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PUBLIC HEARING

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Jefferson Building, 1220 Bank Street, 12th Floor Conference Room, Richmond Virginia. 23219
(10:00 AM – 12:00PM)

In compliance with the grant application process requirements for federal funding of substance abuse prevention and treatment under 45 CFR §96.130, DBHDS will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the Synar Annual Report for the Virginia Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Application for Federal Fiscal Year 2016. Copies of the report are available for review at the DBHDS Office of Substance Abuse Services, Room 1230, Jefferson Building, 1220 Bank Street, Richmond, VA and on the DBHDS website at <http://dbhds.virginia.gov/library/osas/draft%20synar%20report%202015.pdf>

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
- III. PURPOSE
- IV. HEARING PROCESS
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS (*TIME LIMITED PER SPEAKER*)
- VI. CLOSING COMMENTS
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

COMMENTS:

Comments may be made at the hearing or in writing by no later than December 10, 2015, to Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Attention: Mellie Randall, Office of Substance Abuse Services, P.O. Box 1797, Richmond, VA 23218. Copies of oral presentations should be filed at the time of the hearing.

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BACKGROUND: PURPOSE OF THE HEARING

In July 1992, Congress enacted the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration Reorganization Act (PL 102-321), which includes an amendment (section 1926) aimed at decreasing youth access to tobacco. This amendment, named for its sponsor, Congressman Mike Synar of Oklahoma, requires states (that is, all states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and six Pacific jurisdictions) to enact and enforce laws prohibiting the sale or distribution of tobacco products to individuals under the age of 18. States must comply with the Synar Amendment in order to receive their full Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant (SABG) awards. Section 1941 of the PHS Act requires States to offer the public an opportunity for comment on the State SAPT plan. In addition to this requirement, the final rule requires each State to submit for public comment the elements of the SAPT Block Grant report that relate to implementing this regulation.