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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors
Area Agencies on Aging

AND: Nutrition Directors
Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Coordinators

FROM: Elaine S. Smith, MS, RD
Program Coordinator

DATE: January 19, 2011

SUBJECT: Suicide Prevention Training

The following announcement is forwarded from Christina Benton, Suicide Prevention Manager at VDH. If you have questions, please contact Christina at 804-864-7736 or christina.benton@vdh.virginia.gov

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING FOR MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIANS

Most mental health clinicians have had little or no formal training in assessing suicide risk, yet they are often called upon to do so. Recognizing and Responding to Suicide Risk: Essential Skills for Clinicians (RRSR) has been developed by the American Association of Suicidology specifically to fill this training gap. RRSR is an advanced, interactive training based on established core competencies that mental health professionals need in order to effectively assess and manage suicide risk in their patients. The program has several components, including a web-based assessment; two on-line, self-paced modules; a two-day face-to-face workshop; and post-workshop mentorship through on-line learning activities.

RRSR is appropriate for any mental health clinicians working with patients on an ongoing basis. Participants can include licensed private counselors, licensed clinical social workers, clinical psychologists, psychiatrists and psychiatric nurses, addiction counselors, licensed marriage and family therapists and pastoral counselors.

Additional information about RRSR is available at
<http://www.suicidology.org/web/guest/education-and-training/rrsr>

The Virginia Department of Health will host 4 RRSR trainings in 2011. This training is for all mental health professionals, regardless of your place of work. Through a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) each training will be offered at no cost to 40 participants; the training is typically valued at \$250. All training materials will be provided.

Continuing Education Credits are available for physicians/psychiatrists, social workers, counselors, and psychologist. Additional information about CEUs will be provided to registered participants prior to the training date.

The training will be from 8:30-4:45 both days. One hour will be given for lunch; meals will be "on your own".

Because of the demand for seats, please register only if you are able to attend the full two days, and are not 'on-call' for other duties during that time.

2011 Training Dates, Locations, and Registration:

February 28- March 1, 2011
Richmond, VA
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RRSRRichmond>

April 12-13, 2011
Ashburn, VA
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RRSRNOVA>

May 2-3, 2011
Virginia Beach, VA
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RRSRVABeach>

September 19-20, 2011
Lynchburg, VA
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RRSRLynchburg>



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TO: Executive Directors
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FROM: Katie Roeper, Assistant Commissioner

DATE: January 19, 2011

SUBJECT: Virginia Department of Veterans Services (VADVS)
Specially Adapted Housing Program

The following information was received from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Virginia announces specially adapted housing grant amounts will remain unchanged for fiscal year 2011.

Please share this information with your clients and communities. For additional information, please contact Anne Atkins, Director of Communications, Virginia Department of Veterans Services at 804 371-0441.

Specially Adapted Housing Program

PDF Documents and Media Players - To read PDF documents, or view videos, you need a PDF viewer and a media player. Links to viewer software can be found [at this link](#).

NEW! [VA Announces Specially Adapted Housing Grant Amounts Will Remain Unchanged for Fiscal Year 2011](#)

Veterans or servicemembers who have specific service-connected disabilities may be entitled to a grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for the purpose of constructing an adapted home or modifying an existing home to meet their adaptive needs. The goal of the Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) Grant Program is to provide a barrier-free living environment that affords the veterans or servicemembers a level of independent living he or she may not normally enjoy.

Grants provided under the SAH program may also be used outside the United States. However, it must be reasonably practicable for VA to provide assistance in acquiring specially adapted housing for the designated country or political subdivision outside the United States. For more information on use of such grants, please contact Brian N. Bixler, Chief, Specially Adapted Housing, on (571) 272-0091 or via Email at: brian.bixler@va.gov.

There are two types of grants administered by VA, which are available to assist severely disabled veterans or servicemembers in adapting housing to their special needs.

NEW! Homes for Heroes Video

We are proud to offer our latest video for the Specially Adapted Housing program.

[Windows Media](#)

The following fact sheets provide information on the Specially Adapted Housing Grant (SAH) and the Special Housing Adaptation Grant (SHA) programs.

- [2101\(a\) Grant Fact Sheet](#) - January 2010
 - [2101\(b\) Grant Fact Sheet](#) - January 2010
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To apply for a Specially Adapted Housing Grant, please take the following steps:

1. Download VA Form [26-4555](#), Veteran's Application in Acquiring Specially Adapted Housing or Special Home

Adaptation Grant.

2. Complete the form and submit it to your nearest [VA Regional Loan Center](#).

If you need more information and would like to talk with a Specially Adapted Housing agent, [click here to locate one in your area](#).

VA Manual M26-12 Specially Adapted Housing Grant Processing Procedure, Loan Guaranty Operations for Regional Office Manual

[VA Pamphlet 26-13](#) Handbook for Design: Specially Adapted Housing

[Builder Registration Information](#)

To see pictures of Specially Adapted Housing examples such as bathrooms, carpet, doorways, faucets, garages, kitchens, level views, ramps, sliding doors, and walkways, please click on [this link](#).



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FROM: Elaine S. Smith, MS, RD
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DATE: January 19, 2011

SUBJECT: Virginia Telehealth Network

Following is information on the Virginia Telehealth Network (VTN), a statewide resource for telehealth.

Check the website: <http://ehealthvirginia.org/> - which is updated nearly every day – and if you wish, sign up for the weekly newsletter which contains all the information added to the Web site the previous week.

The website receives over 1,000 unique visitors per month and is a free and really quite incredible resource with lots of information applicable to helping meet the needs of Virginia's aging population.

Representatives from healthcare systems and agencies across the state are on the VTN Board, including DMAS and VDH.

For more information, contact VTN Interim Executive Director: June E. Collmer, NP, JD at jecollmer@ehealthvirginia.org or 434-825-8038.



Virginia Telehealth Network
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Improving Access to Quality Healthcare

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VIRGINIA FEATURE OF THE MOMENT:

**Northern Virginia AHEC, Dallice Joyner,
Executive Director**



Click [here](#) to access video.(Photo taken with permission of D. Joyner.)

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If yes, consider inquiring further by e-mailing VTN at:
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VIRGINIA TELE-STORY: Community Memorial Healthcenter in South Hill, Virginia and their Tele-ICU Program: Part 2. Click [here](#) to access Tele-Story videos and photos.

(Photo of Dr. Curtis Sessler (far left) of Virginia Commonwealth University Health System and Dr. Christopher Ackerman (immediate left) of Community Memorial Health Center taken with the individuals pictured permissions.)



SOCIAL MARKETING AND MISCELLANEOUS:

Click [here](#) to view video and to learn about more about "Virginia AgrAbility: Cultivating Accessible Agriculture- Promoting Success in Agriculture for Virginians with Disabilities and Their Families," including creative and helpful use of live video. (Photo and video taken with permission of individual pictured.)

TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR 2011 FIRST ANNUAL VAHCI AWARDS NOMINATION SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for nominations is **January 14, 2011** at 5:00 p.m. EST. The Honorary Chair is William Hazel, Jr., M.D., Secretary, Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources. Click [here](#) to view Call for Nominations signed by Dr. Hazel.

For more information, a list of sponsors and for nomination form click [here](#) or go to: <http://www.virginiahealthcareinnovators.org/>.

RECENT NEWS HIGHLIGHTS: VIRGINIA, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

"Rural areas try to lure doctors to avert shortage." "Twenty percent of California's population lives in rural areas, but only 9 percent of physicians in the state practice in those areas, according to a UC Health Care Workforce study. With such disparities in mind, the UC Davis Medical School established a five-year program in 2007 called Rural Programs in Medical Education, intended to train doctors for careers in outlying, underserved communities. The program's first graduates - all four of them - will receive their medical degrees next spring. Another seven will graduate in 2012." From the SFGate home of the San Francisco Chronicle David Freed, CHCF Center for Health Reporting, January 3, 2011. Click [here](#) to access article.

"Looking to Robots and Other Technology to Improve Health Care." From VOA News, January 3, 2011. Click [here](#) to access article.

"Mount Sinai surgeon performs robotic prostate surgeries." From Healthcare IT News, December 29, 2010. Click [here](#) to access article.

"Cleveland Clinic: Top 10 Medical Innovations: 2011 Includes Telehealth Monitoring for Individuals with Heart Failure/Implanted Wireless Cardiac Device for Monitoring Hearth Failure." From Clevelandclinic.com. Click [here](#) to access article.

"Texas Telemedicine FAQs." "In August, the Texas Medical Board adopted amendments to its rules for physicians who are involved in telemedicine. Those rules went into effect in October. When I saw a notice about their adoption, I asked for clarification. Finally, the Board has posted the [FAQs](#) (frequently asked questions) about telemedicine in Texas, and I think the Board (and its staff) has done an excellent job, with ONE exception. I'll get to that, but first let's look at the really good parts of the amended rules." From the Global Media Blog, December 31, 2010. Click [here](#) to access blog article.

"The Best of Medgadget 2010." From medGadget: internet journal of emerging medical technologies. December 31, 2010. Click [here](#) to access article.

"Conservative state lawmakers target abortion pills prescribed over Internet." From The Washington Post, December 30, 2010. Click [here](#) to access article.

"Top health care tech trends of 2010: iPad, mHealth, EHRs." From SearchHealthIT.com, December 20, 2010. Click [here](#) to access article.

2011 VIRGINIA TELEHEALTH SUMMIT: The Second Annual Virginia Telehealth Summit, co-sponsored by the Virginia Telehealth Network and the Virginia Rural Health Association, will be held Tuesday, April 5, 2011. Location: Wintergreen Resort, adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway in beautiful Central Virginia.

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"Sprint brings 3G connectivity to fitness device." From mobihealthnews, January 3, 2011. Click [here](#) to access article.

"Five smartphone apps for caregivers: If you're caring for an aging or ailing relative, these apps can help." From The Wall Street Journal Digital Network: MarketWatch, January 3, 2011. Click [here](#) to access article.

"AliveCor iPhone ECG." For direct link to video click on [YouTube](#). No summary provided. From Lifetone Technology, Uploaded to YouTube on December 30, 2010.

"iPhonECG turns your iPhone 4 into an affordable cardiac event monitor." From TUAW: The Unofficial Apple Weblog. Posted January 3, 2010. Click [here](#) for article and video. [VTN note: Excellent demonstration on video.]

"mHealth for Development: mHealth for Development: The Opportunity of Mobile Technology for Healthcare in the Developing World." "This report examines issues at the heart of the rapidly evolving intersection of mobile phones and healthcare. It helps the reader to understand mHealth's scope and implementation across developing regions, the health needs to which mHealth can be applied, and the mHealth applications that promise the greatest impact on health care initiatives." From United Nations Foundation. Click [here](#) to access article.

"Mobile Healthcare (mHealth) News Roundup." From MobileMarketingWatch, December 30, 2010. Click [here](#) to access article.

"Paul Jacobs: Making Health Care Personal Through Mobile." From Qualcomm. Click [here](#) to access video.

"iPhone -Abvio's iPhone Fitness Apps Help Consumers Stay Healthy." From iPhone.TMCnet.com, December 29, 2010. Click [here](#) to access article.

"The Human Body: One Click Away with Google's Body Browser." From Medicine and Technology, December 20, 2010. Click [here](#) to access article.

"8 Reasons Why mHealth Smartphones Apps Matter To The Pharmaceutical Industry." From Mobile Marketing Watch. Click [here](#) to access article.

"The Year in Mobile." "Apple invented a new category of mobile device, consumers want faster connections, and the spectrum is more crowded than ever." From Technology Review published by MIT, December 30, 2010. Click [here](#) to access article.

"Hearing Everything in a Heartbeat – New Heart Murmur App." From Got Cheap Apple Tablet December 30, 2010. Click [here](#) to access article.

"Mobile Healthcare (mHealth) News Roundup." From MobileMarketingWatch, December 23, 2010. Click [here](#) to access article.

"Steve Aylward of Microsoft on mHealth." From Healthcare IT News: MobileHealthWatch. Click [here](#) to access article. [VTN note: Podcast.]

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"Neil Versal interviews Don Jones, VP LifeScience, Qualcomm, at the mHealth Summit." From 3G Doctor Blog. Click [here](#) to access article. [VTN note: Podcast and print summary.]

"How smartphones could lead the digital healthcare revolution." From DCICE, December 30, 2010. Click [here](#) to access article.

"M-health Apps to Triple by 2012, Presenting Challenges for Mobile Networks: Report ." From Health Care IT e-Week, December 30, 2010. Click [here](#) to access article.

"UPMC Health Plan Launches A Web-Browser Mobile Application, UPMC Myhealth Connect." "UPMC Health Plan, the second-largest health insurer in western Pennsylvania, has launched UPMC MyHealth Connect, its first web-browser mobile application and the first in the region to provide access to all members and non-members regardless of the brand of smartphone they use." From Health Imaging Hub, December 28, 2010. Click [here](#) to access article.

"Top 10 Mobile Health Stories of 2010." From MobiHealthNews, December 30, 2010. Click [here](#) to access article. [VTN note: Interesting article with good links.]

SOCIAL MARKETING AND MISCELLANEOUS: ITEMS THAT DON'T FIT NEATLY IN THIS WEB SITE BUT THAT ARE TOO IMPORTANT OR TOO COOL NOT TO INCLUDE

"2011: The Year of the Personal Robot?" A standardized robotics kit promises to advance the field in ways not previously possible, making robot assistants, especially for elder care, more affordable." From Scientific American, January 4, 2011. Click [here](#) to access article. [VTN note: Very cool article with photos and links.]

"The Wisdom of the HHS Crowd! Entering twenty-eleven (or is it two-thousand eleven?)" From HHS Center for New Media. Click [here](#) to access article.

Click [here](#) to view video and to learn about more about **"Virginia AgrAbility: Cultivating Accessible Agriculture-Promoting Success in Agriculture for Virginians with Disabilities and Their Families,"** including creative and helpful use of live video. (Photo and video taken with permission of individual pictured.)

"And Then, in a Grimy Squish, Came the Slush." From The New York Times, December 30, 2010, by Michael Wilson. Click [here](#) to access article. [VTN note: *A wonderfully written, very funny, don't miss article about the now post snow slush in New York City. Totally unrelated to this Web site - for anyone that has ever experienced slush and who appreciates great writing.*]

"11 Top Android App." From MainStreet, posted November 1, 2010. Click [here](#) to access article. [VTN note: Cool and informative.]

HOME TELEHEALTH AND REMOTE MONITORING

"GE and Intel's Telehealth and Independent Living Company is Operational Today." From WebNewsWire, January 4, 2011. Click [here](#) to access article.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

General and Miscellaneous

December 2010. J Med Internet Res. 2010 Dec 17;12(4):e71. "An online community improves adherence in an internet-mediated walking program. Part 1: results of a randomized controlled trial." For direct link to abstract click on: [PubMed.gov](#).

December 2010. J Med Internet Res. 2010 Dec 17;12(4):e72. "Adding an online community to an internet-mediated walking program. Part 2: strategies for encouraging community participation." For direct link to abstract click on: [PubMed.gov](#).

December 2010 J Med Internet Res. 2010 Dec 15;12(4):e66. "Evaluation of a Web-based Intervention Providing Tailored Advice for Self-management of Minor Respiratory Symptoms: Exploratory Randomized Controlled Trial." For direct link to abstract click on: [PubMed.gov](#).

December 2010. J Med Internet Res. 2010 Dec 14;12(4):e69. "Dropout, nonusage attrition, and pretreatment predictors of nonusage attrition in a commercial web-based weight loss program." For direct link to abstract click on: [PubMed.gov](#).

November 2010. J Med Internet Res. 2010 Nov 18;12(4):e52. "Engagement and retention: measuring breadth and depth of participant use of an online intervention." For direct link to abstract click on: [PubMed.gov](#).

October 2010. J Med Internet Res. 2010 Oct 21;12(4):e46. "The influence of response mode on study results: offering cigarette smokers a choice of postal or online completion of a survey." For direct link to abstract click on: [PubMed.gov](#).

December 2010. J Med Internet Res. 2010 Dec 16;12(4):e68. "Effectiveness of a Web-based Intervention for Problem Drinkers and Reasons for Dropout: Randomized Controlled Trial." For direct link to abstract click on: [PubMed.gov](#).

October 2010 J Med Internet Res. 2010 Oct 5;12(4):e45. "Biomedical informatics techniques for processing and analyzing web blogs of military service members." For direct link to abstract click on: [PubMed.gov](#).



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Cancer

December 2010. J Med Internet Res. 2010 Dec 17;12(4):e67. "Development and Evaluation of the Personal Patient Profile-Prostate (P3P), a Web-Based Decision Support System for Men Newly Diagnosed With Localized Prostate Cancer." For direct link to abstract click on: [PubMed.gov](http://pubmed.gov).

Cardiology

December 2010. J Med Internet Res. 2010 Dec 2;12(4):e56. "The Potential of Web-based Interventions for Heart Disease Self-Management: A Mixed Methods Investigation." For direct link to abstract click on: [PubMed.gov](http://pubmed.gov).

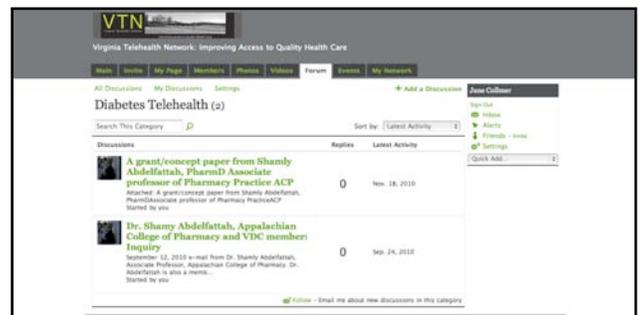
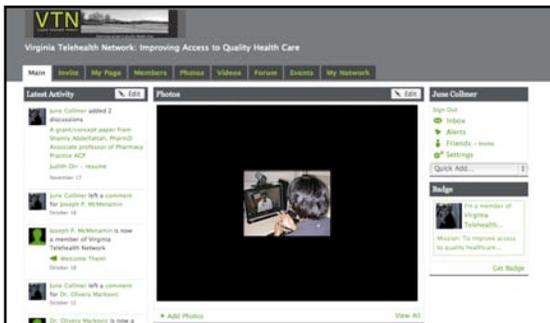
Diabetes

December 2010. J Telemed Telecare. 2010 Dec 16. [Epub ahead of print]
"A longitudinal study of health service utilization for diabetes patients in a care coordination home-telehealth programme." For direct link to abstract click on: [PubMed.gov](http://pubmed.gov).

December 2010. Diabetes Technol Ther. 2010 Dec;12(12):995-1001.
"Telehealth-assisted care coordination of older veterans with type 2 diabetes lowers coronary heart disease risk despite clinical inertia." For direct link to abstract click on: [PubMed.gov](http://pubmed.gov).

HIT

December 2010. J Med Internet Res. 2010 Dec 18;12(4):e73. "Consumers' perceptions about and use of the internet for personal health records and health information exchange: analysis of the 2007 health information." For direct link to abstract click on: [PubMed.gov](http://pubmed.gov).



Select Pages of the VTN Ning
Telehealth Members Only Networking/
Forum Discussion Site

GRANT/RFP ANNOUNCEMENTS

HIT Capacity Building Initiative for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Grantee Sites. Agency: HRSA. Posted date: January 3, 2011. Closing date for applications: March 3, 2011. Funding Opportunity Number: HRSA-11-101. For more information click on: Grants.gov.

Lifestyle Interventions in Overweight and Obese Pregnant Women Consortium (U01). Agency: NIH. Posted date: January 4, 2011. Closing date for applications: March 24, 2011. Funding Opportunity Number: RFA-DK-10-014. For more information click on: Grants.gov.

Description: This FOA issued by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK); National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI); Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD); and National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM), National Institutes of Health, invites grant applications from institutions/ organizations that propose to conduct studies testing behavioral/ lifestyle interventions in overweight and obese pregnant women designed to improve weight and metabolic outcomes in both the pregnant women and their offspring. Trials must be designed to test lifestyle interventions to control gestational weight gain and/or influence maternal metabolic profiles. Studies are expected to continue follow-up of mothers and their offspring for a minimum of 12 months post-partum. Weight and/or metabolic outcomes must be assessed in both mothers and offspring. Investigators funded through this FOA must be willing to collaborate to develop a minimal set of common outcomes and to share data. Studies in minority and socio-economically disadvantaged populations are particularly encouraged.

Research on Alcohol-Related Public Policies such as Those Detailed in the Alcohol Policy Information System (R01). Agency: NIH. Posted date: January 4, 2011. Closing date for applications: May 7, 2014. Funding Opportunity Number: PA-11-087. For more information click on: Grants.gov.

Description: This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications to conduct research on the effects of alcohol-related public policies on health, economic, and social behaviors and outcomes. The purpose of the FOA is to advance understanding of public policy pertaining to alcohol as a tool for improving public health and welfare. The NIAAA has developed the Alcohol Policy Information System (APIS) as a resource for researchers conducting studies in this area; studies that make use of the information available through APIS are particularly encouraged. Research supported by this FOA includes, but is not necessarily limited to, studies examining the effects of alcohol-related public policies on health-related behaviors and outcomes, evaluations of public policies as tools for improving public health, and research to advance methods and measurement used in studying relationships between alcohol-related public policies and health-related behaviors and outcomes.

Effectiveness in an Intervention to Promote a Targeted Vaccination Program in the Obstetrician-Gynecologist Setting. Agency: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Posted date: January 5, 2011. Closing date for applications: April 12, 2011. Funding Opportunity Number: RFA-IP-11-009. For more information click on: Grants.gov.

Description: The purpose of this FOA is to seek a cooperative agreement for evaluating the effectiveness of an intervention designed to assist obstetrician-gynecologists in initiating and maintaining a vaccination program to provide human papillomavirus (HPV), influenza, and combined tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccines for their patients. Progress toward achievement of this goal will be evidenced by the development and evaluation of strategies which will assist obstetrician-gynecologists in initiating and maintaining this type of vaccination program.

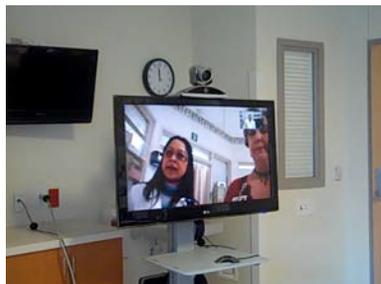


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HIT, HITECH & MEANINGFUL USE: An Apology to Our Newsletter Recipients.

Please note there is a ton of information in this week's newsletter. Many weeks ago we created a new page for this information and have been populating that VTN Web site page with lots of information on a regular basis but failed to pull updated information from that new page for the weekly newsletters.

Our sincere apologies to the many recipients of our newsletter.



Flamingo in Central Virginia

RECENT NEWS HIGHLIGHTS: VIRGINIA, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

Governor McDonnell, Lieutenant Governor Bolling, Attorney General Cuccinelli, and House and Senate Republican Leadership Announce Joint Agenda for 2011 Legislative Session. Speaking about the *Opportunity At Work* legislative component of the "Smaller Government, Stronger Economy" agenda, Lieutenant Governor Bill Bolling remarked, "Virginia is recognized internationally for the innovation of our technology sector. We must do everything we can to ensure we are attracting more jobs in this area and supporting our current employers who are making advances in bio-sciences, energy technology, and communications infrastructure." "The package includes legislation creating the Virginia Research and Technology Investment Program, the Virginia Tourism Grant Fund and approximately \$55 million in new grants and incentives for job creation in the Commonwealth." From Virginia.gov, January 11, 2011. Click [here](#) for more information.

"Primary care doctors and specialists need to better communicate." From medpagetoday's KevinMD.com. Click [here](#) to access blog article.

"Patients adjusting their medications and controlling blood pressure." "...British physicians have published a study in *The Lancet*. Their study, Telemonitoring and Self-Management in the Control of Hypertension (TASMINH2) was reported in July. They showed for the first time that patients adjusting their medications according to rules specified by their physicians could do a better job of controlling blood pressure. This study was well designed, and included several key elements." From medpagetoday's KevinMD.com, by Steven H. Rudolph, MD. Click [here](#) to access article.

"Multiple chronic conditions target of new HHS strategy." "The department pushes for more interagency coordination to treat patients with more than one disease." From amednews.com: American Medical News, January 10, 2011, by Chris Silva. Click [here](#) to access article.

"Provider Communication Is Improved by Telemedicine." From GlobalMedia Blog, January 11, 2011. Click [here](#) to access blog.

"Sebelius Touts Launch of Rhode Island's Health IT Beacon Community." "The Rhode Island Quality Institute plans to direct its grant toward medical practices that already have adopted electronic health records and are working to establish themselves as patient-centered medical homes. Medical homes involve a team of health professionals **who** coordinate care for patients with chronic conditions." From iHealthBeat, January 10, 2011. Click [here](#) to access article.



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"At work, Sermo docs prefer the Epocrates app, MM&M poll finds." From Medical Marketing & Media, January 10, 2011. Click [here](#) to access article.

"BMJ on the iPad." "The BMJ is now available as an iPad application (app), the first general medical journal to launch a version for Apple's tablet computer. The app is a new product that combines the weekly BMJ print journal selection of research, comment, and education (with added interactivity), along with live feeds of the latest news, blogs, podcasts, and videos to appear on bmj.com. You can download the app from the [iTunes store](#), and preview a sample issue." From BMJ. Click [here](#) to access announcement.

"Mobilizing Innovation for Global Health." From mHealthAlliance. Click [here](#) to access article.

"What to Expect at CES 2012: A preview of consumer electronics in the years to come." From Technology Review, published by MIT, January 11, 2011. Click [here](#) to access article.

"Verizon Finally Lands the iPhone." From The Wall Street Journal TECH, January 8, 2011. Click [here](#) to access article.

"AT&T adds MedApps in mHealth solutions: US wireless communications company AT&T (NYSE: T | PowerRating) has included MedApps, a developer of wireless mobile remote patient monitoring solutions, in AT&T's ForHealth portfolio of mHealth, cloud-based, and telehealth products and solutions, AT&T announced on Wednesday." From Trading Markets, January 6, 2011. Click [here](#) to access article.

"iMedicalApps.com: Mobile Medical App Reviews & Commentary – A publication by medical professionals." [VTN note: VTN recently discovered this Web site/blog. *It is totally fantastic.* Substantive reviews with great images. Below are titles and links to some of the recent reviews. VTN will continue to cover this on a regular basis.]

- "Pocket Atlas of Emergency Ultrasound textbook becomes a medical app on the iPad and iPhone [Video Review]" by Yousif Alkadhi, MD on December 29, 2010. Click [here](#) to access review.
- "Google's Chrome Operating System has potential for healthcare use and why Microsoft should be concerned" by Iltifat Husain on December 30, 2010. Click [here](#) to access review.
- "The best free iPhone medical app comes to the iPad, Medscape [Review]" by Iltifat Husain on January 1, 2011. Click [here](#) to access review.
- "A new iPhone peripheral that monitors single lead EKG is generating a lot of buzz – is it all deserved?" by Satish Misra, MD on January 4, 2011. Click [here](#) to access review.
- "The most popular iPhone medical app, Medscape, is now on Android [Review]" by Brett Einerson on January 7, 2011. Click [here](#) to access review.
- "Bill Gates interview at mHealth – How mobile health can be used to improve healthcare outcomes" by Felasfa Wodajo, MD on November 10, 2010. Click [here](#) to access review.
- "The iPad in the Operating Room: A surgeon's perspective [Part I, iMA article in Journal of Surgical Radiology]" by Felasfa Wodajo, MD on December 8, 2010. Click [here](#) to access review.
- "Using Dropbox and OsiriX on the iPad to view radiology images in the operating room [iPad in the OR, part II]" by Felasfa Wodajo, MD on December 9, 2010. Click [here](#) to access review.
- "iMedicalApps Interview: Dr. Tom Doerr and Joel Andersen, co-founder and president of ClearPractice on Nimble, a powerful iPad EHR" by Felasfa Wodajo, MD on November 3, 2010. Click [here](#) to access review.
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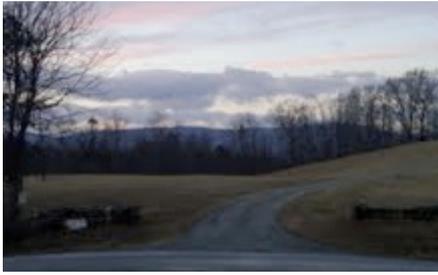
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HRSA ORHP ““Meaningful Use and Critical Access Hospitals: A Primer on HIT Adoption in the Rural Health Care Setting”

"The Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) is pleased to release “Meaningful Use and Critical Access Hospitals: A Primer on HIT Adoption in the Rural Health Care Setting.” The Primer was created to provide a linkage between the lessons learned from the Medicare Flexibility Critical Access Hospital Health Information Technology (CAH HIT) Network Grant Program and the July 2010 release of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Stage 1 Final Rule on Meaningful Use.

This Primer is focused on providing CAHs with an introduction on a broad spectrum of HIT adoption issues and considerations, in addition to identifying open-ended questions that can help CAHs further define their own roadmap for adoption. Topics include evaluating organizational readiness, assembling multidisciplinary teams, reviewing current processes and identifying goals and objectives necessary to effectively prepare the CAH to manage the change process associated with HIT adoption. Additionally, this Primer addresses vendor and product selection – designed to challenge CAHs to review HIT needs and current capabilities, to then solicit products and vendors that will suit organizational needs and the provision of tools and services supporting the negotiation of appropriate contract terms to foster an effective CAH / vendor relationship. **The Primer is meant for wide dissemination and can be downloaded off the HRSA ORHP website by click on: [Rural Primer](#).**

From ONC: "Implementation Workgroup: Upcoming Meetings Meeting Webcast & Participation

Participation in meetings will be available via webconference or audio teleconference. The webconference will enable participants to hear the live audio and see the live viewing of the slides. The teleconference will only provide the live audio. The public will be invited to make comments at the conclusion of each meeting. → [How to Participate](#)

Upcoming Meetings

- All meeting dates and times are subject to change until publication of the meeting notice in the Federal Register.
- NOTE: Modifications that impact a previously announced workgroup meeting (i.e., time or date change) cannot always be announced quickly. Therefore, please check the ONC Web site periodically in the event a change has occurred.

Monday, January 10, 2011 1 to 4:30 EST

Tuesday January 11, 2011 9-5 pm

Marriott Wardman Park Hotel

Wash

Meeting Material and Agenda at Web site." Click [here](#) to access.

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The indoor pool at the
Wintergreen Resort

2011 VIRGINIA TELEHEALTH SUMMIT:

The Second Annual Virginia Telehealth Summit, co-sponsored by the Virginia Telehealth Network and the Virginia Rural Health Association, will be held Tuesday, April 5, 2011. Location: Wintergreen Resort, adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway in beautiful Central Virginia.

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HRSA ORHP Flex Critical Access Hospital Health Information Technology Network Grant Program Evaluation Report

"The Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, Office of Rural Health Policy is pleased to announce the release of the Flex Critical Access Hospital Health Information Technology Network Grant Program Evaluation Report. The report is a process review of the \$25 million in one-time funding used to support 16 rural grantees develop and implement HIT pilot networks in an 18-month time frame. The grantees were charged with designing, creating, and implementing functional pilot networks to improve coordination of care in their communities, and provide lessons learned for future providers and networks in adopting HIT.

This report describes an evaluation of these grantees that were charged with designing, creating, and implementing functional pilot networks to improve coordination of care in their communities, and provide lessons learned for future providers and networks in adopting HIT." Click [here](#) to access report.

"Seven for 2011: Health Information Management and Technology Stories to Watch in 2011." "Seven stories unfolding in 2011 illustrate the sweeping changes under way in what will be an active and sometimes tumultuous year in health information management." From AHIMA, by Chris Dimick. Click [here](#) to access article. [VTN note: The seven to watch are: Meaningful Use, Regional Extension Centers, ICD-10, Health Information Exchange, Health IT Workforce, Privacy and Security, and Quality Measures. Nice review of the issues. Article also includes 8 more stories to watch in 2011.]

"What Data Can Consumers With Electronic Access to Their Medical Records View?" From iHealthBeat, December 22, 2010. Click [here](#) to access article.

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The 17 Beacon Communities will focus on specific and measurable improvement goals in the three vital areas for health systems improvement: quality, cost-efficiency, and population health, to demonstrate the ability of health IT to transform local health care systems. The goals vary according to the needs and priorities of each community. For instance, some communities will focus in the care for chronic conditions such as asthma, heart failure, and diabetes to illustrate how costs can be reduced and patient care improved through the collection, analysis, and sharing of clinical data." Click [here](#) to access Web site. [VTN links: Informative, nicely done video and links to all the Beacon Communities.]

"Guerra On Healthcare: Preventing EMR Planning Paralysis: If you wait for answers before implementing an electronic medical record, you'll likely fall behind on getting meaningful use incentive funds." From InformationWeek Healthcare, January 3, 2011. Click [here](#) to access article.

"When will LTC get serious about IT?" From McKnight's: Long-Term Care News & Assisted Living, January 3, 2011. Click [here](#) to access article.

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"ONC Issues Final Rule for Permanent Certification Program for Health Information Technology." News Release from HHS. Click [here](#) to access article.

The below (on the following page) **"BIDMC's Meaningful Use Email"** is the January 3, 2011 blog article from **"Life as a Healthcare CIO,"** by John D. Halamka, MD, MS, is Chief Information Officer of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Chief Information Officer at Harvard Medical School, Chairman of the New England Healthcare Exchange Network (NEHEN), Chair of the US Healthcare Information Technology Standards Panel (HITSP)/Co-Chair of the HIT Standards Committee, and a practicing Emergency Physician. **A special thanks to Dr. Halamka for sharing this.** Click [here](#) to access blog.

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"BIDMC's Meaningful Use Email:

As hospitals and eligible professionals prepare for their meaningful use reporting period (registration begins today), they will want to communicate the details of the program to stakeholders. Here's the email we're sending out today. Feel free to use any part of it for your organization.

"As part of the Stimulus Package, the federal government has allocated \$19 billion to encourage the health care industry to adopt Electronic Health Records. Demonstrating "meaningful use" of our electronic systems will mean several million dollars in additional reimbursement from CMS for the medical center, and additional funds for physicians. To be eligible for these additional payments, we must do 3 things:

1. Be an eligible professional or hospital
2. Implement a certified Electronic Health Record (EHR)
3. Use the certified EHR in a meaningful way

Who qualifies as an eligible professional?

Eligible professionals include doctors of medicine, osteopathy, dental surgery, dental medicine, podiatry, optometry, and chiropractors. Professionals who perform 90% or more of their services in the inpatient or emergency setting are considered "hospital-based" and are not eligible.

Are we using a certified Electronic Health Record?

Collectively, all of the clinical systems we use here at BIDMC make up our Electronic Health Record. The hospital is in the process of having our collective systems certified by the Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (CCHIT) via their EACH program for hospitals. We expect to be one of the first hospitals in the country to do so.

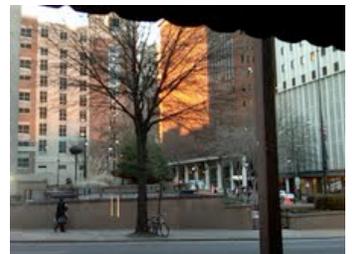
There are 10 optional ('menu') criteria of which hospitals and eligible professionals must choose 5. There is 100% overlap except that reporting lab results to public health and advanced directive management is hospital only.

A grid of the criteria is available here. We have completed an assessment of the criteria and how well BIDMC is doing in meeting the required metrics. Good news! As of January 1, 2011 BIDMC has the necessary system functions to meet meaningful use criteria and with few exceptions we, collectively (hospital and eligible professionals), are doing well in meeting the required metrics.

When does this program begin?

The earliest possible 'reporting period' for demonstration of meaningful use is January 3-March 31, 2011. Measurement of performance on the 15 required and the chosen 5 optional criteria is done during this time. CMS will make a website available to register hospitals and eligible professionals for participation in the meaningful use program. The process for registering is being launched by CMS today, and BIDMC/BIDPO will act swiftly to ensure all eligible providers are enrolled. In April, the hospital and eligible clinicians 'attest' that they have achieved meaningful use, with additional reimbursements starting in May.

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What do I need to do on January 3, 2011?

For Core Requirements:

As mentioned above, we are collectively doing well in meeting most criteria as the information collected is required for a patient to receive care here at BIDMC or part of our standard workflow. Here is where we need your help in collecting and documenting additional information within webOMR/ other points of entry systems:

Problem Lists: Requirement: 80% of all unique patients must have at least one entry or an indication that the patient has no known problems documented as part of the problem list in webOMR.

Medication Allergy List: 80% of all unique patients must have at least one entry or an indication that the patient has no known allergies/ ADRs documented in the Allergy module in webOMR

Smoking Status: 50% of patients age 13 or older must have smoking status recorded in webOMR (within Sheets).

Clinical Summaries: Clinical summaries must be provided to patients for 50% of all outpatient office visits within 3 business days. This is not currently standard practice throughout our outpatient practices. With the help of the webOMR User Group, a standard clinical summary will be available for printing from webOMR and other CCC applications. Your administrative staff will be briefed on this within the next few days and are ready to help implement this within the outpatient practice

Within the next few days you will receive additional information from OMR Support describing how you can use the system to meet the criteria. In the meantime if you have questions or concerns about webOMR functions, please contact: omrsupport@bidmc.harvard.edu.

Ideally, we believe that the documentation requirements needed to meet meaningful use are in the best interest of providing safe patient care and allowing clinicians to communicate with each other and patients effectively and efficiently. Therefore, we support the continued use of webOMR and other BIDMC systems for Problems, Medications, Allergies, Smoking Status, etc. So although the reporting period ends in March/ April of 2011, we request your ongoing use of our systems for this documentation.

How do funds flow?

Assuming we begin our measurement period on January 3rd and we complete attestation in April: Beginning in May, increased Medicare payments to the hospital and to the clinicians begin to flow. For the hospital, the value of these increased payments will be approximately \$2 million per year. For clinicians, the value is:

2011 \$18,000

2012 \$12,000

2013 \$8000

2014 \$4000

2015 \$2000

Thus, the flow of funds will follow whatever path Medicare payments to the hospital and clinicians have in place today.

Note that Meaningful Use Stage 1 is 2011-2012, Stage 2 is 2013-2014 and Stage 3 is 2015. This means that the criteria for meaningful use will get more challenging to meet over time and that the hospital and eligible professionals will need to repeat the "reporting period" and attestation in 2013 and 2015."

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GRANT /RFP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Affordable Care Act - Health Center Planning Grants. Agency: HRSA. Posted date: January 7, 2011. Closing date for applications: March 18, 2011. Funding Opportunity Number: HRSA-11-021. For more information click on: Grants.gov.

Description:

The purpose of planning grants is to demonstrate the need for health services in the community from public or non-profit organizations seeking a grant to plan for the development of a comprehensive primary care health center under the Health Center Program authorized under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act. The purpose of the Health Center Program is to extend comprehensive primary and preventive health services (including mental health, substance abuse and oral health services) and supplemental services to populations currently without access to such services, and to improve their health status. The program includes: 1) Community Health Centers, section 330(e); 2) Migrant Health Centers, section 330(g); 3) Health Care for the Homeless program, section 330(h); and 4) Public Housing Primary Care, section 330(i). The populations served by these programs include: 1) medically underserved populations in urban and rural areas; 2) migratory and seasonal agricultural workers and their families; 3) homeless people, including children and families; and 4) residents of publicly subsidized housing.

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