



November 13, 2025, 10am

## State Telehealth Plan Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Ray LaMura, Jim Werth, Karen Winslow, Mary Krampen, Felicia Smith, Kathy Wibberly, Rufus Phillips, Art Kellermann, Carter Bater, Amanda Mueller, Tim Perkins, Sandra Serna

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### Virginia's State Telehealth Plan: 2026 - 2030

- Approved by Virginia's State Board of Health 6.12.25

### **Rural Health Transformation Funds**

- The Governor's office submitted the [Virginia Rural Vitality Plan](#) on Nov 5 partnering with 13 offices to help manage implementation and grant distribution
  - Four Priorities:
    - "Care IQ" Tech Innovation
      - Tech innovation fund
      - Provider productivity fund
      - Provider interoperability fund
      - Remote patient monitoring fund
    - "Homegrown Health Heroes" Workforce Development
      - Rural residency slots in high priority specialties
      - Community colleges to launch or expand high-demand health programs
      - Paid work-based learning opportunities with higher ed and employers
      - Career pipelines for high schools
    - "Connected Care, Closer to Home"
      - Mobile telehealth units
      - Community paramedicine
      - Innovation maternal care
    - "Live Well Together" Chronic Disease
      - Nutritional education
      - Piloting and testing digital health tools
      - Community spaces for physically active children
      - Enrolling dual eligible seniors in integrated care plans
  - Response from the federal government on state proposals is expected by 12.31.25

### **BEAD Funding**



- Non-deployment funding is under review by National Telecommunications and Information Administration
- A bill has been drafted in the US Senate to claw back all non-deployment money

### Recent Activity

- Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) workgroup on SB1038
  - Currently organizing stakeholder meetings and compiling resources
- VTN Benchmarking Telehealth in Virginia Survey
  - Being distributed through Virginia Department of Health and Virginia Department of Health Professions
- Federal Telehealth Flexibilities
  - Extension for telehealth flexibilities through 1.30.26 passed along with budget to reopen the Federal government
    - Still requires a permanent solution beyond that date
    - Retroactive back to 10.31.25 when they first expired
  - The proposed CR extends Medicare telehealth flexibilities ([Sec. 6208](#)), which were previously extended by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, through January 30, 2026. These [flexibilities](#) include the following:
    - Home as the originating site and no geographic restrictions for Medicare non-behavioral telehealth visits
    - Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Centers as distant-site providers
    - Audio-only non-behavioral telehealth visits
    - Telehealth meets the face-to-face recertification requirements for hospice care
    - Expanded provider eligibility for general telehealth (i.e., occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists, and audiologists)
    - Delayed in-person visit requirements for behavioral telehealth visits
  - [2026 Physician Fee Schedule Final](#)
    - People in behavioral health should consult the schedule for recent changes
- Meetings in 2026
  - VTN-Broadband Association of Virginia joint conference
    - VA Alliance for School Based Health convening
      - 3.18.26, 3:30 to 4:30 PM
    - VTN School Based Telehealth Summit for providers
      - Bay Rivers Telehealth Alliance has a school based telehealth grant and would love to be part of the conversation.



- Tri-Area Community Health has funded school-based telemental health services as well.
- Mid Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center (MATRC)
  - Planning a late summer summit.

### **2026 General Assembly Session**

- What relevant legislation are you hearing about that could impact the State Telehealth Plan?
  - Joint Commission on Technology and Science (JCOTS)
    - Working in the AI space and chatbot issues such as unlicensed chatbot psychiatry
  - E-Consults
  - Primary care medics
    - Pennsylvania is piloting this with Penn State
    - Non licensed provider who has access/connection to a licensed provider or specialist in another part to the state
    - We could see this hybrid model come to VA

**Adjourn 10:49am**