

Virginia Addiction and Recovery Council

August 17, 2023 1:00-3:00 P.M.

Physical Location: Virginia Association of Community Services Boards (VACSB)

10128 West Broad Street #B

Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

Senator John Bell, Chair

Victor McKenzie, Jr., Secretary

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS..... John Bell, Senator, Chair

II. Review of Minutes from July 13, 2023

III. Old Business

a. Consideration of an electronic communications policy

****VIDEO STARTS**

b. Solicitation of nominees for 2024 VARC Chair

i. Vote in December meeting

IV. New Business

a. Presentation- Virginia Cannabis Control Authority- Brianna Bonat & Jake Shuford,
Health Policy & Data, CCA

i. CCA's roles: Regulator, Policy Advisor, Educator

1. Implements policies made by elected officials.

ii. Discussed what is legal and illegal.

iii. Discussed the complexities of the legislation surrounding cannabis.

iv. Can use tax dollars generated around sales of cannabis towards recovery efforts- right now it is 25% goes towards recovery.

v. Discussed the need for cannabis education, prevention, and budget in

schools.

- vi. Discussed cannabis use and the workplace.
- vii. Discussed 2023 Legislative Updates.
- viii. Discussed the Virginia Medical Cannabis Program
- ix. Slide and VDACS information to be sent out.

b. Legislative/Budget – new and changes

- i. We do not have a budget yet. Minutes from previous meeting stand.

c. Quorum Policy.....Nathanael Rudney, DBHDS

- i. Adding new members increases physical in-person quorum needed to vote.
 - 1. Lower threshold to 40%, 50% to change any council policies.
- ii. Motion to vote on policy as presented. Motion was seconded. Policy was approved unanimously.

d. Planning for remaining meetings in 2023- December 7

- i. Peers in carceral settings- possible presentation option

e. Solicitation for nominations for secretary.

V. Public Comment

VI. Adjournment