CONNECTIONS

The Virginia Acute Psychiatric & Community Services Boards Bed Registry Newsletter!

The purpose of "Connections" is to provide specialized information to a targeted audience working with the Virginia Psychiatric Bed Registry.

News For You!

- We now have <u>70</u> facilities that update the registry . Welcome to "Newport News Behavioral Health Center" for children and adolescents.

- Here are the **TOP 3** Updaters in the State:

    1. Snowden at Fredericksburg at 10 times day!

    2. Western State Hospital at 8 times a day!

    3. Southwestern VA Mental Health Institute at 8 times day!

Type of Facility:	Average Daily Updates to the PBR as of May 2015:
State Facilities	3.33
Community Hospitals	3.13
Crisis Stabilization Units	2.38

"Mental illness is nothing to be ashamed of, but stigma and bias shame us all."

- Bill Clinton

Central State Hospital   http://www.csh.dbhds.virginia.gov/

Hot Topics:

- News For You!

- Did you know…

- Training & Technical Assistance

- 2015 Psychiatric Bed Registry Legislation

- Webinar: Civil Commitment Laws & Changes

Did you know…

When you complete the information in the bed registry while conducting a search, this information can be used for quality assurance. Additionally, completing the survey form in the registry can assist with handing off cases, documentation, and could contribute to systemic analysis.

Facility Contact Name	Patient Zip	Facility Called?	Patient Placed?	Status and/or Reason Not Placed
Remember to complete your search and report if an individual was placed. It only requires one entry.		○Yes ○No Time ☐:☐ ○AM ○PM	○Yes ○No ○Pending Time ☐:☐ ○AM ○PM	Status ☐ (max 1000 characters)

An automatic save feature was added to the bed registry on May 5, 2015.

Instead of having to hit SAVE, your information generated by the query and information typed into the "available beds search results" page will be automatically saved with every tab.

Facility Contact Name	Patient Zip	Facility Called?	Patient Placed?	Comments and/or Reason Not Placed
Automatic SAVE feature with every TAB		○Yes ○No Time ☐:☐ ○AM ○PM	○Yes ○No ○Pending Time ☐:☐ ○AM ○PM	Comments ☐ (max 1000 characters)
		○Yes ○No Time ☐:☐ ○AM ○PM	○Yes ○No ○Pending Time ☐:☐ ○AM ○PM	Comments ☐ (max 1000 characters)

Are you looking for a bed in a particular zip code?

You are now able to do a search by zip code.

What type of search you prefer?	● By Region ● By Zip

Training and Technical Assistance

For training or general questions regarding the Psychiatric Bed Registry, please contact:

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Effective July 1, 2015

2015 Psychiatric Bed Registry Legislative Update:

House Bill 2118 and Senate Bill 1265 to amend and reenact § 37.2-308.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the acute psychiatric bed registry; frequency of updating.

By adding the following:

D. Every state facility, community services board, behavioral health authority, and private inpatient provider licensed by the Department shall update information included in the acute psychiatric bed registry whenever there is a change in bed availability for the facility, board, authority, or provider or, if no change in bed availability has occurred, at least daily.

Signed by the Governor on March 16, 2015.

For more information please visit: http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?151+sum+HB2118

Webinar on Civil Commitment Laws

Effective July 1, 2015

DBHDS and Allyson Tysinger of the Office of the Attorney General co-hosted a webinar on the 2015 changes to Virginia's civil commitment laws which will take effect on July 1, 2015. Topics discussed consisted of :

- **alternative transportation,**

- **medical TDO during an ECO,**

- **TDO custody,**

- **law enforcement access to information,**

- **and changes to the Psychiatric Treatment of Minors Act .**

In case you missed it and want to learn more, a link to the recorded webinar and Allyson's PowerPoint slides are posted to the Civil Commitment Law Changes on the DBHDS website **(Click Here)**. You can find the recorded webinar **HERE.**