



**VIRGINIA**  
**RECOVERY**  
**CONFERENCE**  
**2026**

**June 15-17**

**Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center**

**~ Welcome ~**

*from the Virginia Opioid Abatement Foundation (VOAF) President*

**Tim Spencer**

retired City Attorney, City of Roanoke

Welcome to my part of our beautiful state as we welcome attendees and supporters of Virginia Recovery! Planning this inaugural conference started in mid-2025 in response to requests for information on how to best use opioid settlement funds to support recovery at the community level. During our three days here in the Star City, we will hear examples of programs and projects around Virginia that are making a real difference. We hope that you will walk away from our time together with knowledge of the resources available to your community. We also hope that you share information and ideas and make connections with colleagues from across the state. In addition to our nearly two-dozen educational sessions, we have made sure to provide time when attendees can gather without an official program.

As you navigate our beautiful host hotel, the historic Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center, please visit with our exhibitors and sponsors who help make this event possible. Take a moment to seek them out and thank them for their generosity.

If you have any questions about our conference, please see the planning team at the registration desk, or OAA staff onsite (they have a STAFF ribbon on their name tag) for more information about available resources.

Thank you again for attending the Virginia Recovery Conference!  
We are so happy that you are here.

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Program sponsors provided support to help the VOAF host this program. Please thank them for their sponsorship!



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## **Exhibitor Recognition:**

Exhibitors provide onsite resources and services available to conference attendees.



### **North Entry Foyer**



### **Roanoke Ballroom Foyer and Roanoke Ballroom E-H**

Adult Psychiatric Access Line (APAL)  
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Supporters assisted the Foundation in program development.

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## ~ **Conference Information** ~

### **PROGRAM MATERIALS**

Registrants can access available handouts and presentations from the Virginia Recovery website ([virginiarecovers.com](http://virginiarecovers.com)).

### **CONFERENCE COMFORT**

The session room temperature is set at a level generally comfortable to groups. If you tend to be cold, please consider bringing a light jacket.

**MOTHER'S ROOM:** Please see registration desk staff for availability and access.

### **ONSITE CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES**

**MONDAY:** During the Optional Activities and Mocktail Reception, check out the exhibit halls, get a free professional headshot (Roanoke Foyer), visit the "Harm Reduction Corner" (Roanoke E-H) and enjoy the Beth Snapp Band (Roanoke A-D).

**TUESDAY:** Join us at 7:30 p.m. in the Washington Lecture Hall to watch "Together in Recovery" provided by Illume Family Recovery.

### **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & INFORMATION**

Visit planning staff with any conference questions at the information desk. Due to another onsite event, the registration desk will close on Monday, June 15 at 4 p.m., but will reopen Tuesday June 16 at 8:30 am, and otherwise be staffed to check in and assistance attendees. Full-conference registrants do not need to check-in daily, but stop by to ask any questions about the program.

### **CONFERENCE SESSION ROOMS**

All conference events are on the main conference level with the exception of concurrent sessions held in the Washington Lecture Hall. The hall is found by accessing the stairs or elevators at the end of the Crystal Hall and going one level down.

### **CONFERENCE MEALS, BREAKS, AND EVENTS**

All meals will be buffet and spread throughout the exhibit areas. Meals can be eaten in session rooms where attendees will find service trays to tidy their space in the session, if desired. Rooms will be reset between sessions and during breaks.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to our program moderators and speakers for their willingness to attend and share their expertise with attendees.

## ~ Conference Agenda ~

### MONDAY, JUNE 15

- 9:30-11:30 am**    **PRE-CONFERENCE PUBLIC MEETINGS**    SHENANDOAH A  
Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority Grants Committee – 9:30 am  
Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority Board of Directors – 10:00 am
- 12-4 pm**    **CONFERENCE CHECK-IN  
& INFORMATION DESK**    CRYSTAL/ROANOKE FOYER
- 12-6:30 pm**    **EXHIBITS OPEN**    NORTH ENTRY FOYER, ROANOKE BALLROOM FOYER,  
AND ROANOKE BALLROOM E-H
- 1-2:30 pm**    **WELCOME & CONFERENCE KEYNOTE**    ROANOKE BALLROOM A-D  
***Welcome & Overview***  
**Tim Spencer**, President, Virginia Opioid Abatement Foundation  
**Tony McDowell**, Executive Director, Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority  
**Mayor Joseph Cobb**, City of Roanoke  
**Senator Todd Pillion**, Senate of Virginia and Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority Board Chair  
***Keynote Speaker***  
**The Honorable Marvin Figueroa**, Virginia Secretary of Health & Human Resources, Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority Board Member
- 2:30-3 pm**    **AFTERNOON BREAK**    EXHIBIT AREA
- 3-4 pm**    **RECOVERY UNCOVERED: WHAT WORKS  
AND WHAT IS NEEDED - FIRSTHAND  
PERSPECTIVES FROM PEOPLE IN RECOVERY**    ROANOKE BALLROOM A-D  
*Introductions:*  
**Sarah Thomason**, PharmD, BCPP, BCACP, FAAPP, OAA Board Vice Chair  
*Moderator:*  
**Honesty Liller**, CPRS, CEO, The McShin Foundation  
*Speakers:*  
**Jason Cox**, Peer Services Program Manager – H.Y.P.E. Counseling Services, LLC  
**Robyn Hantelman**, Richmond Ambulance Service  
**Ragan McManus**, Deputy Director, Strength in Peers  
**Kheila Jones**, Executive Director, Atlantic Outreach Group  
**Cory Will**, LMSW, CPRS, Lead Trainer & Founder, Walking Out of Darkness, LLC  
**Dziko Singleton**, CHR Program Coordinator, Health Brigade  
This moderated session of peer recovery specialists imparts how the powerful intersection of lived experience and strategic use of opioid abatement funds bring change and hope. As Virginia offers a model for sustainable impact, the panel will share personal insight into creative, sustainable, person-centered, and recovery-oriented strategies as well as contributions to best practices and bridging the gap between systemic planning and the real-time recovery journeys of the individuals served.
- 4 pm**    **HOTEL CHECK-IN**    HOTEL ROANOKE LOBBY

4-5:30 pm

## OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

**Check out the Exhibit Halls!** | North Entry Foyer, Roanoke Ballroom Foyer, and Roanoke Ballroom E-H

**Visit the “Harm Reduction Corner”** | Roanoke Ballroom E-H

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- Learn about harm reduction programs across the Commonwealth!  
*Provided by: Virginia Harm Reduction Coalition, The Chris Atwood Foundation, and Virginia Naloxone Project*

**Free Headshots Sessions (first come, first serve)** | Roanoke Ballroom Foyer  
*Provided by: Sara Harris Photography*

5-6:30 pm

## MOCKTAIL RECEPTION

EXHIBIT AREA AND ROANOKE A-D

*Provided by: Braeburn RX and Virginia Virginia’s Blue Ridge*

### **Available During the Reception:**

**Special Performance by the Beth Snapp Band** | Roanoke Ballroom A-D

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## DINNER ON YOUR OWN

## TUESDAY, JUNE 16

**8:30 am-4:30 pm CONFERENCE CHECK-IN & INFORMATION DESK** CRYSTAL/ROANOKE FOYER

**8:30-9:30 am BREAKFAST** ROANOKE BALLROOM FOYER  
*Provided by: Deloitte*

**8:30 am-5:30 pm EXHIBIT HALLS OPEN** NORTH ENTRY FOYER, ROANOKE BALLROOM FOYER, AND ROANOKE BALLROOM E-H

**9:30-10:30 am THE EVOLUTION OF VIRGINIA’S CRISIS SYSTEM – YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW** ROANOKE BALLROOM A-D

**Session and speaker introductions: Ingrid Barber**, OAA Board Member

**Speaker: Daryl Washington**, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Disability Services

No session description available.

**10:30-11 am MORNING BREAK** EXHIBIT AREA

11 am-12 pm

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### **ASSESSING WHETHER A MOBILE TREATMENT PROGRAM IS A GOOD OPTION FOR YOUR REGION** ROANOKE BALLROOM A-D

*Session and speaker introductions:* **Erika Tanner**, OAA Local Gov't Liaison

*Speakers:*

**Shannon Clark, MS**, Director of Community Support Services, Piedmont Community Services Board

**Brittani Sanders**, Assistant Substance Use Coordinator, Rappahannock Area Community Services Board

**Meagan Helmick, Ph.D., MPH, CHES<sup>®</sup>**, Director, Mount Rogers Health District

This panel discussion with mobile treatment providers will include a Q&A portion of several topics, including but not limited to services provided, positives, challenges, and impact.

### **YES IN MY BACK YARD – THE AMAZING STORY OF ABINGDON'S MENDED WOMEN TREATMENT CENTER** CRYSTAL A-C

*Session and speaker introductions:* **Charlie Lintecum**, OAA Dir. of Operations

*Speakers:*

**Linda Austin**, Executive Director, Appalachian Substance Use Coalition

**Bob Garrett**, Executive Director, Fairview Housing Management

**Rick Mitchell, LPC, LSATP**, Director of Lifestyle Recovery Programs, Fairview Housing Management

How a group of non-profits in far Southwest Virginia collaborated to create a regional women's treatment facility in the Town of Abingdon, with the strong support of the community, the faith community, the recovery community and county leadership.

### **A REGIONAL APPROACH: CHESTERFIELD, PETERSBURG, COLONIAL HEIGHTS AND POWHATAN COORDINATE A MOBILE PEER-LED OUTREACH PROGRAM** CRYSTAL D-E

*Session and speaker introductions:* **Jenni Sawyer**, OAA Local Gov't Liaison

*Speakers:*

**Lauren Lystad**, Supervisor of Outreach Services, Chesterfield County Mental Health Support Services

**Nicole Loving**, Director, Gateway Justice Services, City of Petersburg

**Ryan Stanley**, Outreach Coordinator, City of Colonial Heights Office on Youth & Human Services

**Jordan Schellin**, Outreach Coordinator, Powhatan County

The session will provide an overview of the origins and development of our Mobile Outreach collaborative project. The panel will examine how each locality has tailored the project to meet its community's needs and expand harm reduction. Join us as we discuss the highlights and challenges of mobile outreach and collaborative projects.

### **HOW VIRGINIA'S NEW SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER ANALYTICS (SUDA) DATA PLATFORM CAN BE USED TO IDENTIFY GAPS AND OPPORTUNITIES AT THE CITY AND COUNTY LEVEL** WASHINGTON LECTURE HALL

*Session and speaker introductions:* **Tony McDowell**, OAA Executive Director

*Speakers:*

**Bob Ramos**, PMP, Senior Business Analyst, SUDA Product Owner, Virginia Office of Data Governance and Analytics

**Jacqueline Britz, MD, MSPH**, Co-director, Ambulatory Care Outcomes Research Network (ACORN), Virginia Commonwealth University

**Derek Bridges**, Vice President of Client Services, Deloitte Business Consulting and Services

Virginia now has the most robust statewide data analytics system in the nation focusing on substance use trends, gaps, and opportunities. The presentation will provide attendees an overview of the platform and its capabilities, and provide real-life examples of how communities can access this information to aid policy and resource allocation

12 pm

**LUNCH - (BUFFET STYLE-SEATING IN ROANOKE A-D)**

12:30-1:30 pm

**LOUDOUN COUNTY CASE STUDY: CREATION OF A COMMUNITY DRIVEN STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE USE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS** ROANOKE BALLROOM A-D

*Session and speaker introductions:* **Delegate Briana Sewell**, OAA Board Treasurer  
*Speakers:*

- Evan Braff**, Opioid Response Coordinator, Loudoun County
- Shon Reed**, Senior Research Manager, Omni Institute
- Drew Bonner**, University Life Assessment Graduate Professional Assistant, George Mason University

This session tells the Loudoun County story of launching a community-driven needs assessment and strategic planning process for opioid settlement funds. It will share best practices and lessons learned in building the core infrastructure, partnerships, and processes needed to support effective planning. Participants will learn why a needs assessment and strategic plan are critical to identifying gaps, prioritizing investments, and ensuring coordinated, data-driven use of funds. The session will also underscore how a strong strategic plan creates accountability, aligns partners, and positions jurisdictions to maximize impact and compete for resources, including through the Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority. Attendees will leave with practical insights on launching and sustaining this work.

1:30-3 pm

**CONCURRENT REGIONAL BREAK OUT COLLABORATIONS**

This is an opportunity for attendees to meet and hear from other people in your geographical area of Virginia, hear perspectives from different lines of work (local government, CSBs, clinicians, vendors, etc.), get an idea of any trends that may be occurring in your area.

**Scan the QR code to determine your region.**

**Eastern & OAA Headquarters** | Roanoke Ballroom A-D  
Moderator: Jenni Sawyer, OAA Local Gov't Liaison

**Western** | Crystal A-C  
Moderator: Cindy Newman, OAA Local Gov't Liaison

**Central** | Crystal D-E  
Moderator: Erika Tanner, OAA Local Gov't Liaison

**Northern Region** | Washington Lecture Hall  
Moderator: Kat Dupré, OAA Local Gov't Liaison



3-3:30 pm

**AFTERNOON BREAK**

EXHIBIT AREA

3:30-4:30 pm

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**WHEN TREATMENT AND JUSTICE WORK TOGETHER: A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON RECOVERY** ROANOKE BALLROOM A-D

*Session and speaker introductions:* **Tony McDowell**, OAA Executive Director  
*Speakers:*

- Brian Moran**, former Secretary of Public Safety
- Sheriff Karl Leonard**, Chesterfield County
- Mike Feinmel**, Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney, Henrico County
- Carla Taylor**, IOP Program Coordinator, Master Center for Addiction Medicine

This distinguished panel will discuss the shifting philosophies in Virginia about substance use, incarceration, and recovery. It will explore specific examples of how law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, and state officials have successfully re-imagined the role criminal justice professionals can play in helping people recovery.

\*\*Moved to Wednesday 6/17/26 at 12pm in Roanoke Ballroom A-D (closing keynote session)

## ADDRESSING RACIAL DISPARITIES HEAD ON – AN OPERATION STOP! SUCCESS STORY

CRYSTAL A-C

*Session and speaker introductions:* **Jenni Sawyer**, OAA Local Gov't Liaison

*Speakers:*

**Phyllis Stoneburner**, Executive Director, Healthy Chesapeake, Inc.

**Kelvin Wright**, Deputy City Manager, City of Chesapeake

**Jen Modica, LPC**, Deputy, Chesapeake Integrated Behavioral Health

This session will review a community's discovery, risk-identification, and engagement strategies to develop and implement programming to increase community awareness of the dangers of opioid use and providing resources to help reduce opioid deaths.

## BRIDGING COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT TO FIGHT THE SUBSTANCE USE CRISIS

CRYSTAL D-E

*Session and speaker introductions:* **Charlie Lintecum**, OAA Dir. of Operations

*Speakers:*

**Lori Turner**, Executive Director, Community Foundation for Rockbridge, Bath, and Alleghany

**Ali Hamed-Moore, MPA**, Founding Board Member, Anderson Treatment, "Grove on Patterson" project

**Jordan Stidham, MBA**, Executive Director, Open Door Community, "Mount Rogers Quadplexes" project

Presenters from three different non-profit community-based organizations will share their experiences in developing effective relationships with their local governments, and how these relationships empowered them to receive OAA funding while becoming models of public-private success.

## THE LOOK OF HOPE: A REGIONAL JAIL IS SAVING LIVES AND REDUCING RECIDIVISM BY PROVIDING THERAPY, MEDICATION, AND RECOVERY SUPPORTS

WASHINGTON LECTURE HALL

*Session and speaker introductions:* **Kat Dupré**, OAA Local Gov't Liaison

*Speakers:*

**Clay Corbin**, Superintendent, Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center

**Jessica Taylor**, HEART Supervisor, Northwestern Community Services Board

**Heath Custer**, Captain, Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center

**Allena Kovak**, Director of Nursing, Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center

Hear how a regional jail opened up their MAT program to incarcerates in their 120-Day Recovery Program which has produced a recidivism rate of around thirty percent. Learn how partnerships with the community organizations aided the program's growth and overwhelming response. Hear how leadership handles working through still maintaining required protocols.

**5:30 pm**      **EXHIBIT HALLS CLOSE**

**DINNER ON YOUR OWN**

**7:30 pm**      **FILM SCREENING**

WASHINGTON LECTURE HALL

**Together in Recovery** | Illume Family Recovery

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17**

**8 am**      **CONFERENCE CHECK-IN  
& INFORMATION DESK**

CRYSTAL/ROANOKE FOYER

**8-9 am**      **BREAKFAST**

ROANOKE BALLROOM FOYER

*Provided by: Virginia Department of Health*

9-10 am

\*\*Occurring at this time 6/17/26 at 9am in Roanoke Ballroom A-D

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### THE RAPIDLY SHIFTING LANDSCAPE OF SYNTHETIC OPIOIDS – HOW COMMUNITIES CAN KEEP UP AND RESPOND EFFECTIVELY ROANOKE BALLROOM A-D

*Session and speaker introductions:* **Sarah Thomason**, PharmD, BCPP, BCACP, FAAPP, OAA Board Vice Chair”

*Speaker:*

**Dr. Michael Lynch, M.D., FACEP, FACMT**, Substance Use Disorder Services Senior Medical Director, University of Pittsburg Medical Center

Session description available at <https://virginiarecovers.com/2026-virginia-recovery-conference/>

### FROM ADDICTION TO EMPLOYMENT - DICKENSON COUNTY CONNECTS RECOVERY WITH ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CRYSTAL A-C

*Session and speaker introductions:* **Adam Rosatelli**, OAA Dir. of Finance

*Speakers:*

**Dana Cronkhite**, Director of Economic Development, Dickenson County Industrial Development Authority

**Rachel Patton**, Executive Director, Southwest Virginia Workforce Development Board

**Dr. Clint Pinion, Jr.**, Vice President of Academic, Student, and Workforce Affairs; Mountain Empire Community College

**Matt Brown**, Founder, CEO/Wildwood Recovery Center, Momentum Management Solutions

Dickenson County, Virginia is working to address the opioid epidemic through a collaborative approach that connects recovery, workforce development, education, and economic development. This session will explore how local partners came together to create recovery to employment pathways that support long-term recovery while also helping address the workforce challenges in a rural community, lessons learned along the way, and what is planned for the future. The session will also highlight the importance of partnership and the role the VOAA has played in helping move these efforts forward.

### PEER RECOVERY CENTERS: COMMUNITY BASED NON-PROFITS ARE CONNECTING AND SUPPORTING PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE LONG TERM RECOVERY CRYSTAL D-E

*Session and speaker introductions:* **Charlie Lintecum**, OAA Dir. of Operations

*Speakers:*

**Ginny Atwood**, Executive Director and co-founder, The Chris Atwood Foundation

**Nicky Fadley**, Founder and Executive Director, Strength in Peers

Hear from two experts about the establishment of and services provided by peer recovery centers in Virginia. Learn about potential barriers, how to connect and support people in recovery, and how the centers and peers assist the greater community.

### YOU ARE ALLOWED TO REST. JUST DON'T QUIT!" SOCIAL WORKERS HAVE ADVANCED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MOUD IN PRISON WASHINGTON LECTURE HALL

*Session and speaker introductions:* **Kat Dupré**, OAA Local Gov't Liaison

*Speakers:*

**Allen Steward**, Statewide SUD Coordinator, Virginia Department of Corrections

**Kristen Mckeon**, Statewide MAT Coordinator, Virginia Department of Corrections

Hear the impact of the integration of social workers into medical treatment and recovery programs for substance use disorders in state prisons on the participants in the program, preparing to transition out of prison, and after release. Learn the gaps the social workers are able to fill and how their role is seen as a trusted resource to help take the first steps and continued support.

10-10:30 am **MORNING BREAK**

EXHIBIT AREA

10:30-11:30 am **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

**CRISIS CENTER CLARITY: CUSTOMIZING A CRISIS FACILITY TO THE NEEDS AND RESOURCES OF YOUR COMMUNITY**

ROANOKE BALLROOM A-D

*Session and speaker introductions:* **Charlie Lintecum**, OAA Dir. of Operations

*Speakers:*

**Sarah Corrado**, Crisis Diversion Coordinator, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

**Stephen Craver**, Crisis Resource Development Manager, Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

**Mark Doering**, Program Manager for the Arlington County Department of Human Services and Crisis Intervention Center

**Kari James, LPC**, Crisis Services Program Director, New River Valley Community Services

Explore the evolution of Virginia's journey and the options available for tailoring services to meet the unique needs and resources of your community. Gain clarity on the distinctions between CITAC, CRC, CSU, and various blended options. Debunk common myths versus realities surrounding these models. Understand what is licensed versus unlicensed and discover the possibilities for blending different approaches. Learn how DBHDS remains flexible, supporting the development of multiple service models to best suit community requirements. Hear from communities that have established centers and are actively adapting to better align with local needs.

**PEERS TO THE RESCUE: RECOVERY NAVIGATORS IN PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICES ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH**

CRYSTAL A-C

*Session and speaker introductions:* **Adam Rosatelli**, OAA Dir. of Finance

*Speakers:*

**Tim Coyne, Esq.**, Deputy Executive Director, Va. Indigent Defense Commission

**Abigail Rittenour**, Re-Entry & Recovery Supervisor, Virginia Indigent Defense Commission

**Katie Thompson, CPRS**, Executive Director, Virginia and Kentucky Recovery Corps

This session will provide an overview of the Re-Entry and Recovery Specialist Program instituted in a number of Public Defender offices in Virginia utilizing grant funds from the OAA. The session will detail the partnership with Recovery Corps Virginia that has placed Recovery Navigators in select PD offices. We will describe the valuable work performed by these peers in assisting justice involved individuals with OUD find substance use treatment services, housing, education, employment and other re-entry services in the communities served. We will also detail unique challenges that have been overcome and provide outcome data on services provided to date.

**PICK YOUR POISON – AN UPDATE ON ILLICIT DRUG SEIZURES AND TOXICOLOGY FROM THE VIRGINIA DIVISION OF FORENSIC SCIENCE**

CRYSTAL D-E

*Session and speaker introductions:* **Jenni Sawyer**, OAA Local Gov't Liaison

*Speakers:*

**Robyn Weimer**, Chemistry Program Manager

**James Hutchings, Ph.D.**, Toxicology Program Manager

This session provides a forensic science-driven overview of what we are currently seeing in seized drug and forensic toxicology casework, what emerging trends may be on the horizon, and how limitations in testing and data interpretation affect our ability to respond in real time. Attendees will gain a clearer understanding of how Virginia's Department of Forensic Science monitors the evolving drug landscape and what the data can—and cannot—tell us.

**ADDRESSING THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF PREGNANT AND PARENTING WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH COMMUNITY COLLABORATION** WASHINGTON LECTURE HALL

Session and speaker introductions: **Anthony E. "Tony" McDowell**

Speakers:

**Leslie Stephen, LCSW**, Division Director, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services

**Karen Branin**, Program Manager, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services

**Abigail Albright**, Peer Support Specialist, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services

**Claudia Fleming**, Peer Support Specialist, Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services

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**11:30 am** LUNCH - (Buffet Style-Seating in Roanoke A-D)

**11:30 am-1 pm** CLOSING KEYNOTE & REMARKS ROANOKE BALLROOM A-D

**Tony McDowell**, Executive Director, Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority

**Tim Spencer**, President, Virginia Opioid Abatement Foundation

Keynote Speaker:

~~**The Honorable Abigail A. Spanberger** (invited)~~

~~75th Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia~~

OR

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\*\*Revised Closing Keynote Session Roanoke Ballroom A-D

## **Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority Staff**

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