

Virginia Department of Health
House Bill 558
Transitional Planning Element Development Team
May 9, 2016 Meeting Summary

Attendees

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Summary

This was the first meeting of the Transitional Planning Element Development Team. The team reviewed the transitional planning elements and provided comments for first draft recommendations. Comments included:

- Certification letters could be a short timeline.
- Shifting construction permits is complex.
- Items that don't have an impact on public health can be transitioned easily; real-estate transactions, certification letters.
- Does VDH need to continue to sign subdivision approvals; could private OSE/PE sign the subdivision plat?
- Need to look at the program in the future; what knowledge, skills, and abilities and resources are necessary for VDH.
- Difficulty with opt in/out; localities requesting exemption will change year to year.
- Could VDH accept private OSE/PE certification letters just for records management?
- Charge a minor modification fee when a permit is transferred to a new owner; make sure nothing else changes.
- Change of ownership form, get something from the designer that they reviewed the plan with the new owner and there are no changes; expiration date does not change.
- Need to well define what a voluntary upgrade is and what a repair is; could address part of the issue by modifying the definition of maintenance.
- Need to have another licensed individual that inspects work (second party).
- Online applications to help speed up the process.
- Concerns that allowing simply repairs may not include a complete evaluation of the system.
- Think the only way the once-touched policy would work is if you used a starting data for properties being review; don't include properties that were evaluated prior to the starting date.
- If there are not enough private sector consultants in an area they might be willing to do a subdivision review but not come out and do all the actual permits.
- Issue with shifting work for a home not intended as a principle place of residence; what if the parents are building a house for one of their children, but the parents are not actually going to live there? Could change the question to "is the home intended as a principle place of residence", but not necessarily the applicant's place of residence.
- Need to survey OSEs/PEs to see who is willing to serve each area of the state.