

May 2025

Office of Integrated Health Supports Network

The Office of Integrated Health – Health Supports Network 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.

Meeting Dates

Region 1: May 7, 2025

10am - 12:00pm

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/7fb57883-73f1-4431-9ee4-fb76553788b@620ae5a9-4ec1-4fa0-8641-5d9f386c7309>

Community Nurse Leader:

Kevyn Burn- kburn@wallresidences.com

Region 4: May 12, 2025

11am - 1:00pm

In-Person Meeting at Department For Aging
and Rehabilitative Services – DARS.

8004 Franklin Farms Drive
Henrico VA 23229

Community Nurse Leader:

Jeannette Gholson- jgholson.thc@gmail.com

Region 2: May 21, 2025

10am - 12:00pm

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/c73d1f34-1c9d-4dc1-92af-fb0bce59764b@620ae5a9-4ec1-4fa0-8641-5d9f386c7309>

Community Nurse Leader:

Beatrice Claiborne - bclaiborne@mycri.org

Region 3: May 16, 2025

10am - 12:00pm

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/a017bb66-81b3-401f-ac51-01f9637e6a55@620ae5a9-4ec1-4fa0-8641-5d9f386c7309>

Community Nurse Leader:

Region 5: April 26, 2025

10am - 12:00pm

Cancelled Due to Holiday

Community Nurse Leader:

Crystal Parker- cparker@uecares.com

Virtual Meeting Platform:

- The Regional Nursing Meetings will be conducted in the Microsoft Office TEAMS Webinar virtual platform. Registration will continue to be required to receive the meeting URL link, and phone access to each meeting. Registering using the URL link prior to the meeting date is recommended to avoid technical issues the day of the meeting. Some regions are beginning to meet in-person and/or hold hybrid meetings.

Presentation:

- This month there will a representative from the OIHSN Mobile Rehab Engineering Team to discuss the services MRE offers, how individuals with IDD can receive those services, and a special presentation about pressure mapping.

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: OIHSN Health & Safety Alert Review and Discussion:

- This month the CNE topic will be The OIHSN Mobile Rehab Engineering Team Health & Safety Alert. 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 back to you at the address on your quiz.

NOTE: You don't have to be a nurse to attend. 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 Integrated Health Supports Network Registered Nurse Care Consultants

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DBHDS Crisis Hot-Line Virginia 988



VIRGINIA 988: Is answering the call to provide access to mental health crisis support.

With rising levels of anxiety, depression, emotional distress, and substance-related deaths, it's increasingly crucial for people to get immediate help if they're in a mental health crisis. That's why 988 began – to create a direct connection to support and resources for anyone experiencing mental distress. This easy-to-remember three-digit lifeline was launched in Virginia – and nationwide – in July of 2022.

The services of 988 don't end when the phone call does.

When you call 988, a trained crisis worker will be on the line to listen and support you with your situation. But that help isn't limited to one phone call. 988 can also be the entry point to Virginia's Crisis Services, a support system which offers a continuum of care to Virginians who are experiencing mental health distress. Along with 988, Virginia's Crisis Services include:

- Mobile Crisis Response, which comes to the person in crisis to help with on-scene evaluation, treatment, and intervention.
- Community-Based Stabilization, which includes support following an initial crisis either with services available in the community or via referral to a Crisis Stabilization Unit.
- Crisis Stabilization Units, which operate much like a hospital emergency department specifically for people in a mental health crisis. Typically, this involves a short-term stay (under 24 hours).
- Emergency Services, which are code-mandated services providing screening assessments to anyone who is identified as experiencing a behavioral health crisis who meets the criteria for involuntary commitment.
- REACH, the statewide crisis system of care for people with developmental disabilities.

988 is changing the way Virginia responds to mental health crisis.

With this three-digit code, calls that were once made to 911 for law enforcement dispatch are now directed to a trained mental health crisis worker. To learn more about Virginia 988 visit <https://988va.org/>

Reference:

Cunningham, L. (DBHDS). (2025, January). Virginia 988. The Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services [Internet].



Due to special assignments the RNCC team will be required to put some of their virtual trainings on hold in the month of June.



OIHSN has recently added the Skin Integrity and Pressure Injury training to the Commonwealth of Virginia Learning Center (COVLC) website. OIHSN offers several Health & Safety trainings which can be accessed on the COVLC 24 hours a day – 7 days a week. A list of the current trainings include:

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| - OIH-HSN: UTI Training | - OIH-HSN: Sepsis Training |
| - OIH-HSN: Division Overview | - OIH-HSN: REVIVE! Training |
| - OIH-HSN: Vital Signs Training | - OIH-HSN: The Importance of Calling 911 |
| - OIH-HSN Choking and Airway Obstruction | - OIH-HSN: The My Care Passport & Advocacy Tip Sheets Training |
| - OIH-HSN: Medication Administration Overview | |
| - OIH-HSN: Falls and Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities | |
| - OIH-HSN: Recognizing Changing or Declining Health & Medical Emergencies Among Individuals with DD | |

All provider agencies in Virginia can request a FREE COVLC account at <https://www.dhrm.virginia.gov/covlc-contact-us> - DBHDS-E - External Entities.

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