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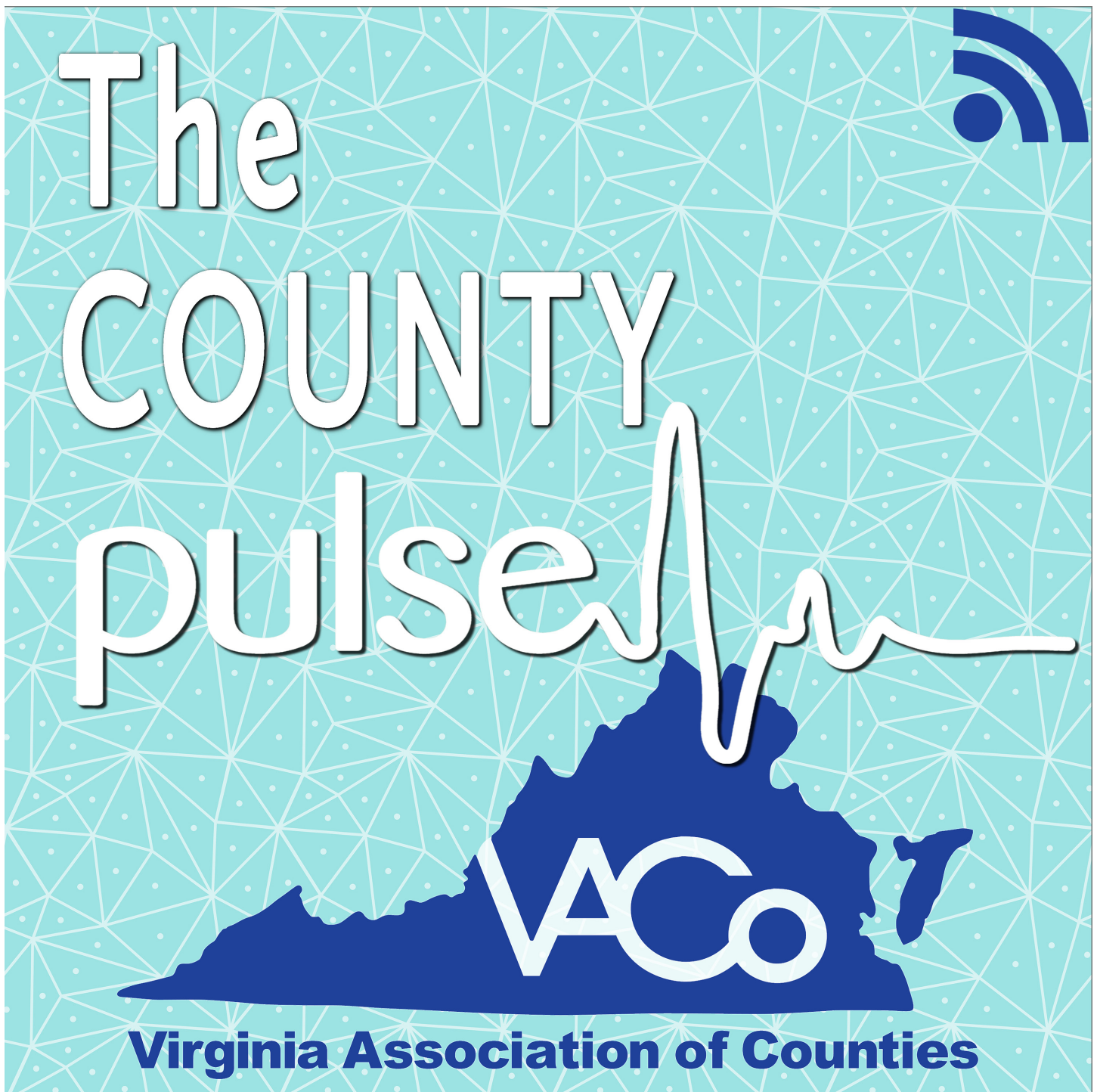
# PREPARING COUNTIES FOR THE FUTURE



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## [\*\*VACo County Pulse Podcast\*\*](#)

### **Top Issues in Behavioral Health with Dr. Hughes Melton**

Dr. Hughes Melton, Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, sat down with VACo's Dean Lynch to discuss major issues in behavioral health, including efforts to address the addiction crisis and the effects of Medicaid expansion.

## Dave Whittington retiring after serving 37 years at Greenville County



By Teresa Welsh  
Independent-Messenger

For almost 40 years Dave Whittington has been a driving force behind Greenville County.

In January that will end after 37 years. But his legacy won't soon be forgotten.

The Southern Virginia Education Center was the brainchild of Whittington, who saw a huge need in Greenville County to give teens and adults an education past high school. It took a lot of hard work, grants, and money but it soon became a reality, thanks in no small part to the work of Whittington.

"It is with a great deal of satisfaction, gratitude and some sadness that I notify the Greenville County Board of Supervisors/Greenville County Water and Sewer Authority of my retirement date. That date is Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019," Whittington said in a letter to supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors hired Whittington as County Planning Director in June 1981. Apparently they were impressed because in May 1984, only three years later, the Supervisors appointed him as County Administrator and the Greenville County Water and Sewer Authority appointed him as its Director.

"I believe that both entities have enjoyed a great deal of success since then," Whittington said. "That success was predicated on a Board of Supervisors and Authority that has maintained a predominant goal of improving the quality of life for the residents of Greenville County and a County/Authority staff that is hardworking and dedicated to public service and the work program the Board/Authority wants achieved. It has truly been my pleasure to work for Greenville County."

Jan. 31 will also be his last day on the Southside Regional Jail Authority, Southern Virginia Development Corporation, Southside Virginia Education Center Board of Directors and the Department of Social Services Board of Directors.

VACo  
SPOTLIGHT

Martha  
Hooker

Roanoke County  
Chairman



**Q1. You're in the middle of your first term on the Board of Supervisors, but you served for more than 20 years on the Roanoke County Planning Commission prior to your election. Are there aspects of your current role that have surprised you? What elements of your service on the Planning Commission prepared you best for serving in elected office?**

**Martha Hooker:** I was appointed to the Roanoke County Planning Commission in 1992 and truly enjoyed my years of service seeing the process of community planning, including hearing from the citizens. It also gave me experience working with the Roanoke County staff and gave me a better understanding of how our local government works. I have been surprised at the behind the scenes work to build relationships and trust. I serve all citizens of Roanoke County and our votes impact them in their daily life. My years on the planning commission prepared me for working with citizens on documents and projects that will serve our community well.

**Q2. You've taught marketing and business in the Roanoke County schools since 2002. A marketing background seems like particularly great preparation for economic development efforts at the county level – have you found that to be the case?**

**MH:** One of the many reasons I enjoy my job, beyond working with great staff and students, is the opportunity to get to know members of the business community and better understand how Roanoke County can serve them. Many of my students work cooperatively with business to learn workplace readiness and employability skills on the job. When I visit the students' supervisors, I am better able to help the students understand the importance of those skills. I also work with registered apprentices who are learning specific skills to grow their employability value. I am hopeful that these programs will encourage students to choose to stay in Roanoke County beyond high school and college years. My job is another opportunity to get to know citizens who have invested their time and money in our community.

**Q3. The pace of change in the business world seems to be accelerating, with new companies "disrupting" seemingly solid industries and so much competition for consumers' attention. How do you prepare your students for a future where change will be a constant?**

**MH:** It is commonly known that teachers today are preparing 65% of students entering elementary school for jobs that may not yet exist. We are a fast-paced economy and students must learn to be good problem solvers and creative thinkers. Education used to be more about recall but now education is more about process and thinking outside the box. Teachers are encouraged to give interdisciplinary lessons where students can see the connections across subjects. We no longer live in silos.

**Q4. In your view, what are the biggest challenges and opportunities facing Roanoke County in the next ten years?**

**MH:** Roanoke County's biggest challenge is to maintain our quality lifestyle and low-cost of living without raising taxes. We have an aging population that lives on a fixed income and we need more young people deciding to live, work and play in Roanoke County. We are working regionally to attract new industry while maintaining our current businesses. Our outdoor adventure culture has been taking off and growing in popularity among residents and visitors. The Appalachian Trail, Blue Ridge Parkway, Explore Park, our IMBA Silver-rated mountain bike trails, the many green ways and popular Roanoke River are all attracting a new vibrant community.

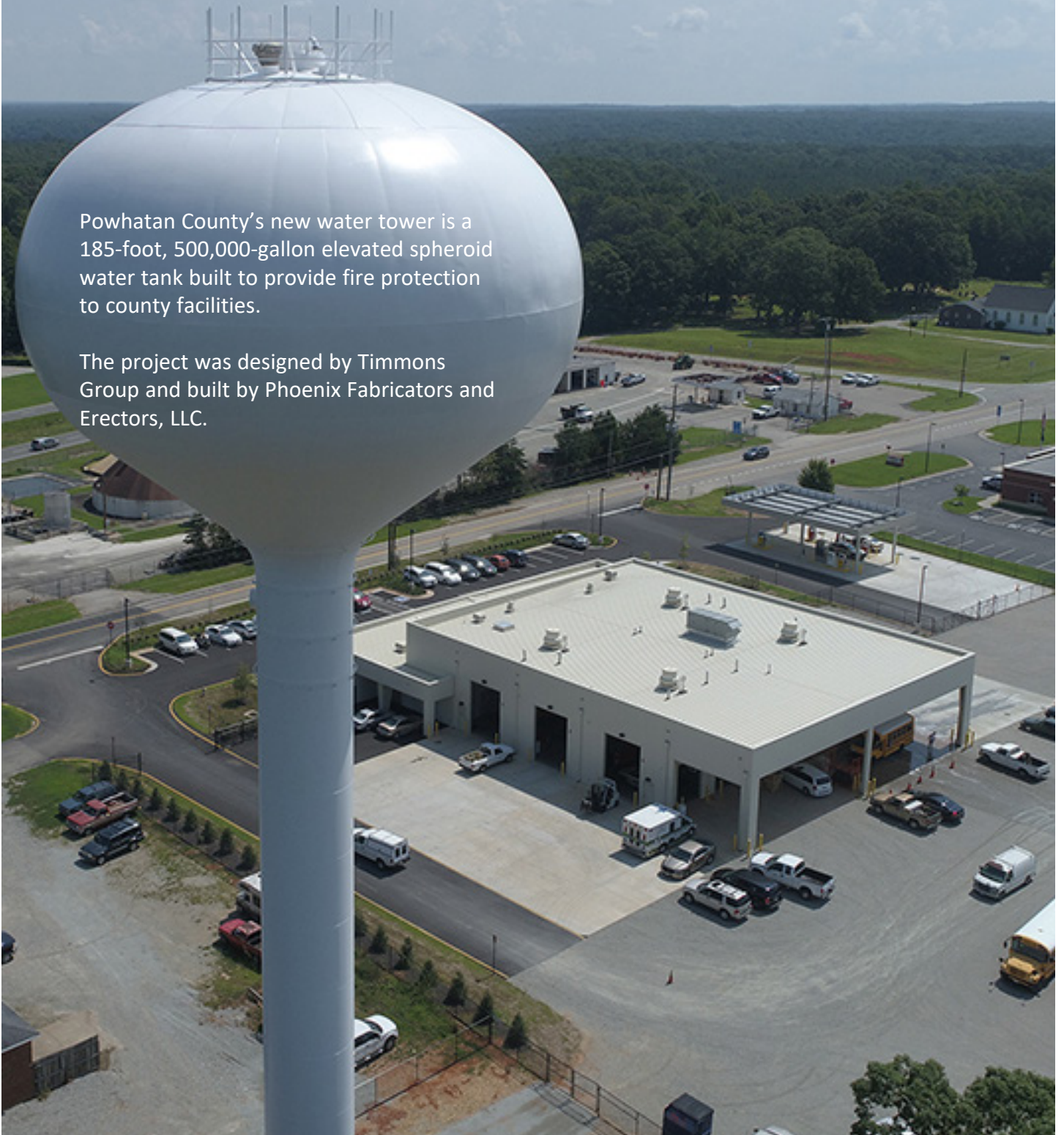
**Q5. What are the must-do activities for a first-time visitor to Roanoke County?**

**MH:** A first-time visitor to Roanoke County must hike the Appalachian Trail to McAfee's Knob, Dragon's Tooth and Tinker Cliffs (The Triple Crown) to have a real understanding of the beauty of this area. Mountain bikers will love our trails at Explore Park and Carvins Cove for all levels of experienced riders. All seasons are beautiful but the fall colors are my favorite. It is incredible!

# Visit Powhatan County and its newly completed water tower

Powhatan County's new water tower is a 185-foot, 500,000-gallon elevated spheroid water tank built to provide fire protection to county facilities.

The project was designed by Timmons Group and built by Phoenix Fabricators and Erectors, LLC.





## Mark Your Calendars



# VACo's 84TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

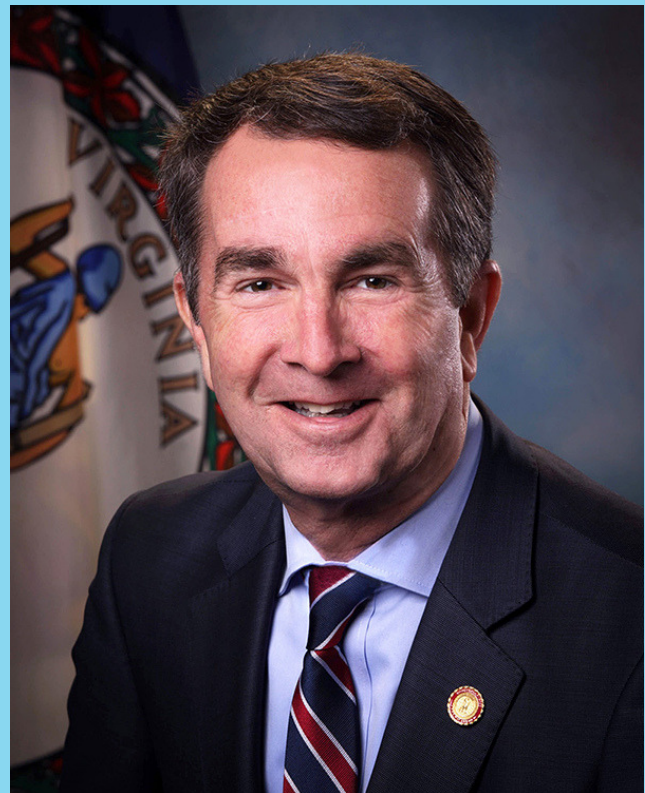
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### Governor Ralph Northam confirmed as speaker

VACo has also confirmed numerous high-profile government officials to speak at the Annual Conference. Political Analyst Bob Holsworth joins the all-star cast to give his take on the federal elections.

Senator Creigh Deeds  
Senator Barbara Favola  
Senator Emmett Hanger  
Senator Frank Ruff  
Delegate David Bulova  
Delegate Terry Kilgore  
Delegate Steven Landes  
Delegate Bob Thomas  
Delegate Lee Ware  
Secretary Aubrey Layne  
Secretary Bettina Ring  
Secretary Shannon Valentine



[Annual Conference Agenda](#)

**VACo Associate Member SPOTLIGHT**

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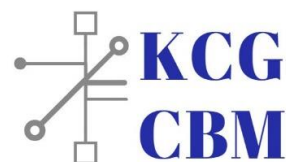
KCG's business philosophy, "Creating the Future," is the foundation of our client-centered approach. Our employees help clients understand and leverage business trends and opportunities to increase their bottom line. Our experience and advocacy have paved the way for new development in Hampton Roads. We understand that investing in our community is a responsibility for businesses, and that growth happens when we work together to "Create the Future."

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# Virginia Association of Counties

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## [VACo Premier Partner Spotlight Podcast](#)

### **Enterprise Fleet Management**

Host Dean Lynch speaks with Enterprise Fleet Management's Eddy Simon, Account Executive, and Kate Quinn, Area Sales Manager. Listen to how Enterprise Fleet Management can help counties save thousands of dollars with its hands-on management, award-winning technology, and the infrastructure and expertise of Enterprise, the world's largest fleet operator.





By Sherrin Alsop  
VACo President

A photograph of a person running on a beach at sunset. The person is in the foreground, wearing a white t-shirt, dark shorts, and white sneakers. The background shows the ocean and a bright sun setting over the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow.

## 2018 Presidential Initiative: Healthy Virginia Counties in Action

As the end of my term as VACo President draws near, I've been reflecting on the Healthy Virginia Counties initiative and wanted to share a few thoughts.

As many of my colleagues know, health care is one of my passions, both as a direct service provider in my time as a volunteer EMT, and in making state and local policy. Much of my work has focused on ensuring that people can get the care they need when they need it – whether by providing that care myself in an ambulance or ensuring that our regional hospital is equipped to provide it. This work is vital for any community, but it's not the last word in keeping a community healthy. In fact, many public health experts attribute only a small portion of health outcomes to the medical care people receive. A much larger share of overall health is due to factors that most people may not immediately associate with health care – the social determinants of health that shape our physical environments, mold our formative childhood experiences, and undergird our choices about nutrition, physical activity, and education.

In some ways, taking such a broad view of community health can be overwhelming: if nearly every aspect of life influences health, where do we begin to improve health outcomes in our counties, especially when there are such stark disparities in length and quality of life between – and within – localities? The good news, from my perspective, is that while some broad social factors, such as global economic trends, are out of localities' control, many aspects of community health can be shaped at the local level to give residents of our counties the best possible chance to thrive.

Virginia counties are rising to this challenge. In highlighting case studies of successful programs each month, I was continually encouraged to see the ingenuity and energy counties are deploying in the service of improving health outcomes. A common thread among many successful projects was the cultivation of partnerships among community leaders, whether by bringing private-sector sponsorships to a program, or working hand-in-hand with institutions of higher education, community foundations, or other government entities.

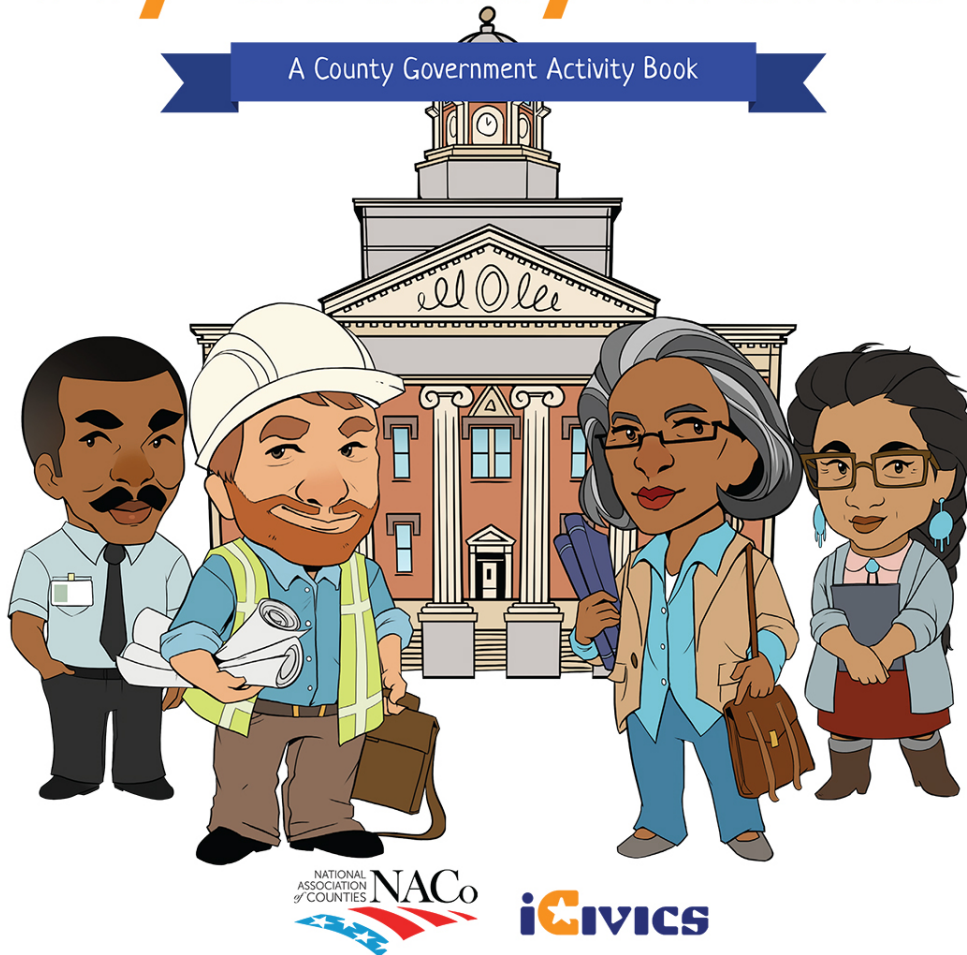
Pittsylvania County's multi-year effort to build the first public parks in the history of the County, which won the top overall VACo Achievement Award this year, is one great example. Pittsylvania County set out to improve its performance in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's County Health Rankings by increasing residents' access to safe places to exercise, and after four years, funding contributions from partners such as two regional hospitals and two electric cooperatives, and a lot of sweat equity, Pittsylvania County now has four beautiful parks that have been embraced by the community. We will be recognizing Pittsylvania County at the annual conference, and Parks and Recreation Director Mark Moore will be speaking at a breakout session with other Achievement Award winners.

I hope some of the case studies in this series of columns have helped to spread some ideas worth borrowing. All of the columns, as well as some helpful links, are available on the Healthy Virginia Counties page at <http://www.vaco.org/newsroom/healthy-virginia-counties/>, and I hope that page can serve as a resource for you. Although my term as President is concluding, I intend to stay involved in these issues and I hope you will too. Let's keep this conversation going!



# My County Works

A County Government Activity Book



*NACo and ICivics have partnered together to create a comprehensive educational program that teaches students about the importance of local government. This much-needed resource will help students in any educational setting gain a solid understanding of the roles, duties, and challenges of local governance. NACo's [program](#) includes an educational video [game](#), a set of [courses](#) geared toward middle and high school students, an interactive [workbook](#) for elementary-aged constituents, and classroom [tips](#) for county officials and teachers.*

*This program will help parents, teachers, and county officials establish a strong foundation of knowledge in younger citizens and encourage their ongoing engagement and interaction with county government. Please take time to review these resources and reflect on how your county is working to ensure that its children understand their local government, and their future potential within it. The children of your county will grow up one day. What role will you play in helping them to grow up to be knowledgeable, engaged, and passionately involved in their local institutions?*

[Click here to read the My County Works - A County Government Activity Book](#)

# Work Continues to Implement Family First Prevention Services Act

The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), enacted earlier this year as part of an overall spending package, makes major changes to federal funding for foster care, and presents both challenges and opportunities for Virginia as it works to implement the law in advance of the effective date of most of its provisions (October 1, 2019). Child welfare experts have stressed that FFPSA is a watershed moment in the field, in that it presents an opportunity to restructure the system to help intervene with families before a child must be removed from the home.

VACo [reported on FFPSA in County Connections](#) earlier this year, and has been working with the state to prepare to implement the new law.

Major elements of FFPSA include:

- Federal foster care funding (provided through Title IV-E of the Social Security Act) may be used for prevention services for the first time. Historically, IV-E funding was only allowed to be used for maintenance payments (for expenses such as food, clothing, and school supplies) for children who had been removed from their homes. Prevention services are allowed to be funded without regard to income, although the existing income requirements remain for maintenance funding.
- Prevention services may be provided for up to 12 months for services such as mental health care, substance abuse treatment, and in-home parenting skills programs. Funding may be provided for children who are at imminent risk of entering foster care, but can remain safely at home or in kinship care.
- Prevention services funded through FFPSA must be evidence-based and classified as “promising,” “supported,” or “well-supported,” based on a clearinghouse that is expected to be released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services by the end of 2018. At least 50 percent of the expenditures reimbursed through FFPSA must be spent on “well-supported” practices beginning in FY 2020.
- The state will be subject to a maintenance of effort requirement based on 2014 spending on services for candidates for foster care. States are responsible for determining this spending level.
- FFPSA limits the use of IV-E maintenance payments for congregate care (after a two-week grace period) to certain specialized placements or “Qualified Residential Treatment Programs,” which must meet certain standards set forth in FFPSA, including accreditation by certain organizations.

Virginia is using a “Three Branch” approach to implementing FFPSA, a structure that allows for participation by the legislative, executive, and judicial branches and has been used successfully in past efforts to improve the child welfare system in Virginia. The team has broken into several work groups. Major issues under discussion include:

- How to calculate Virginia’s maintenance of effort level
- Defining the population that will be eligible for prevention services by being at “imminent risk” of entering foster care
- Determining providers’ ability to meet the requirements of the new law, either by being prepared to offer evidence-based practices for prevention services (which often require particular training, credentialing, or licensure for staff) or to meet the requirements of a “Qualified Residential Treatment Program” for group homes or residential placements. The Department of Juvenile Justice recently worked with providers to build capacity to offer two evidence-based practices for family therapy in most localities in Virginia, which involved assisting providers with “seed money” to ensure that providers were in compliance with the stipulations of the therapeutic models.
- Determining what resources are needed at the state and local level for implementation, to include technical support and training resources for localities.

The Three Branch team is working toward an expected implementation date of October 2019, although the law allows for states to request a two-year delay. The delay would apply to the limitations on the use of IV-E funding for congregate care, but would also delay the state’s ability to use IV-E funding for prevention services.

VACo Contact: [Katie Boyle](#)

# Study of Special Education Private Day Program Rates Underway



Budget language included in the 2018 Appropriations Act directed the Office of Children's Services (OCS) to contract for a study of the current rates paid to providers for special education private day placements funded through the Children's Services Act. The study is to include a review of the adequacy of current rates as well as recommendations for implementing a rate-setting structure for these services. OCS has contracted with Public Consulting Group, Inc. (PCG) to conduct the study, and held a series of meetings with stakeholders earlier this week to present an overview of the study plan. Local government representatives, including CSA coordinators, senior county administration staff, VACo, and VML, participated in a meeting on October 29.

An interim report is due to the Governor and the "money committee" chairs by December 1, 2018, and PCG's team of consultants reported to meeting attendees on October 29 that this document will include a review of how rates for similar services are addressed in other states, to include how costs are allocated between state and local governments and school divisions. The second phase of the report, which is due July 1, 2019, will include a study of provider costs in Virginia and a recommended rate-setting methodology. Providers will be asked to provide data on personnel, administrative, and other costs, to include items such as staff salaries and benefits, equipment, training and licensing, and insurance. This data will be used to develop rate options, which will be shared with stakeholders in another series of meetings, and then a final report will be provided to OCS. PCG's slides from its presentation at the October 29 meeting are available [here](#).

Several CSA coordinators in attendance pointed out that rate-setting alone may not lead to lower expenditures, since length of stay in a program is also a factor in overall spending, and suggested that daily rates may not be indicative of overall cost-effectiveness, if programs that are more costly on a daily basis are able to serve children more effectively and assist them in returning to their local school division more promptly. OCS staff suggested that a parallel effort undertaken this summer to develop outcome measures for private day placements will help in comparing results for programs. Some concern was also expressed that a rate structure established in the future might be a way for the state to limit its participation in CSA by funding services only at the set rate, with any additional costs to be funded by the locality if a provider refused to accept that rate and the services were required by a child's Individualized Education Program (IEP). VACo has been supportive of exploring potential benefits of a rate-setting structure, and will be closely monitoring the study as it progresses.

VACo Contact: [Katie Boyle](#)



## 2018 Virginia Associations of Counties Conference

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# Virginia County Supervisors' Manual Eighth Edition



Release date and pre-order information will be announced in upcoming issues of County Connections.

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## Teresa Knott Appointed Prince George County Clerk



Longtime Deputy Clerk Teresa Holt Knott has been appointed Clerk to the Prince George Board of Supervisors (BOS).

Knott was sworn into the office on October 19 during a reception in the Kines Breakroom. She had been Deputy Clerk to the BOS and Executive Assistant to the County Administrator since August 2004.

At its meeting on October 9, the BOS changed the County ordinance and named Knott the Clerk. County Administrator Percy Ashcraft by state statute had previously been the County Clerk, but the BOS unanimously made the change upon the recommendation by Ashcraft.

"It was time," Ashcraft said. "Teresa has handled the responsibilities of Clerk since she was hired and has done a tremendous job. She does the day-to-day work of the position so she should have the title."

Knott is a native of Prince George County and a PGHS graduate. She attended Old Dominion Business School and received her certification as Legal Administrative Assistant. She is currently working on her Certification of Municipal Clerk.

Knott attended the Old Dominion University College of Business and Public Administration Municipal Clerk Institute, and recently attended the Virginia Commonwealth University Municipal Clerk Institute this fall.

Prior to her employment with Prince George County, she was a legal assistant in Richmond for 19 years, 14 years at McGuire Woods.

Knott is married to Bobby Knott and the couple has two children, Hunter, 25, and Hannah, 20.

# 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Update



If you are attending VACo's Annual Conference, here are some helpful suggestions to make your time at The Omni Homestead run smoothly. Please call 804.788.6652 with questions.

## UPON ARRIVAL

Check-in time for your room is 4 p.m.

Valet parking is included in the 15 percent daily charge that is automatically added to your room rate.

When you arrive, please remember that bellmen and doormen work for tips and are not compensated through any service fees collected by the hotel. These individuals should be rewarded at the guest's discretion for their superior service.

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- The doormen will give each guest a luggage ticket that you should take to the front desk where you will check-in.
- You will need a credit card, a photo ID and your luggage claim ticket.
- If your room **is** ready, you will receive your room keys and hotel ID cards and the bellman will deliver your luggage to your room.
- If your room **is not** ready, you will receive a temporary ID card for charging purposes. Luggage will be stored until your room is ready.
- Please provide a cell phone number if you would like to be called when your room is available.
- Luggage delivery will take approximately 20 minutes, but can vary depending on the flow of guests arriving around the same time.

## UPON DEPARTURE

Checkout time is noon.

To order your car for departure:

- Call the Transportation Department directly at Ext. 57711.
- Allow 15 minutes for your car to be delivered at the front drive. Please keep in mind that peak departure is between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and you may experience a wait.
- As a reminder, the hotel is unable to leave cars unattended in front of the resort, due to the flow of arrivals and departures. Please call for your car when you are ready to depart.

Luggage pick up:

- Please call the bellman directly by pressing the "Bellman Button" on your guest room phone, or dialing Ext. #57571.
- Place luggage inside your guest room by the door for the bellman.
- Your luggage may be retrieved on the front porch.
- Please speak to a doormen for assistance with departure, and notify them if you have golf clubs to load.

Checkout:

- You will receive a copy of your charges under your door the last night of your stay.
- You may leave your Express Checkout card (located in your key packet) at the Front Desk in the Express Checkout Box (keys may be dropped in the box).
- You may check out directly with the front desk. Please keep in mind that peak departure is between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and you may experience an extended wait time.

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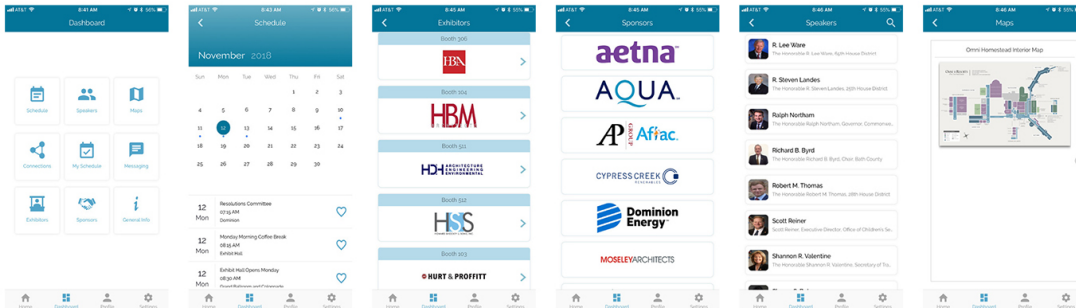
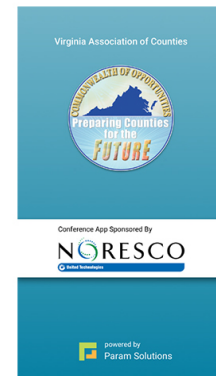
The Mobile App provides all kinds of useful information to help you navigate the Annual Conference. It also allows you to create a personal schedule, access exhibitor and sponsor information as well as network with other attendees.

[Click here](#) for instructions to download the app and how to set it up.

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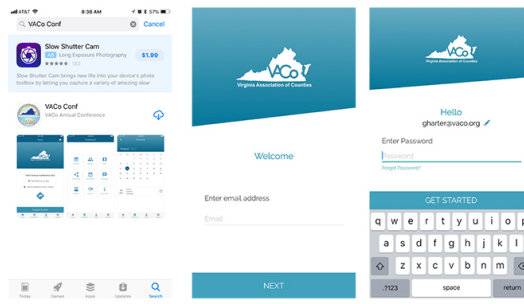
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## **Webinar for Local Officials on Transition to “Next Generation” 911**

2 pm | Wednesday, November 7



As Virginia makes the transition from analog to digital technology for 911 service calls, each locally administered emergency call center will need to complete certain infrastructure upgrades. While the state is paying the capital costs for replacement and upgrades (including connectivity upgrades such as installation of fiber), some of the 119 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) programs will need to significantly increase their monthly operation payments. To help localities, the 911 Services Board will cover the increases in monthly operation payments for the first 24 months after the next generation service becomes operational for each PSAP program.

The Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA), staff to the 911 Services Board, is assisting localities with this transition. As part of their outreach to local governing bodies they are offering the following informational webinar:

*VITA ISP staff will be hosting an informational webinar titled “NG9-1-1 the Next Steps, Options, and Your Decisions.” Now that the migration proposals based on the Fairfax County contract have been delivered, it is time for each PSAP and locality to consider their options and decide how they would like to proceed with next generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1). In this webinar we will provide a brief overview summary of how Virginia has gotten to this point and helpful suggestions how a PSAP may want to proceed with making the NG9-1-1 decision. We will cover the most frequent questions we heard when presenting the migrations proposals and details about next steps. If local decision makers have not yet been brought in the discussion about NG9-1-1, this will be a good webinar for them to also attend to understand the background and the process going forward.*

**Specific information is as follows:**

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, November 7, 2018, at 2 p.m.

**Call in information:** 1.866.842.5779, PIN 8248087601, and when it's time, [join the meeting](#).

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Voting credentials for the November 2018 VACo Annual Business Meeting, scheduled for 9 a.m. on November 13, have been sent to each county.

Please return these at your earliest convenience. You may email the credentials form back to VACo or fax it to 804.788.0083.

If you have questions or need a copy, please contact Vicky Steinruck ([vsteinruck@vaco.org](mailto:vsteinruck@vaco.org)) or Valerie Russell ([vrussell@vaco.org](mailto:vrussell@vaco.org)).



# VACo Presents Achievement Awards at Board of Supervisors Meetings



Congratulations to Arlington County (top left), Henrico County (top right), Fairfax County (center), Pittsylvania County (bottom left), and Prince William County.



## VACo releases 2019 Preliminary Legislative Program



VACo has released its [2019 Preliminary Legislative Program](#), which was drafted through VACo's steering committee process. The document includes a host of important and timely proposed policy statements including language pertaining to K-12 education funding, local taxing authority, stormwater regulations, land use planning, transportation, broadband, health and human resources and other local budget and legislative issues.

Please click on the link to read the [2019 Preliminary Legislative Program](#).

The 2019 Legislative Program will be adopted during the [VACo Annual Conference](#) on November 11-13 in Bath County.

VACo's seven steering committees will finalize and adopt their policy sections on Sunday, November 11. The Resolutions Committee will ratify the Legislative Program on Monday, November 12. VACo's membership will vote to adopt the Final Legislative Program on Tuesday, November 13.

VACo members are encouraged to continue to add their input to this document by working through their county's legislative process and the VACo steering committee process to put forward suggested changes to VACo's 2019 Legislative Program.

For questions regarding VACo's legislative process, contact Dean Lynch at [dlynch@vaco.org](mailto:dlynch@vaco.org) or 804.343.2511.

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## VACo Associate Member BCWH to join Quinn Evans Architects



Shown above, left to right: Charles Piper, AIA, LEED AP, Rob Comet, AIA, LEED AP, Roger Richardson, AIA, REFP, QEA Exec VP Alyson Steele, AIA, LEED AP, Syd Knight, ASLA, QEA President Larry Barr, FAIA, Charles Tilley, AIA, REFP, LEED AP, Chuck Wray, AIA, LEED AP

**Quinn Evans Architects, one of the nation’s leading architectural firms specializing in planning, design, and historic preservation, has announced that BCWH, a 34-person architectural firm based in Richmond, Va., will join its organization effective October 30.**

Quinn Evans Architects, one of the nation’s leading architectural firms specializing in planning, design, and historic preservation, has announced that BCWH, a 34-person architectural firm based in Richmond, Va., will join its organization effective October 30. Founded in 1986, BCWH has an extensive portfolio in K-12 schools, higher education facilities, libraries, and other civic projects throughout Virginia and campus planning experience across the mid-Atlantic. The firm was recognized with the 2008 Fitz-Gibbon Virginia Firm of the Year Award from AIA Virginia.

BCWH will remain in its current location at 1840 West Broad Street, creating a sixth office for Quinn Evans Architects. The firm also maintains offices in Washington, D.C.; Baltimore, Md.; Ann Arbor and Detroit, Mi.; and Madison, Wi. Charles D. Piper, AIA, LEED AP, a firm principal who has been with BCWH since 1998, will serve as office director of the Richmond office.

“We have worked closely with BCWH’s talented team of architects and landscape architects over the past two years through our association on projects for VCU. They offer deep expertise in the design of 21st-century learning environments, as well as libraries and other civic settings. We have admired their thoughtful approach to design and the strong relationships they have developed with their clients.” - [Larry Barr, FAIA](#), President, Quinn Evans Architects

The deal will expand the presence of Quinn Evans Architects in Virginia, where the firm has completed several projects and is currently overseeing design initiatives in Richmond for Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) as well as the renovation of the historic Old City Hall for the Virginia Department of General Services. Quinn Evans Architects has also completed K-12 and university projects in Northern Virginia and has worked extensively at Mount Vernon in Alexandria and Ferry Farm in Stafford County.

BCWH, which will operate under the Quinn Evans Architects name, is highly regarded for its expertise in educational facility and library design and its professionals regularly present nationally on trends in libraries and learning environments. The firm has completed numerous projects for VCU, including the new Institute for Contemporary Art as architect of record with Steven Holl Architects, the Academic Learning Commons, and two campus master plans. BCWH has teamed with Quinn Evans Architects on two other notable projects at VCU: the university’s cultural landscape master plan and an adaptive use study for the West Hospital on the MCV campus.

Other BCWH academic clients include the University of Richmond, the College of William and Mary, Randolph Macon College, Roanoke College, and Shenandoah University. The firm has also completed new construction, renovation, and master planning projects for public school systems in Henrico, Chesterfield, Fluvanna, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Albemarle, Hanover, and Powhatan counties, as well as the City of Richmond. In association with Tappe Architects, BCWH designed the new Varina Area Library in Henrico County, which was recognized nationally with a 2017 Library Building Award from the American Institute of Architects/American Library Association.

“Quinn Evans Architects has one of the foremost practices in civic architecture in the country, with a strong portfolio in historic preservation, adaptive use, and complex renovations. By joining forces, we are able to bring a greater range of resources and experience to our clients here in Virginia. Our market expertise and client-driven cultures are very much in alignment.” - [Robert E. Comet, Jr., AIA, LEED AP](#), founding partner of BCWH

# Virginia Medicaid Expansion Q&A by DMAS

**Who will be covered under the new eligibility rules for Virginia Medicaid?** Beginning January 1, 2019, Virginia adults are eligible for coverage if they are between the ages of 19 to 64, meet income requirements and are not eligible for Medicare. Under the new guidelines, a single adult making at or below \$16,750 annually may be eligible. A parent in a family of three with a household income at or below \$28,700 may also qualify. For more information about income requirements, visit [coverva.org](http://coverva.org) and check out the [Eligibility Screening Tool](#) to see if you or someone you know might meet the income requirement.

**How many people will benefit from the new eligibility rules for Medicaid?** New Medicaid eligibility rules will give up to 400,000 Virginia adults access to health coverage.

**What services are included in the coverage?** Hospital stays, primary care doctors, specialists, prescriptions, mental health services, addiction treatment and many more.

**When does the new coverage begin?** Coverage begins January 1, 2019.

**How can people apply for coverage?** We hope to begin accepting applications for the new coverage before January 1, 2019. Information on when adults can begin applying for the new coverage will be available soon on [coverva.org](http://coverva.org). Individuals can also sign up on [coverva.org](http://coverva.org) to receive the latest updates by text or email, including updates on when adults can begin applying for the new coverage.

You can review all of the ways to apply for Medicaid by phone, online, or in person, by visiting our website at [coverva.org](http://coverva.org).

**1. By phone:** Cover Virginia call center at 1.855.242.8282 (TDD: 1.888.221.1590)

**2. Online:** Visit [commonhelp.virginia.gov](http://commonhelp.virginia.gov) OR [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov)

**3. In Person:** Visit your local department of social services agency in your community. You can search for the agency location in your community by visiting [coverva.org](http://coverva.org).

**How is DMAS working with local departments of social services to improve the eligibility and enrollment process?** DMAS eligibility and enrollment leaders recently collaborated with Department of Social Services officials on detailed informational sessions for 300 local department of social services staff, and DMAS is continuing that collaboration for a series of similar meetings across the state this fall.

**How is DMAS working with our local community services boards (CSBs) to ensure that they are able to provide behavioral health services and receive reimbursements promptly?** The CSBs are well positioned to continue to be one of our most important partners in serving Medicaid members. Most CSBs in Virginia are in-network providers in all six of the health plans that will serve our new adult members as well as existing members. CSBs will **not** need to obtain new contracts to serve the new adult enrollees. The processes that the CSBs use today for current Medicaid members will be the same for the new adults. The primary impact of this change for CSBs will be an increase in the number of individuals covered by Medicaid and a decrease in the number of individuals who pay out-of-pocket for care. We know from other states that have already expanded adult Medicaid eligibility that public mental health providers are able to generate new revenues, as a larger percentage of their clients have coverage.

CSBs are an important partner in our work to provide coverage to Virginians, and we see that partnership growing stronger. We are planning a series of town halls this fall specifically for our CSB partners so that we can share information and support CSBs as they train staff to assist with enrollment. We are committed to working closely with the CSBs so they can help their eligible patients enroll in Medicaid and gain coverage. We want to give CSBs the support they need to enroll all of their eligible clients and be ready to bill Medicaid for services for the newly eligible adults on January 1, 2019.

**How will local jails be affected by the new coverage?** Jails have historically been able to bill Medicaid for incarcerated individuals who require hospitalization and who are eligible for coverage. Now, a larger percentage of the incarcerated population will be eligible for coverage of hospitalizations. We also are working with state, regional and local officials to streamline the process for accepting and processing applications for individuals as part of the pre-release process.

**What is the status of Virginia's § 1115 Waiver request and when will that take effect?** We remain focused on the work necessary to ensure that new health coverage for Virginia adults is available beginning on January 1, 2019. Developing a waiver is a separate, ongoing process, as described in the state budget, and the development of the waiver proposal remains on schedule for submission this fall. The state budget clearly envisions that new coverage for adults will begin on January 1, 2019, when the waiver is still under development, and that sequence of events remains unchanged.

**What is the cost of Medicaid expansion in Virginia?** Expanding coverage in the Commonwealth will result in state budget savings. The state budget anticipates a net savings to the state of \$355 million for fiscal years 2019-20, and Virginia will benefit from an additional \$2.4 billion in new federal funds that will go directly to health care providers for the care they give to the newly covered adults. Now, Virginia can obtain new federal funds for behavioral health services and other health-related costs that were previously paid through state tax dollars. Virginians are expected to see savings in areas including temporary detention orders, services for some pregnant women, coverage for inpatient hospital care and behavioral health services at CSBs, and indigent care payments.

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS HONOR PAUL M. MAHONEY

*2018 EDWARD J. FINNEGAN AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE*



**Paul M. Mahoney, former  
Roanoke County Attorney,  
acknowledging receiving  
the Local Government  
Attorneys of Virginia  
Edward J. Finnegan Award  
for Distinguished Service.**

The Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, Inc. (LGA), awarded its highest honor, the Edward J. Finnegan Award for Distinguished Service, to Paul M. Mahoney, former County Attorney for the County of Roanoke, at its recently concluded annual fall conference in Leesburg, VA.

The Finnegan Award recognizes Paul Mahoney for his significant and sustained contributions to Virginia local government law and LGA. Mr. Mahoney served as the County's chief counsel for 21 years, retiring at the end of 2015. Prior to that he was the County Attorney for Montgomery County. Currently, Mr. Mahoney is of counsel with Guynn, Waddell, Carroll & Lockaby, P.C., in Salem.

At the presentation ceremony, Mr. Mahoney was lauded as a "throwback to a time when local government attorneys were general practitioners of municipal law." As a result of the breadth and depth of his expertise, Paul's counsel was eagerly sought by colleagues throughout the state. Mr. Mahoney was very active in LGA over the years, serving on LGA's Board of Directors and many of its standing and ad hoc committees.

LGA promotes common interests and an exchange of information among its members on legal issues that are particularly relevant to Virginia's counties, cities, and towns. The LGA's member services include conferences, a legal handbook, a monthly newsletter, and other services intended to inform and enhance the practice of local government.



**Award Categories**

- Youth Volunteer
- Adult Volunteer
- Senior Volunteer
- Family Volunteer
- Corporation
- Small Business
- Faith-Based Organization
- Educational Institution
- Community Organization



**Winners will be honored by the governor at a special ceremony in the spring.**

<http://virginiashelp.virginia.gov/volunteering/governors-volunteerism-awards/>

**The deadline for nominations is December 25, 2018**



*Do you know someone who is always putting others first? How about an organization or business that never hesitates to help out whenever there's a problem in the community? The **Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Awards** are presented in each of the categories listed on the left. The nine outstanding award winners represent the millions of generous Virginians who offer their time and talents to others each year. The Governor's Advisory Board on Service and Volunteerism, the Virginia Service Foundation, and the Virginia Office on Volunteerism and Community Services are honored to assist the Governor in selecting and recognizing these volunteers.*





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The Hotel Roanoke and  
Conference Center

You are invited to join Governor Ralph Northam at the statewide Governor's Infrastructure Financing Conference at The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, Roanoke, Virginia. The conference is designed to bring together government and private sector professionals in discussions that will help facilitate the planning and delivery of much-needed capital improvement projects across Virginia. The conference is being hosted by Governor Ralph Northam and the Virginia Resources Authority.

The conference will highlight state funding resources available for capital improvement projects focusing on the health and safety of communities. Particular emphasis will be given to funding resources aimed at promoting economic development and job-creation opportunities for Virginians, including tourism. Informative sessions highlighting various sources of funding, including private financing of public infrastructure, public-private partnerships, state and federal loans and grants, bank loans, etc. will be provided as well as the very basics of planning capital projects and developing financial policies that support capital improvement needs. Participants will have the opportunity to earn Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits as well.

In addition to attracting local and state elected and appointed officials, the Governor's Infrastructure Financing Conference may also attract public finance professionals such as bankers, financial advisors, accountants, and attorneys, as well as engineers, builders, consultants, and other professionals who assist local communities in planning and implementing capital improvement projects. This will allow attendees an opportunity to network with professionals who may be able to help with their infrastructure financing needs.

We hope that you will be a part of this exciting event.

For more information, please contact

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# Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council

## 2018 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (FOIA) “RECORDS” TRAINING

November 7 | November 14

The Commonwealth of Virginia’s Freedom of Information Advisory Council will conduct its 2018 FOIA “Records” training in Richmond starting July 25. The training sessions will be held at the Pocahontas Building located at 900 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219, near the Virginia State Capitol.

Citizens, media representatives, public officials, and public employees with an interest in learning more about access to public records under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) are invited to register for this free training presentation. The presentation will provide an overview of the legal requirements regarding access to public records under FOIA, including what is a public record, how to make a public records request, how to respond to records requests, information on exemptions from mandatory disclosure, and the remedies available should a violation occur.

The training sessions are scheduled for November 7 and November 14. Each session will provide 1.5 hours of continuing legal education credit for attorneys, and will also count as the required annual training for FOIA officers.

For registration information, check the FOIA Council’s website at <http://foiacouncil.dls.virginia.gov/foiacouncil.htm> OR contact the FOIA Council directly at 866.448.4100.

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# employment opportunities



The Virginia Association of Counties accepts employment ads in a PDF file or a link to a job site. Please include information for applying, and a link to other important information. Please do not fax your employment ad. VACo members are not charged for placing an employment ad. The cost is \$50 per ad for non-VACo members. VACo publishes the ad on its website and mobile app as well as the upcoming County Connections issue. If you have any questions or concerns, please email [Valerie Russell](mailto:Valerie.Russell@vacounty.org).



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