

Virginia Stroke Systems Task Force

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Background

The Virginia Stroke Systems Task Force (VSSTF) is an independent body comprised of stakeholders invested in improving stroke systems of care in Virginia. The VSSTF is not an advisory body for the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). The role of VDH is to provide administrative support to the VSSTF.

VSSTF Structure

- Co-chairs
 - Two year term; staggered
 - Elected by VSSTF voting members
- Voting members
 - Listed positions are based on 2014 VSSTF Guidance Document with noted modifications
 - Two year term; staggered
 - Open nomination, except organizational representatives
 - Selected by co-chairs
 - Member may be reappointed for additional two year terms
- Nonvoting members

Voting Members 2020



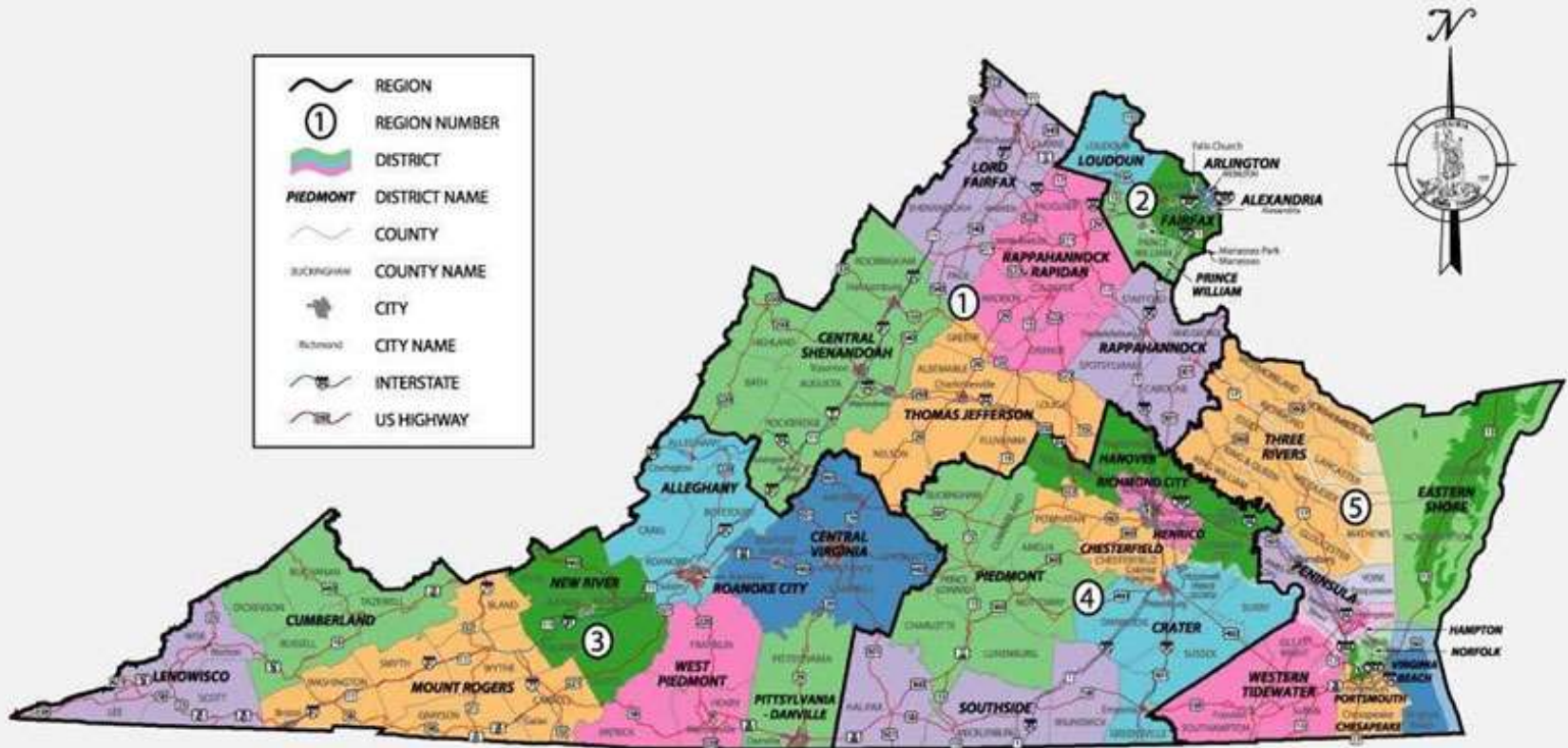
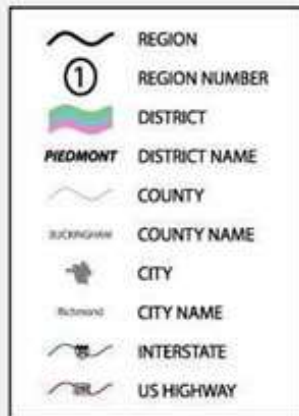
VIRGINIA STROKE SYSTEMS

Stakeholders from all Health Planning Regions

Commonwealth of Virginia - Department of Health

Health Planning Region

① Northwest | ② Northern | ③ Southwest | ④ Central | ⑤ Eastern



VSSTF Guidance Document 2014

Commitments of Voting Members

- Attend VSSTF meetings on a regular basis- at least two annually
- Make recommendations and help carry out VSSTF initiatives
- Leverage influence/resources to positively impact development of Virginia's stroke systems in the community
- Commit an average of 2-4 hours per month, not including needed travel time, during a two year term

VSSTF Guidance Document 2015

Member Qualifications and Characteristics

- Ascribe to the guidelines presented in the ASA Policy Statement Recommendations for the Establishment of Stroke Systems of Care
- Be a recognized expert in stroke systems and/or one or more of the components of a stroke system of care
- Be in a position to help effect systems change on a statewide or regional scale
- Be willing to share ideas in a cooperative forum
- Deal with other members fairly, sensitively and confidently
- Be open to diverse opinions and points of view

Process for determining 2020 voting members

- Identified position vacancies by comparing 2016 VSSTF membership list with attendance for past 4 VSSTF meetings
- Active voting members will retain their position x1 year
 - Membership will expire 1/2021 and position opened for nominations
 - Allows voting memberships to be staggered



Process for determining voting members

- Call for nominations for vacant positions (10/2019)
- Co-chairs selected the representative for voting membership positions with multiple nominees
 - Criteria outlined in the VSSTF Guidance document
 - Member commitment
 - Qualifications and characteristics
 - Equitable Health Planning Region representation

Voting Membership Demographics

Hospital System	Number of Representatives
HCA	2
INOVA	2
Mercy	3
Riverside	2
Sentara	1
Twin County	1
UVA	2
VCU	2

Health Planning Region	Number of Representatives
(1) Northwestern	4
(2) Northern	3
(3) Southwest	2
(4) Central	7
(5) Eastern	3



VSSTF 2020 Voting Membership

Representation:	2020 VSSTF Member:	Organization	Region
Northern Region Neurologist	Sairah Bashir	INOVA Fairfax	2
Northwestern Region Neurologist	Melanie Winningham	Sentara Martha Jefferson Ho	1
Southwest Region Neurologist	Vacant		
Central Region Neurologist	Yasir Al-Khalili	VCU-CMH (rural)	4
Eastern Region Neurologist	Vacant		
Endovascular Neurology	Pankajavalli Ramakrishnan	Riverside Regional Medical	5
Neuroradiology	David Loy	Bon Secours St Mary's Hospi	4
Emergency Care Physician	Ramana Feeser	VCU Health	4
Primary Care Physician	Samuel Caughron	Charlottesville Wellness Cer	1
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Physician	Melissa Banta	Sheltering Arms, Richmond	4
Rehab Facility Administrator	Wendy Bunting	Riverside	5

VSSTF 2020 Voting Membership

Representation:	2020 VSSTF Member:	Organization	Region
Nurse Practitioner	Beth Hundt	UVA	1
Licensed Nurse	Carla Gunter	Twin County Regional Health	3
Parish Nurse/Emergency Care Nurse*	Vacant		
Pharmacologist/Pharmacist	Chris Demella	HCA CJW Medical Center, Ri	4
Pharmaceutical Industry	Lindsey Casupanan	Genentech	
Primary Stroke Center Hospital Administrator	Kim Warren	Bon Secours, Hampton Road	5
Small rural hospital administrator actively involved in stroke care	Vacant		
Stroke Survivor	Jan Thomas		
Stroke Caregiver	Sarah Twachtman		
Community Educator	Lauren Schwabish	INOVA Mount Vernon Rehab	2
Insurance Industry	Vacant		
Medical Device Industry	Fred Schneider		

VSSTF 2020 Voting Membership

Representation:	2020 VSSTF Member:	Organization	Region
Legislator or Aide	Jacob Holmes	Delegate Israel O'Quinn	3
Media	Vacant		
Emergency Medical Services	Craig Evans	NOVA EMS Council	2
Telemedicine Representative (executive)	Stephanie Lim	HCA Capital Division	4
(VCU) Center of Health Disparities	Vacant		
Virginia Stroke Coordinator Consortium (VSCC) Chair	Robin Scott	Bon Secours Richmond	4
VSSTF Chair	Stacie Stevens	VCU Health	
VSSTF Co-Chair	Sherita Chapman	UVA	1



VSSTF 2020 Voting Membership

Representation:	2020 VSSTF Member:
VDH-Office of Emergency Medical Services	Tim Erskine
American Heart/Stroke Association (combined)	Lindsay Duquette
Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association	Kristie Burnette
Medical Society of Virginia	Mary Beth McIntire
Virginia Association of Health Plans	Vacant
Virginia Department of Health VSSTF Administrator	Patrick Wiggins



Next Steps

- Elect incoming co-chair
 - Patrick Wiggins will email voting members an a survey link
- Incoming co-chair effective April 2020
- Re-open nominations for vacant voting member positions

Position: VSSTF Co-chair

Roles and Responsibilities:

- The VSSTF Co-Chair shall provide strategic direction and leadership for the VSSTF.
- The VSSTF Co-Chair must attend and facilitate VSSTF quarterly meetings.
- The VSSTF Co-Chair shall collaborate with the other VSSTF Co-Chair, VSCC Co-Chairs, VDH representative, and other members of the VSSTF planning team to ensure proper planning of meetings (Bi-weekly/monthly conference calls), represent interests of VSSTF members, triage member correspondences for streamlined communication, and facilitate the nomination process.

Nomination Eligibility:

- Licensed physician or nurse. The physician can be a neurologist, emergency physician or another specialist, but must have experience and expertise in diagnosing and treating cerebrovascular disease. The nurse can be a stroke coordinator or member of a hospital's acute stroke team.
- Must actively participate in VSSTF quarterly meetings.



Co-Chair nominees for VSSTF

- Beth Hundt, PhD, APRN, ACNS (UVA)
- Pankajavalli Ramakrishnan, MD (Riverside)
- Carlos Williams, MD, (VCU)