

Regional Nursing Meeting



April 2023

Office of Health & Safety
Network Supports

The Office of Health & Safety Network Supports Regional Community Nursing Meetings

"A safe space for nurses to discuss challenges, experiences, and ask questions."

Goals

- To ensure individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities are receiving needed services.
- To provide a forum in which nurses (and others) can discuss ideas, challenges, policy needs (e.g., health policies, which affect individuals with IDD, to bring policy needs forward.
- To provide a forum for caregivers to interact with state agency representatives, to express concerns, develop educational tools and resources, and further enhance train-the-trainer models.

Region 1 – April 5, 2023

10am -12:00pm

<https://dbhds-virginia.gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdurz4iEqOY5cHF19yJa99s4d9O75c>

Community Nurse Leader:

Kevyn Burn- kburn@wallresidences.com

April Meetings Dates

Regional Nursing Meetings will continue to be held virtually until further notice. Hybrid meetings are currently in the planning process for each region.

Region 4 – April 10, 2023

11am - 1:00pm

https://dbhds-virginia.gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdO-grTovHW_JovE9lq0EB1j4DPk9bdo

Community Nurse Leader:

Jeannette Gholson- jgholson.thc@gmail.com

Region 2 – April 19, 2023

10am - 12:00pm

<https://dbhds-virginia.gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsc-qurT4oH9OZ7N4j4zrZ3UWfxQJ2YDk>

Community Nurse Leader:

Beatrice Claiborne - bclaiborne@mycri.org

Region 3 – April 21, 2023

10am - 12:00pm

https://dbhds-virginia.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdce6przsqG7bcXVRZdd4wYND_M5uJc-0

Community Nurse Leader:

Teresa Berry - rnttb1@aol.com

Region 5 – April 24, 2023

10am - 12:00pm

<https://dbhds-virginia.gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdfumugTksGrD-8ji6ELf12ZqJlTOSe7g>

Community Nurse Leader: Marcia A. Lindsay-

Brothers - mbrothers@chesapeakeibh.net

April 2023 Meeting Agenda

Virtual Meeting Platform:

- In cooperation with VDH Guidance on COVID-19 relating to group gatherings, the Regional Nursing Meetings will continue to be held in ZoomGov. You must register to receive the meeting URL link, password, and phone access to the meeting. Registering using the links above prior to the meeting date is recommended to avoid technical issues the day of the meeting. Tentative hybrid meetings are in the planning stages for each region.

Presentation:

- This month the focus is on Choking and the Individual with IDD. Numerous cases of deadly choking events have come onto the DBHDS Mortality Review Committees (MRC) case load. There has been a spike in choking events within the community involving individuals with IDD. We will be reviewing how to handle emergency choking situations, how to dislodge an obstruction from the throat, when to call 911 for help and start CPR.

Issues and Concerns Relevant to each Region:

- Open Group Discussion. Please feel free to share general issues or concerns you may be having, to obtain suggestions, resources, and feedback from others. The meeting is a safe and supportive place for those providing care to individuals with IDD. Please do not share any personal health information about any individual.

Monthly CNE Opportunity: OIH - HSN Health & Safety Alert Review and Discussion:

- This month's CNEs topic is Updated Choking Health & Safety Alert with quiz/evaluation. To receive **1 FREE CNE**, you must attend the meeting and return the quiz/evaluation by email, fax, or text. Just scan or take a picture of your completed quiz with your smart phone, and text or email it to your regional RNCC, with your name and email address clearly displayed. Your CNE certificate will be emailed directly to you.

NOTE: Anyone can attend the Regional Nurses Meeting of their choice. You do not have to attend the Regional Nursing Meeting where you work or reside. Simply register with the link provided to attend.

The Office of Health & Safety Network Supports (HSNS) Registered Nurse Care Consultants

Tammie Williams: Community Nursing Education Lead- tammie.williams@dbhds.virginia.gov

Christine Kocher: christine.kocher@dbhds.virginia.gov

Jessa Sprouse: jessa.sprouse@dbhds.virginia.gov

Joy Richardson: joy.richardson@dbhds.virginia.gov

Katherine Rice: katherine.rice@dbhds.virginia.gov

Marylou Bryan: marylou.bryan@dbhds.virginia.gov

Melissa Blevins: melissa.blevins@dbhds.virginia.gov

Regional Nursing Meeting



April 2023

Office of Health & Safety
Network Supports

The 4th Annual DD Statewide Nursing Conference will be held in Petersburg VA., October 2023!

The Conference is sponsored by the Office of Health & Safety Network Supports!

Come and meet the Nursing Team!

Hot Topics of Interest - Informative Guest Speakers - More Information to Come!

Stay up to date on the latest news at DBHDS by joining the Constant Contact ListServes

Individual and Family Support Program (IFSP) Announcements Constant Contact Sign Up:

[Virginia Dept. Behavioral Health and Developmental Services : Sign Up to Stay in Touch \(constantcontact.com\)](https://constantcontact.com)

Office of Licensing Constant Contact Sign-Up:

[Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services : Sign Up to Stay in Touch \(constantcontact.com\)](https://constantcontact.com)

Provider Development Constant Contact Sign Up: [Signup Form \(constantcontactpages.com\)](https://constantcontactpages.com)

The ARC of Virginia hosted an event with DOJ for their members to hear an update on Virginia's compliance with the Settlement Agreement. You can view the [slides](#) and listen to the [recording](#) on the [ARC of Virginia website](#).



Spring 2023 HSNS Training Sessions



SEPSIS – Tuesday, May 9, 2023, between 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Everything you need to know about identifying signs and symptoms of Sepsis, and when to seek medical treatment.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://dbhds-virginia-gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscO-tjwuGZbCDLvCqQmOXvzbEUWMuzE>

Choking and Nut Butters – Tuesday, May 16, 2023, between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Everything you need to know about the increased risks of choking related to dysphagia and eating nut butters.

Register in advance for this training:

https://dbhds-virginia-gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscumuqzMvHHyhev7_qEqqK8w9RHcGbaY

Transfers Training – Tuesday, May 23, 2023, between 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Everything you need to know about safe transfers of an individual from one location to another.

Register in advance for this training: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqfu6urzljEtxliBPQmjWVaG9ltCZrKzO>

My Care Passport & Advocacy Tip Sheets – Thursday, May 25, 2023, between 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Everything you need to know about the DBHDS My Care Passport for individuals with IDD in clinical settings and the three advocacy tip sheets.

Register in advance for this meeting: <https://dbhds-virginia-gov.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsdu-orz0tHrMjzFyGI53CRdm-rk0dffM>

After you register and are approved to attend, you will receive a confirmation email with the link and password to join the training on the day of the course.

The link should be added to a calendar for easy access the day of the training.

Don't forget many OIH-HSN training sessions are available 24 hours a day/7 days a week on the Virginia Commonwealth Learning Center (COVLC) website for "FREE". All

Virginia state provider agencies, and their employees are eligible to create free accounts to access trainings.

To request an account contact Kieana Bobbitt at kieana.bobbitt@dbhds.virginia.gov.

The Office Health & Safety Network Supports (HSNS) Registered Nurse Care Consultants

Tammie Williams: Community Nursing and Education Lead- tammie.williams@dbhds.virginia.gov

Christine Kocher: christine.kocher@dbhds.virginia.gov

Jessa Sprouse: jessa.sprouse@dbhds.virginia.gov

Joy Richardson: joy.richardson@dbhds.virginia.gov

Katherine Rice: Katherine.rice@dbhds.virginia.gov

Marylou Bryan: marylou.bryan@dbhds.virginia.gov

Melissa Blevins: melissa.blevins@dbhds.virginia.gov