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The Adoption Program will move forward with statewide implementation of adoption negotiations July 1, 2015. The pilot will end June 30, 2015. A mid-pilot review was conducted May 14-15, 2015 in Charlottesville, Virginia with eight of the ten pilot agencies; *Central (Henrico and Prince Edward County); Eastern (Gloucester and Norfolk); Northern (Harrisonburg-Rockingham); Piedmont (Roanoke County); and Western (Radford and Wise)*. The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate the progress and solicit feedback from the pilot agencies. Overall, the process received positive feedback regarding the role and support of the Adoption Negotiators across the state.

As a result of the mid-pilot review, the Adoption Negotiators scheduled overview trainings for each region. The intended audience is for directors and adoption program staff. The Eastern Region meeting was held May 26, 2015. The other meeting dates are as follows: Central Region (June 16, 2015); Northern Region (June 30, 2015); Piedmont Region (July 7, 2015); Western Region (June 17, 2015). Please contact your Regional Adoption Negotiator for specific information regarding the meeting in your region. FAQs will be drafted and shared via broadcast after all of the meetings have been held.

In advance of statewide implementation, the Regional Adoption Negotiators are scheduling agency visits with their assigned agencies to meet with supervisors and adoption program staff. They will observe and document information regarding the agency's adoption process. The role of the Adoption Negotiator is to provide consistency, support and objectivity when negotiating adoption assistance for all new adoption assistance agreements and addendums.

There are currently four negotiators on board. The Northern Region Adoption Negotiator position is currently advertised until filled. Due to the vacancy in the Northern Region, the four negotiators will divide the work among all five regions.

The agency breakdown per Regional Adoption Negotiator is as follows:

Shelly Latoski : Accomack, Brunswick, Charles City, Chesapeake, Dinwiddie, Essex, Franklin City, Gloucester, Greenville-Emporia, Hampton, Isle of Wight, James City, King & Queen, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Newport News, Norfolk, Northampton, Northumberland, Petersburg, Portsmouth, Prince George, Richmond County, Southampton, Suffolk, Surry, Sussex, Virginia Beach, Westmoreland, Williamsburg, York-Poquoson, Charles City

Krista Currier: Albemarle, Alleghany-Covington, Amherst, Appomattox, Bath, Bedford, Botetourt, Campbell, Charlotte, Charlottesville, Craig, Culpeper, Danville, Franklin County, Greene, Halifax, Harrisonburg-Rockingham, Henry-Martinsville, Highland, Lynchburg, Louisa, Madison, Mecklenburg, Nelson, Orange, Page, Pittsylvania, Rappahannock, Roanoke County, Rockbridge-Buena Vista-Lexington, Shenandoah, Shenandoah Valley (Staunton-Augusta & Waynesboro)

Martha Patrick: Alexandria, Amelia, Arlington, Buckingham, Caroline, Chesterfield, Clarke, Cumberland, Fairfax County (incl. Falls Church), Fauquier, Fluvanna, Frederick, Fredericksburg, Goochland, Hanover, Henrico, Hopewell, King George, Loudon, Lunenburg, Manassas City, Manassas Park, Nottoway, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Prince William, Richmond City, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Warren, Winchester

Jennifer Lilly: Bland, Bristol, Buchanan, Carroll, Dickenson, Floyd, Galax, Giles, Grayson, Lee, Montgomery, Norton, Patrick, Pulaski, Radford, Roanoke City, Russell, Scott, Tazewell, Washington, Wise, Wythe

Jennifer Lilly will also be completing referrals for basic maintenance only negotiations.