

Virginia Telehealth Initiative Consensus Conference

“Developing a Vision and Strategic Plan for Telehealth in Virginia ”

Thursday, May 26, 2005
Natural Bridge Conference Center
Natural Bridge, Virginia

8:30 AM	Registration/Continental Breakfast
9:15 AM	<p>Welcome <i>Kathy H. Wibberly, Ph.D.</i> Senior Policy Analyst, Office of Health Policy and Planning, Virginia Department of Health</p>
9:20 AM	<p>The National and International Perspective: Trends and Future Directions in Telehealth</p> <p>Moderator: <i>John A. (Pete) Williams, Ph.D., FACHE</i> President, HIMSS, National Capital Area Chapter</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p><i>Jay H. Sanders, M.D., F.A.C.P., F.A.C.A.A.I.</i> President, The Global Telemedicine Group Where We Are and Where We Need to Be</p> <p><i>Jonathan D. Linkous, M.P.A.</i> Executive Director, American Telemedicine Association</p> <p><i>Barbara R. Demuth, R.N., M.S.N.</i> Assistant Director for Telehealth, Center of Excellence for Remote and Medically Under-Served Areas, St. Francis University A Rural Perspective</p> <p><i>Conrad A. Clyburn, M.S.</i> Director of Programs, Integration & Planning, TATRC, Fort Detrick, MD Fulfilling the Vision thru Research & Development</p> <p><i>Azhar Rafiq, M.D.</i> Assistant Professor and Chief Scientific Office, MITAC International Telemedicine: Emerging Techniques</p> <p><i>Dena S. Puskin, Sc.D.</i> Director, Office for the Advancement of Telehealth, Health Resources and Services Administration</p>
11:05 AM	Break
11:20 AM	<p>Telehealth in Virginia: Past, Present, and Future Vision</p> <p>Moderator: <i>John A. (Pete) Williams, Ph.D., FACHE</i> President, HIMSS, National Capital Area Chapter</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p><i>Debbie Justis, R.N. M.S.H.A.</i> Nurse Clinician for Ambulatory Care, VCU Health System Telemedicine in Prisons: Past, Present and Future</p> <p><i>Lisa Kaplowitz, M.D., M.S.H.A.</i> Deputy Commissioner, VDH Emergency Preparedness and Response Programs</p>

	<p><i>Karen Rheuban, M.D.</i> Medical Director, Office of Telemedicine, UVA UVA Telemedicine Program: Partnerships to Bring Care to All Virginians</p> <p><i>Dixie Tooke-Rawlins, D.O., F.A.C.O.F.P.</i> Dean, Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine</p> <p><i>Travis Jackson</i> Area Director, USDA Virginia Rural Development Rural Development: Community Programs</p>
12:35 PM	<p>Lunch and Presentation of the Virginia Telehealth Network (VTN) Infrastructure Work Group (IWG) White Paper <i>Steve Gillis, M.S.</i> Principal, Telehealth Solutions Group and Chair, VTN IWG</p>
2:00 PM	<p>Concurrent Breakout Sessions: Strategic Planning (How Do We Get There From Here?)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <p>1. Telehealth in Rural Virginia and Virginia's Critical Access Hospitals Engage in discussion and planning surrounding how telehealth can be integrated and provide a service to rural health care practices, including emergency services and Critical Access Hospitals. What are the barriers to effective rural telehealth utilization? What steps need to be taken to overcome barriers? What things need to be considered in prioritization of telehealth implementation in rural areas? How can equipment be strategically placed to benefit the most people at the least cost? Would there be a benefit to taking a regional approach?</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Dena S. Puskin, Sc.D.</i> Director, Office for the Advancement of Telehealth, Health Resources and Services Administration</p> <p>2. Telehealth and Virginia's Academic Medical Centers and Major Regional Health Systems <i>(Session Cancelled Due to Moderator Family Emergency)</i> Engage in discussion and planning surrounding the potential role(s) of academic medical centers and regional health systems in telehealth. How can we make telehealth fiscally viable? What kind of coordination and collaboration needs to occur? Is there such a thing as healthy competition with regards to telehealth? How can academic medical centers and regional health systems use telehealth (distance education, clinical telemedicine) to serve rural communities and other medically underserved areas?</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Jay H. Sanders, M.D., F.A.C.P., F.A.C.A.A.I.</i> President, The Global Telemedicine Group</p> <p>3. The Virginia Telehealth Network - Design and Implementation Engage in discussion and planning surrounding network design and technology platforms. What processes are needed to reach consensus on configuration, equipment, technology, and security standards? How do we determine needs for capacity for planning purposes? How do we keep up with ever-changing technology? How can smaller agencies/organizations maintain compatibility with larger agencies/organizations?</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Peter Buccellato</i> President and CEO, The Knowledge Providers Group Network Design & Technology Platforms</p>
3:45 PM	Break
4:00 PM	Concurrent Breakout Session Reports
4:30 PM	<p>Wrap Up/Next Steps NEXT STEP: DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR VIRGINIA</p>