an outpatient basis** and provide training to clinicians. The state has prioritized outpatient restoration services in order to relieve the pressure on state psychiatric facilities which have seen a dramatic increase in forensic admissions, many of which are due to the need for restoration services which may be offered on an outpatient basis if funding were sufficient. **VACSB requests that this funding be made ongoing.**

**PREVENTION SERVICES:** Prevention services are an important part of how CSBs serve the community across a full continuum. Federal funding cuts have threatened the progress that CSB prevention programs have made in the past several years. Schools, police departments and other community partners appreciate how robust and active CSB prevention programs have become. All of the federal pandemic funding has ended as of March 2025. To account for this loss, **VACSB requests an \$8M increase in general funds that are dedicated to prevention services.** This will allow the CSB prevention staff to continue its robust array of services in every community of the Commonwealth.

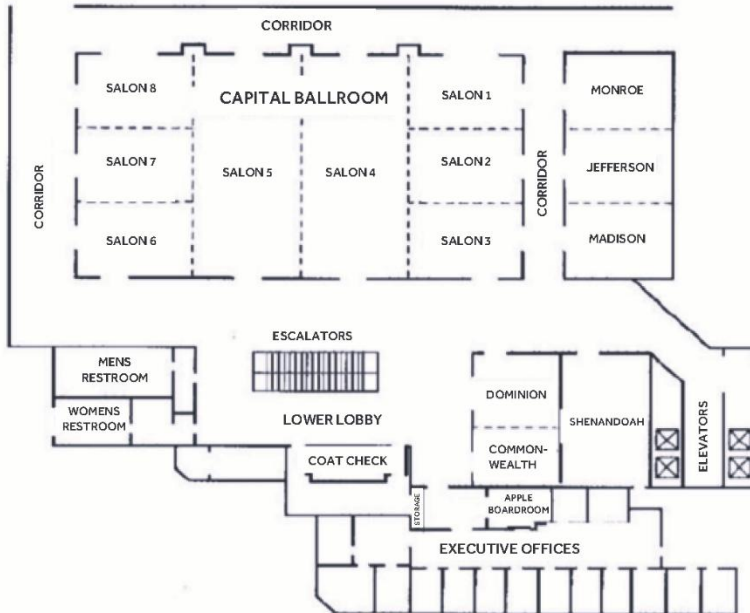


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