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Present

Understanding and Implementing Virginia's Revised Health Care Decisions Act

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Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
Office of the Attorney General of Virginia

Purpose:

Virginia's Health Care Decisions Act was amended by the 2009 General Assembly to increase opportunities for individuals to make health care decisions in advance directives and otherwise to clarify and streamline the requirements of the Act. The legislation was developed based on a recommendation of the Supreme Court's Commission on Mental Health Law Reform, chaired by Professor Richard Bonnie of the University of Virginia Law School and Director of the Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy.

The main objective of the new legislation is to empower people to guide decisions about their health care if they lose decision-making capacity due to mental health conditions or neurological disorders such as dementia. The revised statute also prescribes procedures for assessing decision-making capacity, addresses special situations where a patient who lacks decision-making capacity protests a care recommendation, clarifies procedures for revoking advance directives, and protects decision-makers and providers who act in good faith to carry out patient directions.

If these changes are to be successfully implemented, it is important for health care providers and practitioners to understand their purpose, meaning and implications. Not only do health care providers carry out the instructions that patients give about their care, but they also are required under federal law to inform patients about their health care decision-making rights. This program will educate providers about the new law, with the guidance and insight of a faculty of experts with many years of experience in applying the Health Care Decisions Act, many of whom helped to draft the 2009 revisions. The sessions also will give providers an opportunity to give feedback about ways to improve the legislation going forward.

Target Audience:

Acute care, behavioral health, long-term care, home care and hospice programs and organizations, including their chief executive officers and administrators, medical and nursing leadership and staff, legal counsel, risk managers, chaplains, ethics committee members, and social workers.

Agenda:

8:15 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions
9:15 a.m.	Overview and Changes in the Law
10:30 a.m.	BREAK
10:45 a.m.	Advance Planning and Facilitation
12 noon	Lunch provided
1:00 p.m.	Capacity Determination
2:15 p.m.	BREAK
2:30 p.m.	Special Issues – Treatment of Persons with Psychiatric Conditions or Dementia
3:30 p.m.	Questions and Suggestions for Improving the Law and its Implementation
4:00 p.m.	Adjourn

Participating Faculty will include:

Professor Richard Bonnie, University of Virginia Law School
Professor Bruce Cohen, M.D., Univ. of Va. Department of Psychiatry and Neurobehavioral Sciences
Jane Hickey, Esq. and Karen DeSousa, Esq., Office of the Attorney General of Virginia
Nathan Kottkamp, Esq., McGuire Woods
James Martinez, Virginia, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services
Steve Rosenthal, Esq., Troutman Sanders
Michael Valente, M.D., Shenandoah Neurological Associates
Susan Ward, Esq., Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association

Continuing Education Credits:

Continuing Medical Education and Continuing Education Units: Continuing Medical Education and Continuing Education Units: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint sponsorship of the University of Virginia School of Medicine and the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services with the Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy of the University of Virginia. The University of Virginia School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The University of Virginia School of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 5.5 hours in AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The University of Virginia School of Medicine awards 0.1 CEU per contact hour to each non-physician participant who successfully completes this educational activity. The CEU (Continuing Education Unit) is a nationally recognized unit of measure for continuing education and training activities that meet specific educational planning requirements. The Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy maintains a permanent record of participants who have been awarded CEUs.

Nurses also may be interested in this continuing education.

Continuing Legal Education: This course has been approved for 5.0 credit hours including (0) credit hours for Ethics by the Virginia Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board. Accreditation of this program is approved through October 31, 2009.

Continuing Education for Psychologists and Others: The Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy at the University of Virginia (ILPPP-UVA) is approved by the American Psychological Association to offer continuing education for psychologists. ILPPP-UVA maintains responsibility for the program and its content. APA accreditation standards require full participation in the program in order to seek continuing education credit. Other professionals also may be interested in this continuing education.

Continuing Education for Healthcare Executives: VHREF is authorized to award 5 hours of pre-approved Category II (non-ACHE) continuing education credits for each session of this program toward advancement or recertification in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Participants in this program wishing to have the continuing education hours applied toward Category II credit should list their attendance when applying to the American College of Healthcare Executives for advancement or recertification.

Registration Information:

Registration Fee: \$ 175 per person

This fee includes parking, refreshments, lunch, materials and continuing education credit as applicable. Full fee payment must accompany registration. Registration deadline is October 15, 2009.

Cancellations:

A full refund will be made to those registrants notifying VHREF of cancellation by October 15. A \$35 processing fee will be assessed against each refund. No refunds will be made after October 15, but substitutions are welcome. No-shows are subject to the full amount.

The Registration Form can be found at the end of this document. Because of the anticipated high number of attendees, early registration is strongly encouraged!

Conference Site Information:

The Conference will be held at the University of Virginia Law School, 580 Massie Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22903. Specific room information will be available just prior to October 22, 2009.

Parking and Shuttle Bus Information:

Conference parking is available at two sites at the University of Virginia:

The Institute on Aging, 1023 Millmont Street, Charlottesville, VA 22904 (no parking pass needed).

Directions at: <http://www.virginia.edu/aginginstitute/>

John Paul Jones Arena, Main Entrance, 295 Massie Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22903; please obtain a parking pass from the Conference staff person who will be stationed at the Arena's main entrance.

Directions at: <http://www.johnpauljonesarena.com/directions.asp>

A shuttle bus will be on a continuous loop between the Institute on Aging parking lot, the John Paul Jones Arena parking lot, and the University of Virginia Law School to provide transportation to the Conference site. The shuttle will operate between 7:35-9:20 a.m. and 3:40-4:30 p.m.

General Conference parking is not available at the University of Virginia Law School. However the Law School does have handicapped-designated parking. For directions go to: <http://www.law.virginia.edu/html/about/visit.htm>; click on map of school under "Visiting the Law School."

Lodging Information:

A block of overnight rooms has been reserved for October 21, 2009 at the University of Virginia Darden School's Sponsors Executive Residence Center, 100 Darden Blvd., Charlottesville, VA 22906.

(http://www.darden.virginia.edu/html/standard.aspx?menu_id=434&styleid=2&id=14922).

To reserve a room contact the Center's Reservations Department at (434) 243-5000 and identify room block "10/21/09 Institute of Law, Psychiatry & Public Policy." The guest room rate is \$145.00/night. Reservations may be made up to October 21, 2009, however the number of rooms available in the block is limited and early reservation is suggested.

We reserve the right to close the program if oversubscribed.

**** Registration Form ****

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Name: _____ Title: _____

First Name for name badge: _____

Degrees/Credentials: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

**Registration Fee: \$ 175
All registrations must be accompanied by full payment.**

___ Check (payable to VHREF) ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ AmEx

Name of Cardholder: _____

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Card Number: _____ Security Code*: _____

Amount: \$ _____ Expiration Date: _____

*For Visa & MasterCard: three digit number on back of credit card; for American Express: four digit number on face of card.

Conference Registration Deadline: October 15, 2009

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