
CRISIS & EMERGENCY PLANNING

Local Mental Health, Mental Retardation and
Substance Abuse Services

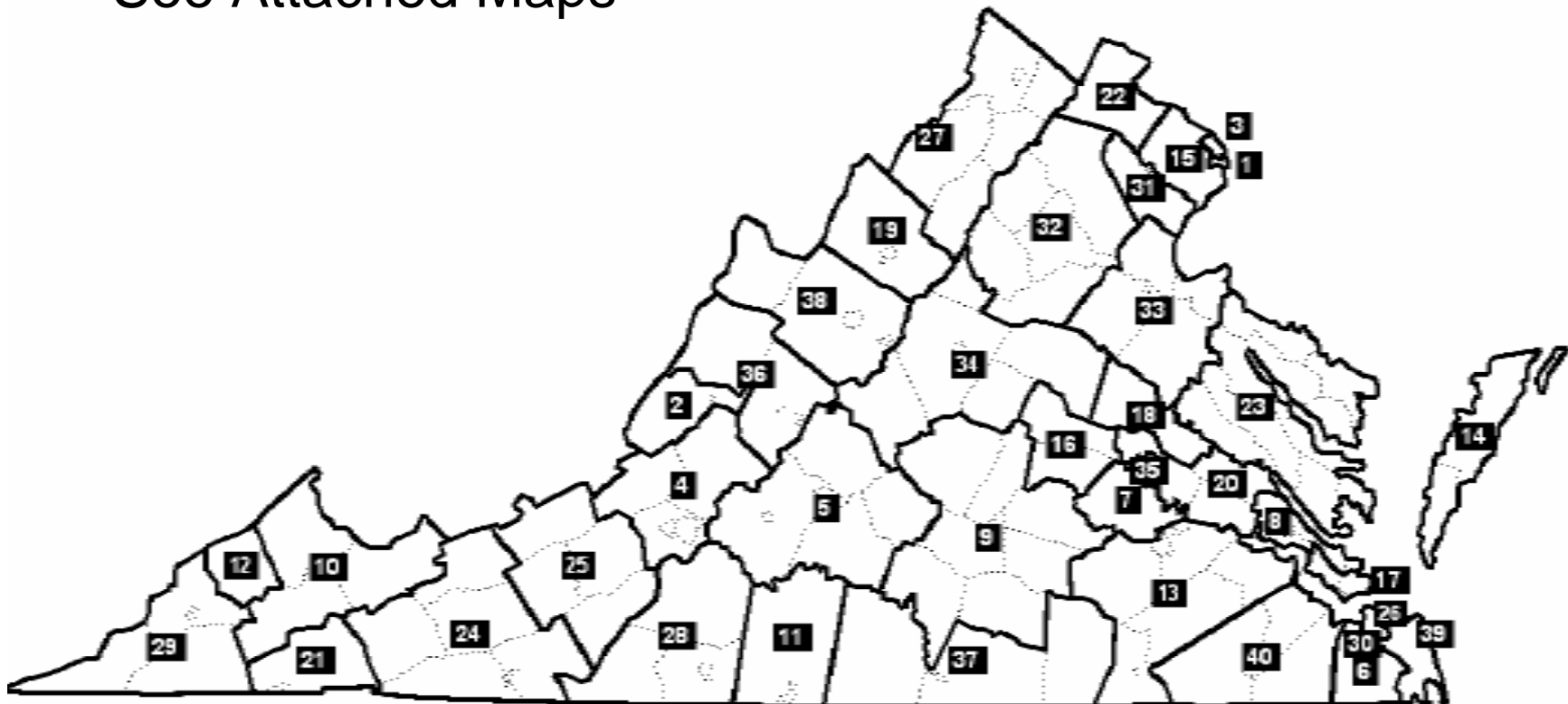
Community Service Boards

Virginia's public mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services system.

- 40 Community Services Boards (CSBs)
 - 16 State Facilities
 - Serve Children and Adults who have or who are at risk of mental illness, serious emotional disturbances, mental retardation or substance use disorders.
 - www.DMHMRSAS.virginia.gov
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CSBs and State Facilities

See Attached Maps



Crises, Threats & Emergencies:

- Blackouts
 - Chemical Emergencies
 - Drought
 - Floods
 - Geologic events
 - Hazmat Incidents
 - Heat-Related Emergencies
 - Hurricanes
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Crises, Threats & Emergencies: (cont.)

- Lightning
 - Public Health Emergencies
 - Natural OR Man-Made
 - Radiologic events
 - Terrorism
 - Thunderstorms
 - Tornadoes
 - Wildfire
 - Winter Weather
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Role of CSBs & DMHMRSAS:

- Local Behavioral Health response for any disaster/emergency comes from the CSBs.
 - State level planning, coordination and support comes from DMHMRSAS.
 - Virginia Emergency Operations Plan:
 - www.vaemergency.com/library/plans/index.cfm
 - Annex G: Health & Medical Services, Attachment 5, Mental Health Services in Emergencies.
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CSBs offer varying combinations of six core services

- Emergency Services (Mandated)
 - Local Inpatient Services
 - Outpatient & Case Management Services
 - Day Support Services
 - Residential Services
 - Prevention & Early Intervention Services
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The state's CSBs will:

- Provide crisis counseling following a major disaster. Coordinated with DMHMRSAS, local emergency management and VDEM.
 - Maintain an emergency preparedness planning and response capability.
 - Includes liaison with VDEM, local emergency preparedness agencies, local Public Health Officials, contiguous CSBs and appropriate professional associations.
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The state's CSBs will: (cont.)

- Provide support and assistance to other state agencies, volunteer organizations, and federal agencies to improve the Commonwealth's emergency preparedness capability.
 - Develop procedures for responding to major disasters.
 - Includes training activities, designation of a CSB staff who would provide crisis counseling and procedures that ensure responsiveness in an emergency.
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The state's CSB will: (cont.)

- Several other responsibilities outlined in the Virginia Emergency Operations Plan.
 - *Essentially the CSBs and DMHMRSAS will actively participate in the local and state wide analysis, planning and operations for response to Natural Disasters, Man-Made Threats and Public Health Emergencies.*
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A CSBs Emergency Plan:

- Hazard vulnerability analysis.
 - Specific procedures for response to each prioritized man-made or natural emergency.
 - Description of CSBs role in community-wide preparedness & response plans.
 - Procedures for:
 - Notifying external authorities about emergency.
 - ID & Assign key staff positions in an emergency.
 - Dated, record of changes...update!
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DMHMRSAS (state facilities):

- Ten psychiatric facilities.
 - Five mental retardation facilities.
 - Central Office and all facilities have an Emergency Response plans.
 - Central Office of DMHMRSAS will:
 - Coordinate state-level responses.
 - Assist with local responses.
 - Direct state facilities to respond in an emergency.
 - Liaison with local, state & federal agencies.
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Other Local & State Agencies:

- Coordinating behavioral health responses should be part of other agencies Emergency Planning.
- Don't forget our Communities!
 - Church, Faith-Based entities.
 - Volunteer organizations.
 - People down the street....

Support of individuals within the Community to follow the advice of VDEM & Public Health officials is vital!

Other Local & State Agencies:

- Medical Reserve Corps of Virginia.
 - Medical volunteers to assist in time of large-scale local and state emergency.
 - Includes practicing and retired health care workers.
 - Medical response programs during emergencies such as pandemic influenza, hazardous material spills or acts of terrorism.
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Other Local & State Agencies:

- Local Emergency Planning Councils
 - Virginia Citizen Corps Programs
 - Community Emergency Response Team
 - Neighborhood Watch Program
 - Public Safety Volunteers in VA
 - Fire Corps
 - Volunteers in Police Service
 - ...and Medical Reserve Corps.
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What To Do Now?

- Disaster Plan for your family.
 - Develop an Emergency Operations Response plan for your agency.
 - What is being done locally?
 - Contact CSB in your area and speak with them about coordinating planning.
 - ACT! It's not "if" an emergency or disaster will occur, but "when".
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