



Virginia Association of Local Human Services Officials

VALHSO

2024 FALL CONFERENCE AGENDA

September 30 -October 1, 2024

DAY 1 Monday September 30, 2024

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions

- Lesley Abashian, President, VALHSO, Director of Human Services, City of Fairfax
- Ginger Blount-Moore, Assistant City Manager, City of Newport News

9:10 a.m. Strategies for Preventing and Ending Homelessness in Arlington County

- Dr. Brooke Hammond Perez, Arlington County DHS, Economic Independence, Division Director

10:15 a.m. Health and Human Resources (HHR) - Updates

- Dr. Alexis Aplasca, MD, FAAP, FAPA, Senior Clinical Advisor, Behavioral Health Transformation, and Chief Clinical Officer, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

11:15 p.m. Juvenile Justice Today

- **A day in the life of a local juvenile detention center director**
 - Gina Mingee – Executive Director, Merrimac Juvenile Detention Center, Williamsburg
- **Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Consolidation Workgroup -Updates**
 - Katie Boyle – Deputy Director, Virginia Association of Counties
 - Janet Areson – Director of Policy Development, Virginia Municipal League

12:15 p.m. Lunch break – Virginia Social Services Update

- Nikole Cox, VDSS Director, Division of Family Services

1:00 p.m. Continued Homelessness Discussion - A Chance to Shine - How to Design a Resilient Workforce

Collaborative program for individuals experiencing homelessness. How to train these clients to get hired for city jobs.

- Traci Snell, Chief of Homelessness and Community Initiatives, City of Newport News

2:00 p.m. VA Medicaid Updates and Efforts to Improve Behavioral Health Services

- Jeff Lunardi, Chief Deputy Director, Department of Medical Assistance Services

3:15 p.m. Workforce Challenges and State Efforts

- William Hazel, CEO, Claude Moore Opportunities
- Deputy Secretary Lizbeth White, Virginia Department of Labor

4:15 p.m. Adjourn

Day 2 Tuesday October 1, 2024

9:00 a.m. OPIOID DISCUSSION Part 1

Local Project Examples

- Jennifer Patterson, OAA Administrator, Chesterfield County
- Lauren Lystad, Outreach Services Supervisor, Chesterfield CSB

OPIOID DISCUSSION Part 2

Opioid Reversal Agents 101 & Virginia's Naloxone Distribution Program

- Gretchen Dunne, Partnerships Coordinator, Naloxone Distribution, Division of Pharmacy Services, Office of Epidemiology, Virginia Department of Health

11:00 a.m. Marcus Alert Implementation: Updates and Lessons learned

- Claudia Sparks, Marcus Alert Liaison, Virginia Beach Department of Human Services- BHDS

12:00 p.m. LUNCH

12:30-1:30 p.m. VALHSO Business Meeting

1. Presentation of Officer Slate and Membership vote
2. Treasurer's report
3. Membership input into 2025 planning, including Winter Legislative Day and Fall 2025 conference
4. Legislative concerns for 2025 legislative session
5. Final remarks