

**Virginia Coalition for the Prevention of Elder Abuse**  
19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
May 29 – May 31, 2013  
Virginia Beach Resort & Conference Center  
**Conference Agenda**

**Wednesday, May 29, 2013**

**2:00-3:00 Registration**

**3:00-5:00 Workshops**

**Basic-Nuts and Bolts of Elder Abuse Prosecution**

This workshop will provide an introduction to the basics of adult prosecution in cases of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation for those new to the fields of adult protection or abuse prosecution. *Presenters:* Linda Matkins, APS Worker, Shenandoah Valley Department of Social Services- former Recipient of Helen Napps Award; Rachel Hammer, Master Police Officer, Harrisonburg Police Department; Kelli Burnett, Senior Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, Richmond Commonwealth Attorney's Office

**Advanced -Guardianship Law and Practice in Virginia: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly**

This interactive session is targeted to individuals already familiar with Guardian and Conservator Law in Virginia. In addition to prepared remarks and materials from the speaker, attendees will be invited to participate in a frank discussion regarding Guardianship practice in the Commonwealth, including issues such as fiduciary responsibility, reasonableness of fees, procedural safeguards to protect individual autonomy, and restoration of Civil Rights. *Presenter:* Janet James, Esq., Virginia Public Guardian Program Coordinator

**5:30-6:00** Welcome and Orientation for **First Time Attendees and Scholarship Recipients**

**Thursday, May 30, 2013**

**8:00-9:00 Registration**

**9:00-10:30 Welcome**

Lisa Furr, President, VCPEA

**Opening Session: Sexual Violence in Later Life: Stats & Stories**

Clinical and research findings regarding sexual abuse of older adults will be presented. Case examples will illustrate the dynamics of sexual violence in later life and consequences endured by victims. Research findings regarding assaults within the family, the community, and care facilities will convey ways in which professional response to this devastating form of elder abuse can be improved. Policy and practice implications and suggestions will be discussed. *Presenters:* **Pam Teaster**, PhD., Director, Justice Center for Elders and Vulnerable Adults, University of Kentucky; **Holly Ramsey- Klawnsnik**, PhD., Sociologist, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Certified Social Worker with a certificate in gerontology

**10:30-10:45 Refreshment Break**

**10:45-11:45 Opening Session (Continued)**

**12:00-1:45 Luncheon**

**VCPEA Business Meeting, Celebration of 20 years of VCPEA, and Presentation of the Helen Napps Award**

**2:00-3:30 Breakout Session I:**

**A. The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) Elder Abuse and Neglect Squad** In this workshop, we will describe the types of cases investigated by the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in the Virginia Office of the Attorney General, as well as challenges to prosecution of these cases. Case studies will be provided. *Presenters:* Joseph E.H. Atkinson, Chief of Elder Abuse Investigations; Elizabeth Hudnall, Nurse Investigator-Health Care Fraud and Elder Abuse Section, Virginia Office of the Attorney General

**B. Navigating the Legal System with Older Survivors** Although a person from any social class, race, or age can suffer forms of domestic and sexual violence, elderly victims are among those most vulnerable to such crimes. Unfortunately, crimes committed against elderly victims pose challenges that are not easily addressed by the criminal justice system. This workshop will focus on the unique issues presented by elderly victims and some creative ways to secure justice for them. *Presenters:* Mary Beth Pulsifer, Community Outreach Coordinator, Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley and Erin Little, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, Montgomery County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office

**C. Challenging an Involuntary Nursing Home Discharge** What protection do vulnerable nursing home residents have if the nursing home decides to evict them? What procedures must a facility follow before it can legitimately force someone to move? This session will cover federal and state law protections for nursing home residents, common scenarios and case examples, and practical approaches and defenses to an involuntary discharge or a refusal to readmit after a hospital stay. Come learn how you can be an effective advocate to safeguard a nursing home resident's right to remain in his or her home. *Presenters:* Joani Latimer, Office of the State Ombudsman and Kathy Pryor, Virginia Poverty Law Center.

**3:45-4:00 Break**

**4:00-5:00 Plenary: Super Self-Care for Over-Stressed Trauma Professionals** Professionals handling elder and domestic violence cases are routinely exposed to highly traumatizing material and events. As a result, super self-care is needed but often not practiced by hard-working individuals who are focused on the needs of their clients, their families, and others around them. This session will provide gentle reminders regarding the harmful effects of unmanaged stress and vicarious trauma and the need for all who handle cases involving human cruelty to take super care of themselves. Coping with a highly demanding job, clients with multiple serious unmet needs and conflicting multiple demands will be discussed. *Presenter:* Holly Ramsey- Klawnsnik, PhD., Sociologist, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Certified Social Worker with a certificate in gerontology

**Reception Hosted by VCPEA Hospitality suite to be announced**  
Host, Joyce Walsh

**Friday, May 31, 2013**

8:00-9:00 Light Breakfast provided

**9:00-10:30 Breakout Session II:**

**D. Old Age or Maltreatment? Working with Forensic Nurses in Suspected Maltreatment Cases**

With the rapidly growing aging population, older adult maltreatment is of increasing concern. It is often under recognized and may be life threatening. In this session, the role of the forensic nurse in older adult maltreatment will be explored. Actual case presentations will be reviewed. Based on the request of last year's conference attendees, this is a repeat session from the 2012 Annual VCPEA Conference. *Presenter:* Melissa Harper, MSN, APRN, SANE-A-P Forensic Nurse Examiner, Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital ED FNE Program

**E. Recognizing and Overcoming Deceptive Answers During Interviews**

The objective of the workshop is to provide basic fundamentals on conducting interviews with suspects. This starts with preparation for the interview, location where conducted, recognition of deceptive responses, and ways to overcome them. *Presenter:* Lieutenant Paul Davis, Charlottesville Police Department

**F. Medications and Aging**

This workshop will review the principles of safe and effective medication use in older adults, focusing on medications that may be improperly used and those with side effects that might resemble symptoms of abuse. *Presenter:* Dr. Emily Peron, Pharm.D., MS, VCU School of Pharmacy in Geriatrics

**11:00-12:30 Closing Plenary Session: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau: Protecting Seniors** In this presentation, Mr. Humphrey will talk about the CFPB's Office for Older Americans and its efforts to help Americans 62 and older make sound financial decisions and protect themselves from unfair, deceptive, and abusive practices. *Presenter:* "Skip" Hubert H. Humphrey III, Assistant Director, Office of Financial Protection for Older Americans Consumer Finance Protection Bureau

**12:30 Door prizes and evaluations**

**VCPEA 2013 Annual Conference**  
**Registration Available on the VCPEA website**  
**www.vcpea.org**

Registration deadline is **May 17, 2013**. There are no refunds after this date.  
VCPEA member, conference sponsor, student, senior citizen \$125\_\_\_\_  
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*Note: On-site registration will be \$175 for everyone.*

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There are 37 **Scholarships** available for first time attendees.

Please visit [www.vcpea.org](http://www.vcpea.org) for more information about scholarships and to access the conference brochure.

Scholarship application deadline is 5pm, April 5, 2013. Conference scholarships are made possible in part by Geriatric Training and Education (GTE) funds appropriated by the General Assembly of Virginia and administered by the Virginia Center on Aging at Virginia Commonwealth University.

**ACCOMMODATIONS AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS :**

VCPEA has reserved a block of rooms at the all-suite property Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center at the special rate of \$105.00 a night, single or double occupancy. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel by calling 1-800-468-2722 and requesting the VCPEA conference rate. Reservations must be made by May 17, 2013 in order to receive the conference rate.  
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