

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

# Virginia Coalition for the Prevention of Elder Abuse



**VCPEA 15th Annual Conference**

**May 27-29, 2009**

**Virginia Beach Resort & Conference Center**

**2800 Shore Drive**

**Virginia Beach, VA**

**1-800-468-2722**

*Virginia Coalition for the  
Prevention of Elder Abuse*  
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Richmond, VA 23255

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### WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2009

#### PRE- CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

**3:00 -5:00 Workshop Nuts and Bolts of Elder Abuse: What We All Need to Know!**

Presenters: Joyce Martin- Adult Protective Services,  
Joani Latimer- Long Term Care Ombudsman,  
Kathy Pryor- Elder Law

### THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2009

**8:00-9:00 REGISTRATION**

**9:00-10:30 WELCOME**

Joyce Martin, President, VCPEA

#### KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

***Undue Influence***

APS and legal professionals are increasingly involved with cases that may involve undue influence. Considering undue influence is a new phenomenon that challenges the professionals investigating or responding to these cases. This session will cover the definitions of undue influence, pattern of tactics and process used relationship of consent and capacity to undue influence, legal remedies and realities, and practice implications.

Presenter: Lori Stiegel, JD

**10:30-10:45 REFRESHMENT BREAK**

**10:45-12:15 BREAKOUT SESSION I:**

**A. DEFENDING VIRGINIA'S VULNERABLE ADULTS THROUGH ZEALOUS INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION OF OFFENDERS**

FBI Special Agents, covert video surveillance, surprise facility inspections, investigative Grand Juries ... the MFCU will try it all, anything it takes to gather the evidence needed to protect Virginia's vulnerable adults from

uncaring, neglectful and even abusive nursing homes! This session will provide you with an overview of the MFCU's activities in nursing home investigations and plans for future expansion of the team's efforts.  
Presenter: Lauri Lester

**B. GETTING TO PREVENTION: SOCIAL CHANGE AND VIRGINIA'S ADULT FATALITY REVIEW TEAM**

Fatality review and surveillance programs are public health efforts designed to understand how and why people die and to educate others about those injuries and deaths in order to assist policy makers, advocates and planners in reducing violence. Dr. Powell is adamant and passionate about preventing premature deaths from violence.  
Presenter: Virginia Powell, Office of Chief Medical Examiner

**C. PROTECTING RESIDENTS' RIGHTS AND INVESTIGATING ELDER NEGLECT AND ABUSE IN NURSING HOMES PART 1**

Attorney Jeffrey Downey will discuss the substantive rights of nursing home and assisted living residents in Virginia and how best to protect those rights. He will address the Department of Health investigative process and explore how best to investigate and address the violation of those rights and elder neglect in the long term care setting. As a trial attorney he will share ways in which those rights can also be protected through our civil justice system.  
Presenter: Jeff Downey, JD

**12:30-1:45 LUNCHEON AND HELEN NAPPS AWARD**

**2:00-3:30 BREAKOUT SESSION II:**

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## VCPEA 2009 Annual Conference Registration Form

Please use only one form per person.  
You may copy this form as needed. **PLEASE PRINT.**  
Registration deadline is **May 20, 2009**, and there  
are no refunds after this date.

Last Name
First Name
Organization Name
Address
City/State/Zip
Daytime Telephone ( )
Email
Special Dietary or Other Assistance:

I am attending the May 27<sup>th</sup> Pre-conference  
Nuts and Bolts of Elder Abuse  Yes  No

**REGISTRATION FEES:** (Please check the appropriate category  
and indicate the amount enclosed.)

I am a VCPEA member, conference sponsor,  
student, senior citizen \$115   
I am a non-member \$155

You and/or your organization are invited to join VCPEA  
now; doing this now will also allow you to register at the  
member's rate:

Individual Membership \$35   
Organizational Membership \$75

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Note: On-site registration will be \$175 for everyone.

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Make checks payable to VCPEA and mail to:  
VCPEA 2009 Annual Conference  
c/o Chesapeake Sheriff's Office  
P.O. Box 15125  
Chesapeake, Va. 23328

### FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2009

**9:00-10:30 BREAKOUT SESSION III:**

#### **G. ASSESSING COMPETENCE: THE RIGHT TO MAKE BAD DECISIONS?**

Common law dictates that individuals possess autonomy and self-determination, which encompasses the right to accept or refuse medical treatment, and to make independent decisions concerning their finances and other personal interests. Our legal system endorses the principle that all persons are competent to make reasoned decisions unless demonstrated to be otherwise. This workshop will address the standards upon which capacity and competence assessments are made for individuals whose cognitive capacity has come into question.

Presenter: Dr. David Reid

#### **H. FAIRFAX HOARDING TASK FORCE**

Learn about Fairfax County's Task Force on Residential Hoarding, a multi-agency response team created to provide a coordinated approach to severe hoarding cases. This session discusses the Task Force's history, structure, roles of participating agencies, reporting process, inspections, code enforcement and compliance, and key issues for establishing a successful hoarding task force.

Presenter: Northern Virginia Task Force- Jim Armstrong, Environmental Health Supervisor, Fairfax County Health Department

#### **I. SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION OF ELDER ABUSE**

This informative workshop will concentrate on identifying criminal statutes that protect against Elder Abuse. We will cover physical abuse, neglect, financial fraud and exploitation, as well as sexual abuse. We also will

address the unique challenges and barriers to prosecuting cases of elder abuse.

Presenters: Mike Huberman, JD, Henrico Commonwealth Attorneys Office, Julie McConnell, JD, Richmond Commonwealth Attorneys Office

**11:00-12:30 CLOSING PLENARY SESSION:**

#### **CURRENT NATIONAL ISSUES FOR NURSING FACILITY RESIDENTS**

This plenary session considers a variety of current issues at the national level that affect nursing facility residents. Issues in Congress include the transparency and accountability bill, legislation prohibiting mandatory pre-dispute arbitration agreements, and the elder abuse bill. Regulatory issues include federal standards of care and recent developments in survey and certification, such as new surveyor guidance, the Five-Star Rating System, and Special Focus Facilities. Presenter: Toby S. Edelman Ed. M JD Senior Policy Attorney in the Washington, DC Office of the Center for Medicare Advocacy

VCPEA has applied for continuing education and CLE credits.

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#### **ACCOMMODATIONS AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS:**

VCPEA has reserved a block of rooms at the Virginia Beach Resort and Conference Center at the special rate of \$99.00 a night, single or double occupancy. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel by calling **1-800-468-2722** and requesting the VCPEA conference rate. Reservations must be made by April 28, 2009 in order to receive the conference rate.

#### **D. POWER OF ATTORNEY ABUSE: NEW LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE REMEDIES.**

This workshop will address: power of attorney (POA) abuse and its impact on victims; civil and criminal legal remedies for POA abuse; the new Uniform Power of Attorney Act (UPOAA) and its provisions to prevent and remedy abuse, which Virginia's legislature is expected to enact in 2009.

Presenter: Lori Stiegel

#### **E. PROTECTING RESIDENTS' RIGHTS AND INVESTIGATING ELDER NEGLECT AND ABUSE IN NURSING HOMES PART 2.**

Attorney Jeffrey Downey will discuss the substantive rights of nursing home and assisted living residents in Virginia and how best to protect those rights. He will address the Department of Health investigative process and explore how best to investigate and address the violation of those rights and elder neglect in the long term care setting. As a trial attorney he will share ways in which those rights can also be protected through our civil justice system.

Presenter: Jeff Downey

#### **F. Geriatric Bingo**

This fun and informative event will ask questions from our conference and present relevant information about aging issues. Prizes available!

Presenter: Dr. Jonathan Evans

#### **3:45-5:45 PLAY- GRACE & GLORIE**

Grace & Glorie is a heartfelt comedy written by Tom Ziegler. It tells the story of the growing relationship between a crotchety country-bred elderly woman and the city woman sent from hospice to render her aid and comfort.

**6:00 RECEPTION HOSTED BY VCPEA**

LOCATION: HOSPITALITY SUITE