

Virginia Addiction & Recovery Council (VARC)

April 10, 2025 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

**Physical Location: Virginia Department of Social Services 5600 Cox Rd
Glen Allen, Virginia 23060 - 1st Floor Conf Rms**

**Victor McKenzie Jr., Chair
Del. Adele McClure, Secretary**

I. Welcome And Introductions.....*Victor McKenzie Jr., Chair A.*

Attendance: All present members introduced themselves

II. Review of Minutes from December 5, 2024 Meeting.....*Victor McKenzie Jr., Chair*

Motion to accept by Victor. Motion seconded. Vote was unanimously approved.

III. Old Business

A. Opportunity for members of VARC to share summary of legislative changes or budget amendments from their respective districts or agencies....*Victor McKenzie Jr., Chair*

- CSBs were informed that ARPA/Covid relief funding was cut on March 24th, resulting in employee terminations and loss of SUD services in schools; there are currently no private SUD providers in our schools

IV. New Business

A. Opportunity for members of VARC to debrief on changes to federal executive and impact on state agencies, organizations, and constituencies.....*Victor McKenzie Jr., Chair*

- Speaker Don Scott has created an Emergency Committee to study the potential impacts of cuts to the federal civilian workforce and programs and ensure the General Assembly can adopt measures to protect Virginia families and mitigate impacts to the state budget
 - Committee will be meeting in various locations across the Commonwealth; all are encouraged to join and submit comments
- MARCUS Alert bill did not receive funding initially promised

B. Presentation from Virginia Association of Community Services Boards (VACSB)-
Program Overview.....*Lenelle Mozell & Tim May- VACSB Board of Directors*

- VACSB Staff Introductions
 - Executive Director: Jennifer Faison
 - Public Policy Manager: Ariel DeVoy
 - Admin/Training Specialist: Camryn Miller
 - Operations Specialist: Valerie Long
 - Administrative Assistant: Bonnie Stamm
- Mission: achieve a publicly-funded system of quality public and private services in Virginia that is responsive to the needs of individuals with behavioral health and I/DD needs, and their families
- VACSB has 10 Councils:
 - Children and Family Services
 - Developmental Services
 - Emergency Services
 - Mental Health Services
 - Prevention Services
 - Regional Programs and Services
 - Substance Use Disorder Services
 - Finance Directors
 - Human Resource Directors
 - Quality Leadership
- VACSB has 8 Committees:
 - Administrative Policy
 - Finance
 - Public Policy
 - Regulatory
 - Services Development
 - Quality and Outcomes
 - Training and Development
- Each year, VACSB produces 2 major publications:
 - The Public Policy Brochure is designed to briefly outline how the CSBs assist those in need and what is on the horizon for the coming year
 - The Annual Report is a compilation of stories and innovations from each CSB along with extensive data derived from CCS3 reporting and compiled by DBHDS

- October Public Policy Conference will be an opportunity to hear from elected officials about their legislative priorities for Session

C. [CANCELLED] Presentation from Kolmac Outpatient Recovery Centers.....

Anton Kuznetson & Genevieve King

D. [CANCELLED] Presentation from Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA)... *Kelly Cannon CEO*

V. Public Comment (5-minute speaking limit)

VI. Adjournment

- **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, June 12th at 1PM