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**To: Members
DBHDS 2023 Combined Study Workgroup**

**Fr: Dev Nair, Assistant Commissioner
Division of Provider Management**

**Re: Agendas and Zoom Log In Information (July 20, July 27, August 3)
and NOTICE: Opportunity for Public Comment by Interested Stakeholders**

Thank you for accepting the invitation to provide technical assistance to this agency as a member of DBHDS 2023 Combined Study Workgroup convened in accordance with [HB2255 \(Hodges\)/SB1155 \(Mason\)](#) and [SB1544 \(Rouse\)](#). I look forward to speaking with you next week about possible ways to reduce administrative burden on providers of mental health, developmental, or substance abuse services while maintaining high quality services and protecting the rights of individuals receiving services.

Public Comment

Please see the attached three agendas. A time for public comment is set aside as the last item in each meeting for 20 minutes. Persons wishing to give comment must submit an email to susan.puglisi@dbhds.virginia.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. *on the day prior* to the meeting, indicating that they wish to provide a brief verbal comment. As the names of these individuals are announced at the beginning of the public comment period, three minutes of comment may be offered, within the overall time allowed for comments. Written public comment may be sent by email to susan.puglisi@dbhds.virginia.gov no later than 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Instructions for calling into the meeting are included below.

Workgroup Member Logistics

The same meeting link is set for all three meetings; workgroup members will receive a direct email to join as a panelist. If you have any questions prior to the first meeting or between the meetings, for logistical questions ruthanne.walker@dbhds.virginia.gov.

**Cc: Jae Benz, Director
Office of Licensing**

Taneika Goldman, State Human Rights Director
Office of Human Rights

DBHDS 2023 COMBINED STUDY WORKGROUP
ZOOM WEBINAR LOG IN INFORMATION
*(*panelists receive direct invitation to join)*

Description	The DBHDS 2023 Combined Study Workgroup to fulfill the requirements of Section 1 legislation passed last session, HB2255/SB1155 and SB1544 .
DBHDS 2023 Combined Study Workgroup (HB2255/SB1155 and SB1544)	
All Meetings	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Every week on Thursday from 1:00 – 3:30 PM:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Jul 20, 2023 01:00 PM○ Jul 27, 2023 01:00 PM○ Aug 3, 2023 01:00 PM▪ Please click the link below to join the webinar: https://dbhds-virginia-gov.zoomgov.com/j/1604924388?pwd=ZTFwcEdIRDR0TDI6dG9icGJOZk9Tdz09▪ Passcode: 406238 <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Or One tap mobile:<ul style="list-style-type: none">+16692545252,,1604924388#,,, *406238# US (San Jose)+16468287666,,1604924388#,,, *406238# US (New York)▪ Or Telephone: <p>Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">+1 646 828 7666 US (New York)+1 646 964 1167 US (US Spanish Line)+1 551 285 1373 US <p>Webinar ID: 160 492 4388 Passcode: 406238</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Or an H.323/SIP room system:<ul style="list-style-type: none">H.323: 161.199.138.10 (US West) or 161.199.136.10 (US East)Meeting ID: 160 492 4388Passcode: 406238SIP: 1604924388@sip.zoomgov.comPasscode: 406238	

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2023 COMBINED STUDY WORKGROUP

AGENDA #1

JULY 20, 2023

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

ZOOM Meeting (see enclosed log in information; panelists receive separate invitation)

1:00 – 1:20 PM	I. Introduction and Workgroup Objectives (Dev Nair)
1:20 – 1:50 PM	II. Presentation of Survey Results (Dev Nair)
1:50 – 2:20 PM	III. Findings from Other States/State Agencies (Jae Benz)
2:20 – 3:05 PM	IV. Questions and Discussion (Dev Nair; Jae Benz; Taneika Goldman)
3:05 – 3:25 PM	V. Public Comments <i>3 minutes per speaker; written comments accepted until 10 a.m. the day of the meeting. Advanced registration required by 5:00 p.m. on July 19, 2023, to susan.puglisi@dbhds.virginia.gov.</i>
3:25 – 3:30 PM	VI. Conclusion and Next Steps

AGENDA #2

JULY 27, 2023

1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

ZOOM Meeting (see enclosed log in information; panelists receive separate invitation)

1:00 – 1:10 PM	I. Introductions and Summary of June 20th Meeting
1:10 – 2:20 PM	II. Development of Workgroup Recommendations a. Survey Results b. Other States c. Topics from Legislation and Discussion
2:20 – 3:05 PM	III. Discussion
3:05 – 3:25 PM	IV. Public Comment <i>3 minutes per speaker; written comments accepted until 10 a.m. the day of the meeting. Advanced registration required by 5:00 p.m. on July 26, 2023, to susan.puglisi@dbhds.virginia.gov.</i>
3:25 – 3:30 PM	V. Conclusion and Next Steps

AGENDA #3
AUGUST 3, 2023
1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

ZOOM Meeting (see enclosed log in information; panelists receive separate invitation)

1:00 – 1:10 PM	I. Summary of June 27th Meeting
1:10 – 1:40 PM	II. Review Revised Draft Recommendations
1:40 – 3:05 PM	III. Discussion
3:05 – 3:25 PM	IV. Public Comment <i>3 minutes per speaker; written comments accepted until 10 a.m. the day of the meeting. Advanced registration required by 5:00 p.m. on August 3, 2023, to susan.puglisi@dbhds.virginia.gov.</i>
3:25 – 3:30 PM	V. Conclusion

DBHDS 2023 Combined Study Workgroup

Only one panelist representative serving on a meeting at a time.

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Previous Correspondence

From: Walker, Ruth Anne (DBHDS) <RuthAnne.Walker@dbhds.virginia.gov>

Sent: Friday, June 23, 2023 3:28 PM

To: Walker, Ruth Anne (DBHDS) <RuthAnne.Walker@dbhds.virginia.gov>

Subject: Participation Requested: DBHDS 2023 Combined Study Workgroup (HB2255/SB1155 and SB1544)

Good Afternoon:

You are invited to participate on the DBHDS 2023 Combined Study Workgroup to fulfill the requirements of Section 1 legislation passed last year, HB2255/SB1155 and SB1544:

Bill	HB2255 (Hodges)/SB1155 (Mason)	SB1544 (Rouse)
Description	Regulatory relief for licensed providers	Reporting simplifications
Language	1. § 1. That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (the Department) shall review its regulations that impact providers licensed by the Department in order to identify reforms to increase efficiency, reduce redundancy, and decrease regulatory burdens on providers. This review shall include consideration of how relief from licensing requirements may be authorized for providers that are accredited by recognized national accreditation bodies. The Department shall also consider adjustments to the frequency of licensing inspections for providers with triennial licenses that have had no health or safety violations or complaints for the previous year. The Department shall collaborate with stakeholders to conduct this review and shall report its recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions by November 1, 2023.	1. § 1. That the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (the Department) shall review its regulations that require providers licensed by the Department to report allegations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation and incidents classified as Level II and Level III. The Department shall collaborate with stakeholders to develop solutions to reduce administrative burdens on licensed providers. The Department shall report its recommendations to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Education and Health and the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions by November 1, 2023.

An invitation to the three Zoom webinars was sent earlier this afternoon regarding this combined study workgroup for your participation as a panelist. If you are able to serve as a panelist on July 20, July 27, and August 3 from 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., please use that emailed webinar invitation to join each meeting. If you are unable to accept this invitation to serve, wish to recommend a designee, or are not able to attend a particular meeting and wish to send an alternate, please reply to this email with that information. For members of the public, the log in information is available on Town Hall.

A packet of information will be sent prior to the meeting on July 20th. Each meeting will have an opportunity for public comment. In the coming days, the department will distribute broadly a survey to you, providers, and other interested stakeholders to gather valuable feedback on current Licensing and Human Rights regulations and the impacts to providers and members of the community. The results will be disseminated and used as points of discussion regarding recommendations at three workgroup meetings. Research has been and will continue to be conducted to collect information from other states and various sources on these issues. The required input and report from these studies will be combined.

Your input is valuable and we look forward to working with you.

Sent on behalf of Dev Nair, Jae Benz, and Taneika Goldman

PS - If you happen to serve on both this Combined Study Workgroup and the Licensing Overhaul Regulatory Advisory Panel (RAP), please be sure to look closely at the emailed invitations as the RAP meetings occur in June and the study workgroup dates are in July.

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