

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

# Virginia Coalition for the Prevention of Elder Abuse



**VCPEA 14th Annual Conference**

**May 29-30, 2008**

**Virginia Beach Resort & Conference Center**

**2800 Shore Drive**

**Virginia Beach, VA**

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Prevention of Elder Abuse*  
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### THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2008

8:00-9:00 **REGISTRATION**

9:00-10:30 **WELCOME**

Ed Ansello, PhD, President, VCPEA

#### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS:**

#### ***The Right to Refuse Treatment***

Autonomy for someone with decision-making capacity means the right to make wrong decisions. This session discusses caveats that may affect the validity of a decision being made, case law, exceptions, ethical tough calls, and guidelines for service providers who work with people in jeopardy.

Presenter: Rebecca Bigoney, MD, Director of Medical Ethics, Mary Washington Hospital, Fredericksburg, VA .

10:30-10:45 **REFRESHMENT BREAK**

10:45-12:15 **BREAKOUT SESSION I**

#### **A. FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION: LESSONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, ATTORNEYS, AND SERVICE PROVIDERS**

The Central Virginia Training Alliance to Stop Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation is midway in a three-year DOJ project to train law enforcement and prosecutors. This is an overview of the two-day law enforcement training on financial exploitation, defining it, and identifying relevant statutes, methods used by perpetrators to commit financial exploitation, and unique investigative strategies.

Presenters: Paula Kupstas, PhD, Project Director, and Bill Lightfoot, Law Enforcement Liaison, Virginia Center on Aging, Virginia Commonwealth University

#### **B. HOARDING**

What is hoarding, and why do people collect such odd things and find it hard to let go of what others might consider to be trash? The speaker shares her extensive review of the literature and findings from a study of Adult Protective Services workers across Virginia.

Presenter: Sue Murdock, PhD, Researcher/Evaluator, Partnership for People with Disabilities, Virginia Commonwealth University

#### **C. ENGAGING AND COLLABORATING WITH HEALTH PROFESSIONALS: TIPS FOR GETTING PROVIDERS TO "PAUSE FOR THE CAUSE"**

Health care providers often work long hours and odd shifts, with little time for dialogue or advocacy on issues such as violence and abuse. This interactive session examines innovative yet realistic ideas for engaging health care providers in their communities.

Presenter: Laurie Crawford, MPA, Medical Outreach Coordinator, Division of Injury and Violence Prevention, Virginia Department of Health

12:30-1:45 **LUNCHEON**

2:00-3:30 **BREAKOUT SESSION II**

#### **D. YOUR LIFE, YOUR CHOICE, YOUR HOME: WHAT VIRGINIA'S LONG-TERM SUPPORT SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION MEANS FOR SENIORS, INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, AND YOU**

Three key initiatives (Systems Transformation Grant, Money Follows the Person Demonstration, and State Long-Term Care Profile Tool Grant) are providing the impetus for lasting change to long term support systems, providing quicker access to: supports, planning based

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I am a VCPEA member, conference sponsor,  
student, senior citizen                      \$115     
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You and/or your organization are invited to join VCPEA now; doing this now will also allow you to register at the member's rate:

Individual Membership                      \$35     
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**VCPEA 2008 Annual Conference**  
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P.O. Box 15125  
Chesapeake, Va. 23328

### **3:45-4:45      CONVERSATIONS WITH THE COMMISSIONER**

Visit with Virginia's Commissioner on Aging, Linda Nablo, who has been traveling around the Commonwealth to share and to learn about needs, opportunities, challenges, and benefits associated with the aging of our citizenry.

### **5:00              RECEPTION HOSTED BY VCPEA**

## **FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2008**

### **9:00-10:30      BREAKOUT SESSION III**

### **G.      SHELTER FROM THE STORM: AN ELDER ABUSE SHELTER IN A LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY**

The creation of the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Center for Elder Abuse Prevention within the Hebrew Home in Riverdale, NY, marks an unusual pilot initiative and offers lessons for replication.

Presenter: Marsha Greenfield, Esq., Senior Legislative Counsel. American Association for Homes and Services for the Aging, Washington, DC.

### **H.      FAIR HOUSING AND REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

Learn about consumer protection and reasonable accommodation required under the Fair Housing Act for elders and individuals with disabilities living in the community, in nursing homes, or in assisted living facilities.

Presenter: Julie Nepveu, Esq., Senior Attorney, AARP Foundation, Washington, DC

### **I.      PSYCHIATRIC ASPECTS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT IN THE ELDERLY**

This session emphasizes medical neglect, noting the limits of epidemiological data, warning signs, questions in investigations, and preventive strategies. It will include case presentations.

Presenter: David Brady, DO, Staff Psychiatrist with Geriatric Services, Southwestern Virginia Mental Health Institute, and Medical Examiner, Virginia Department of Health Western District.

### **11:00-12:30      CLOSING PLENARY SESSION:**

### **TALES FROM THE ELDER JUSTICE ACT AND OTHER STORIES OF LIFE INSIDE THE BELTWAY**

An insider's account of the saga of efforts to enact the federal Elder Justice Act currently pending in the U.S. Congress. Benson will also provide a retrospective on the state of federal policy related to elder and adult abuse, including the Older Americans Act and the Social Services Block Grant.

Presenter: Bill Benson, National Policy Advisor to the National Adult Protective Services Association, and formerly Deputy Assistant Secretary for Aging and Acting Assistant Secretary for Aging, USDHHS.

VCPEA has applied for continuing education and CLE credits.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS:**

VCPEA has reserved a block of rooms at the Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center at the special rate of \$99.00 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 13, 2008** in order to receive the conference rate.

on what elders and persons with disabilities want and need, new Medicaid home and community based waiver services, and increased housing and transportation options.

Presenters: Julie Stanley, Esq., Director of Community Integration for People with Disabilities, Office of the Governor, and Karen Lawson, MSW, Policy and Research Manager, Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services

### **E.      "NO WRONG DOOR": ACCESSING LONG-TERM CARE INFORMATION AND OTHER COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

Virginia's elders and persons with disabilities need to have an effective single point of entry to the myriad of long-term care services and supports. This session reviews current supports and progress in an innovative pilot program to create a web portal to serve as a one-stop resource.

Presenter: Molly Huffstetler, Coordinator, Virginia Department for the Aging

### **F.      STRENGTHENING FAMILY CAREGIVING: CREATIVE INITIATIVES**

This session features three presentations: "Aging Together," a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation community partnerships project in the Rappahannock Rapidan region, with Chris Miller, Project Manager; family caregiving initiatives by the Virginia Department for the Aging, with Ellen Nau, Program Coordinator, Virginia Department for the Aging; and Caregivers Community Network, a partnership with the Institute for Innovation in Health and Human Services at James Madison University, on campus-agency alliances for companion care and in-home respite care, with Vickie Landes, Director.

