

A Conversation: Virginia's Social Services System  
Roles · Responsibilities · Funding  
April 25, 2012

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## Agenda

**Purpose:** To offer an unprecedented opportunity for state and local officials to meet together to analyze our current system structure and how it can best work in the face of changing demographics, technology, federal laws and constrained finances.

### Expected Outcomes For Attendees:

- Share a common understanding of what is meant by state-supervised, locally-administered human services and how the social services system works in Virginia (e.g. funding, roles, and responsibilities).
- Identify what is working well, as well as opportunities for improvement.
- Understand the challenges and opportunities presented by technology.
- Continue the dialogue on improving state and local partnerships.

8:30 – 9:00 AM      **CHECK IN AND COFFEE**

9:00 – 9:15 AM      **WELCOME**  
Commissioner Martin D. Brown  
Virginia Department of Social Services

9:15 – 10:00 AM    **OPENING REMARKS**  
Virginia's Secretary of Health and Human Resources  
William A. Hazel, M.D.

- The enterprise-wide vision for information systems modernization within Virginia's Health and Human Resources Secretariat with an emphasis on its impact on the business and relationship to health system reform.

10:00 – 10:45 AM   **PANEL DISCUSSION**  
Moderator: Bryan Elliott  
Assistant County Executive, Albemarle County

Panelist 1 – Beau Blevins, Government Relations Liaison, Virginia Association  
of Counties  
**The State/Local Relationship**

- A perspective on the state/local relationship in Virginia's social services delivery system.

Panelist 2 – Virginia’s Secretary of Finance, Richard (Ric) D. Brown  
Financial Forecasting On A State/Local Level

Panelist 3 – Allen Wilson, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
State Supervised/Locally Administered  
From The Legal Perspective

- Defining what is meant by state supervised/locally administered.
- Legalities, authorities associated with this implementation system.

10:45 – 11:00 AM **BREAK**

11:00 – 12:00 PM **PANEL DISCUSSION (CONTINUED)**

Panelist 4 – Tracy Wareing, Executive Director  
American Public Human Services Association  
The National Perspective

- Vision and challenges to sustaining the nation’s human services system.

12:00 – 12:15 PM **BREAK**

12:15 – 2:00 PM **WORKING LUNCH - GROUP WORK AT TABLES**  
Facilitators will support participant discussions and capture major themes.

2:00 – 2:30 PM **BREAK**

2:30 – 3:15 PM **GROUP REPORT OUT**  
Groups will report out on their work. Regional Directors will share key themes and ideas.

3:15 – 3:30 PM **WRAP-UP/NEXT STEPS**  
Commissioner Martin D. Brown  
Virginia Department of Social Services

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