



January 3, 2025

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Dear Ms. Wilborn:

On behalf of the Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia, it is our pleasure to submit the annual report to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Joint Commission on Health Care as requested in House Joint Resolution No. 56 of 2010.

The Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia (CACV) is an alliance of organizations and individuals working together to provide statewide guidance, support, leadership, and coordination of cancer prevention and control activities throughout the Commonwealth. CACV is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. Our mission is to reduce the burden of cancer for all persons living in Virginia utilizing the Virginia Cancer Plan to provide a forum for collaboration, education, and advocacy.

In 2023, CACV members, in partnership with the Virginia Department of Health, released the latest blueprint for community-based cancer prevention and control activities in the Commonwealth; the document is the [Virginia Cancer Plan \(VCP\), 2023-2027](#). The VCP contains goals, specific objectives, methods to achieve objectives, and standards used to measure success.

Throughout the report, you will find references to how our activities align with the *Virginia Cancer Plan* along with metrics showing our progress. Our activities always focus on the *Virginia Cancer Plan* and intend to promote collaboration among our members to meet the plan goals and objectives.

Please contact Jessica Deering at jdeering@cancercoalitionofvirginia.org to answer questions about the report. Thank you for distributing the report to Virginia's legislators and citizens.

Sincerely,

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John Deeken, MD
Chair

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Jessica Deering
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**Report to the Governor, General Assembly, and the
Joint Commission on Health Care**

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This annual report describes activities and accomplishments of the Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia (CACV) as related to the Virginia Cancer Plan during 2024. The appendix reproduces the text of HJR 56, which requests that CACV provide annual reports to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Joint Commission on Health Care regarding changes to the Virginia Cancer Plan.

CACV Mission

The mission of the Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia (CACV) is to reduce the burden of cancer for all persons living in Virginia utilizing the Virginia Cancer Plan to provide a forum for collaboration, education, and advocacy.

Our key initiative is to develop the [Virginia Cancer Plan](#) (VCP) every 5 years which provides a roadmap to addressing the burden of cancer in the Commonwealth. The first plan was developed in 1998. The plan is a framework that presents priority objectives, goals, and strategies to reduce cancer risk, eliminate preventable cancers, and minimize cancer deaths and disabilities.

Cancer is too big a problem to fight alone. CACV fosters relationships between healthcare systems, non-profits, government agencies, community organizations, and individuals throughout Virginia to implement the goals and objectives of the plan.

CACV Members

- Members constitute a cross-section of parties that have a professional or personal interest in cancer control and prevention.
- Members are not-for-profit organizations, community-based organizations, academic institutions, public health agencies, individuals, private businesses, and health care organizations.
- Members collaborate by providing expertise in identifying the burden of cancer in Virginia, working to reduce risks, advancing early detection and state-of-the-art treatment, and enhancing survivorship.

CACV membership grew by 18% in 2024. CACV has 348 members representing the following:

Membership Organization

Cancer Center: 22%
Healthcare: 26%
Private Sector: 18%
Community Based/Non-Profit: 21%
Higher Education: 3%
Local/State Health Department: 8%
Individual Member: 2%

Geographic Representation

Central: 60%
Northern: 15%
Southwest: 10%
Coastal: 10%
South: 3%
Shenandoah: 1%
Outside Virginia: 1%

Virginia Cancer Plan 2023-2027

The [Virginia Cancer Plan](#) provides a roadmap to help Virginia residents address the burden of cancer by providing data, guidance, information and links to resources for all Virginians. The objectives of the plan are based on an evaluation of the cancer incidence, mortality, and burden of cancer. The plan includes key goals, objectives, and strategies for each of the following areas: Prevention, Screening & Early Detection, Diagnosis & Cancer Directed Therapy, Survivorship & Palliative Care, and Pediatrics, Adolescent & Young Adult Cancer.

Virginia Cancer Plan 2023-2027 Progress Dashboard

The Virginia Cancer Plan Dashboard provides progress on the goals and objectives outlined in the 2023-2027 Virginia Cancer Plan. The coalition makes routine/regular updates to the dashboard when new data is available. The dashboard is available on the CACV website at [VCP Progress Dashboard](#).

PREVENTION: Goals & Progress

Cancer prevention includes actions that individuals and communities take to promote healthy lifestyles. Changes in behaviors, policies and environments fit into prevention activities. Prevention efforts focus on reducing the number of people who develop cancer each year and whose quality of life suffers as a consequence.

Prevention: Goals

1. Reduce exposure to and use of tobacco products among Virginians.
2. Increase the adoption of dietary patterns recommended to reduce cancer risk among Virginians.
3. Improve physical activity among Virginians.
4. Decrease underage and excessive alcohol consumption among Virginians.
5. Increase prevention and treatment of carcinogenic infectious disease among Virginians.
6. Reduce overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun and indoor tanning devices among Virginians.
7. Reduce exposure to radon and other environmental substances linked to cancer.

Prevention: Progress

Virginia has seen improvements across various prevention priority areas from the 2023-27 Virginia Cancer Plan (VCP), including the select objectives below. An asterisk* indicates that Virginia has already exceeded targets for 2027.

*Objective 1.1 Decrease the percentage of adult cigarette smokers.

- Baseline: 13.6% (2020 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 10.2% (2023)***
- Target by 2027: 12.0%
- Data source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

Objective 1.4 Increase the percentage of adolescents in grades 9-12 who never tried a cigarette (even one or two puffs).

- Baseline: 81.8% (2019 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 88.4% (2023 data)**
- Target by 2027: 88.8%
- Data source: Virginia Youth Survey

*Objective 1.11 Decrease the percentage of adolescents in grades 9-12 who use electronic vapor product.

- Baseline: 19.9% (2019 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 8.1% (2023 data)***
- Target by 2027: 11.3%
- Data source: Virginia Youth Survey

*Objective 2.5 Decrease the percentage of adolescents in grades 6-8 who did not eat vegetables in the past 7 days.

- Baseline: 15.6% (2019 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 13.1% (2021 data)***
- Target by 2027: 14.8%
- Data source: Virginia Youth Survey

*Objective 3.6 Increase the percentage of adolescents in grades 6-8 who are active at least 60 minutes per day every day in the last 7 days.

- Baseline: 29% (2019 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 33.6% (2023 data)***
- Target by 2027: 30.5%
- Data source: Virginia Youth Survey

*Objective 4.2 Decrease the percentage of adolescents in grades 9-12 who had at least one drink in the past 30 days.

- Baseline: 25.4% (2019 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 15.8% (2023 data)***
- Target by 2027: 24.1%
- Data source: Virginia Youth Survey

Objective 5.2 Increase the percentage of males aged 13-15 who are up to date on their HPV vaccine series.

- Baseline: 37.2% (2020 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 58% (2023 data)**
- Target by 2027: 80%
- Data source: National Immunization Survey

EARLY DETECTION: Goals & Progress

Early detection promotes finding cancer before symptoms or signs occur. Cancers generally are more easily treated and cured when found early. Decreasing the incidence of late-stage cancer diagnosis is a primary goal of early detection efforts.

Early Detection: Goals

8. Increase high-quality cancer screening and early detection rates for Virginians.

Early Detection: Progress

Below are select VCP objectives for early detection for which Virginia has seen progress. An asterisk* indicates that Virginia has already exceeded targets for 2027.

Objective 8.4 Increase the percentage of women who ever had an HPV test.

- Baseline: 51.8% (2020 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 52.3% (2022 data)**
- Target by 2027: 54.4%
- Data source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

Objective 8.7 Increase the percentage of lung cancers diagnosed at the localized stage.

- Baseline: 22.7% (2014-2018 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 27% (2017-2021)**
- Target by 2027: 27.3%

- Data source: Virginia Cancer Registry

*Objective 8.14 Increase the percentage of ovarian cancers diagnosed at the local stage.

- Baseline: 16.8% (2014-2018 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 23.8% (2017-2021)***
- Target by 2027: 17.3%
- Data source: Virginia Cancer Registry

DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT: Goals & Progress

This priority area in the VCP is focused on reducing barriers to care, promoting evidence-based practices, and encouraging participation in clinical trials.

Diagnosis and Treatment: Goals

9. Increase availability and access to current evidence-based diagnosis and treatment options following national standards.
10. Reduce socioeconomic, structural, cultural and workforce barriers to obtaining quality diagnosis and treatment.
11. Increase the number and diversity of cancer patients enrolled in clinical research trials.
12. Establish a system for regular collection of data regarding cancer care across the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Diagnosis and Treatment: Progress

Below are select VCP objectives for diagnosis and treatment for which Virginia has seen progress. An asterisk* indicates that Virginia has already exceeded targets for 2027.

Objective 9.2 Increase the percentage of cancer patients with insurance that paid for all of their cancer treatment.

- Baseline: 95.5% (2020 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 97.3% (2022)**
- Target by 2027: 98%
- Data source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

*Objective 10.1 Reduce the percentage of adult cancer survivors who could not see a doctor when they needed to because of costs in the past 12 months.

- Baseline: 6.7% (2020 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 4.5% (2023)***
- Target by 2027: 6.4%
- Data source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

*Objective 11.1 Increase the percentage of Virginia cancer patients who participate in clinical cancer research trials.

- Baseline: 3.9% (2020 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 6.1% (2023)***
- Target by 2027: 4.1%
- Data source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

SURVIVORSHIP AND PALLIATIVE CARE: Goals & Progress

People living with, through, or beyond cancer are survivors. Family members, friends, and caregivers are also survivors. Palliative care is a systematic application of methods that assist people in daily life, including employment, and in managing practical, legal, and financial needs. Survivorship and palliative care goals create means and opportunities to enhance quality of life for survivors.

Survivorship and Palliative Care: Goals

13. Optimize the quality of life for patients and caregivers across the cancer continuum.

Survivorship and Palliative Care: Progress

Below are select VCP objectives for survivorship and palliative care for which Virginia has seen progress. An asterisk* indicates that Virginia has already exceeded targets for 2027.

Objective 13.7 Increase the percentage of cancer survivors who report no frequent (14 or more days out of 30 days) bad mental health.

- Baseline: 88.7% (2020 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 89.7% (2023)**
- Target by 2027: 93.1%
- Data source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)

*Objective 13.9 Increase the number of health systems that have a financial navigator available.

- Baseline: 2 (2022 data)
- **Most Recent Data: 8 (2023)***
- Target by 2027: 5
- Data source: Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia

PEDIATRIC, ADOLESCENT AND YOUNG ADULT (AYA) CANCERS: Goals & Progress

Pediatric cancers are often different from the types of cancers that develop in adults and in many cases, they are not treated in the same manner. Therefore, it is important to treat children at a center that is a member of the Children's Oncology Group where the treatment team understands the unique needs of children and teens with cancer and their families. The pediatric, adolescent and young adult cancers goals include a comprehensive approach to improving the quality of life for all pediatric, adolescent and young adult survivors from the time they are diagnosed into adulthood.

Pediatric and AYA Cancers: Goals

14. Improve access to quality treatment and timely medical information for patients and their families.
15. Improve long-term follow-up care for childhood cancer survivors.
16. Improve support services for pediatric patients, survivors, and their families.
17. Increase awareness of palliative care strategies for children with cancer among healthcare providers, patients, and families.
18. Address financial burdens of pediatric patients, survivors, and their families.

Pediatric and AYA Cancers: Progress

Below are select VCP objectives for pediatric and AYA cancers for which Virginia has seen progress. An asterisk* indicates that Virginia has already exceeded targets for 2027.

*Objective 16.1 All pediatric cancer treatment centers will have a dedicated educational specialist.

- Baseline: 0 specialists (2022 data)
- Most Recent Data: 5 specialists (2024 data)*
- Target by 2027: 5
- Data source: ASK Childhood Cancer Foundation

Addressing Health Equity

One goal that permeates all the other goals in the Virginia Cancer Plan (VCP) is ensuring that we are addressing health equity throughout our activities. CACV and its members continue to focus efforts on reducing disparities through research, education, and targeted initiatives throughout the state.

CACV 2024 Initiatives

Virginia Cancer Plan Implementation Efforts

In 2024, CACV developed and implemented the following programmatic efforts to help reach specific goals and objectives of the Virginia Cancer Plan.

VCP FY24 Implementation Grants Enhancing Group Psychosocial Support

VCP Focus Areas: Survivorship & Palliative Care and Health Equity

CACV provided \$31,325 in funding to four organizations to implement psychosocial support programs for cancer survivors and caregivers. The outcomes of these efforts included:

- Activities reached **357 cancer survivors**
- **264 individuals** attended a session virtually
- **22 individuals** attended a session in-person
- **71 individuals** did not attend a session, but received supplemental services (including grocery vouchers, resource videos/emails, educational resources, and one-on-one support)
- Activities reached a total of **82 healthcare providers**
- In total, grantees hosted **39 psychosocial support group sessions**

Grantees reported that this initiative provided the ability to uniquely support the needs of cancer survivors and caregivers in multiple ways. Participants indicated positive response to the content, and review of pre/post session surveys indicated an increase in knowledge and confidence following the sessions.

Sun Safety

VCP Focus Area: Prevention

In partnership with the Virginia Department of Health, CACV provided sunscreen dispensers, posters, and sample sun safety policy guidelines to 14 parks and recreation facilities across the state.

In partnership with the Virginia Department of Health and the UVA Cancer Center, CACV supported the installation of two new sunshade structures, 23 sunscreen dispensers, the educational program SunBeatables, and sample sun safety for schools' policy guidance for one public school district along the I-81 corridor, Buena Vista City Public School District, an area with a higher incidence of melanoma in the state. These initiatives are a part of our efforts to implement cancer plan strategies for Prevention Goal 6: Reduce exposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

Radon Testing

VCP Focus Area: Prevention

CACV purchased 275 home radon test kits for distribution through the Virginia Department of Health Radon Test Kit Program. This program offers test kits to Virginia residents. This initiative is part of our efforts to implement cancer strategies for Prevention Goal 7: Reduce exposure to radon and other environmental substances linked to cancer.

Thoracic Oncology Multidisciplinary Journal Club

VCP Focus Area: Diagnosis & Cancer Directed Therapy

CACV hosted three (3) educational events in partnership with UVA Cancer Center and VCU Massey Cancer Center focusing on the latest in diagnosis and treatment of lung cancer. Over 60 medical oncologists and advanced practitioners from community and academic-based practices attended these events. This initiative is part of our efforts to implement cancer strategies for Diagnosis & Cancer Directed Therapy Goal 9: Increase availability and access to current evidence-based diagnosis and treatment options following national standards.

VCP Implementation Teams

The coalition's implementation teams focus efforts on specific areas of the Virginia Cancer Plan. The work of these groups is highlighted below.

Virginia HPV Immunization Taskforce (VHIT)

VCP Focus Areas: Prevention and Health Equity

The Virginia HPV Immunization Taskforce (VHIT) works to prevent HPV-related cancers by increasing HPV vaccination across the Commonwealth. VHIT members represent diverse sectors including public health, healthcare systems, industry, education, and non-profit organizations. The task force is comprised of over 40 individuals representing 15 organizations. VHIT key activities of 2024 include:

HPV Quality Improvement Project

VHIT partnered with the Virginia Department of Health and the American Cancer Society to improve on-time HPV vaccination rates among adolescents in Virginia who are under- or uninsured through quality improvement strategies that promote and educate medical and dental providers on evidence-based practices related to HPV immunizations. The HPV QI project began in the summer at Healthy Community Health Centers (HCHC), an FQHC in Harrisonburg. The project's metrics will be assessed in 2025.

HPV Awareness Day

In honor of HPV Awareness Day on March 4, VHIT and its partners including ImmunizeVA and the American Association of Pediatrics (Virginia Chapter) rolled out a targeted campaign to encourage Virginia healthcare providers, parents, and guardians to have children aged 9 and over receive their HPV vaccine.

Meetings & Collaboration

VHIT hosted three meetings this year providing education on timely issues relating to HPV vaccination. On November 7, VHIT hosted its first in-person meeting in Richmond with 25 partners in attendance. Presentations included: State of the State; Gardasil VAX in the Underserved Population: One Public Health Team's Unique Approach to Equitable Care; HPV Education at VCU School of Dentistry: Preparing Future Professionals; HPV QI Project and Dental Toolkit Overview; and an Action Planning Session based on the VHIT Action Plan.

Virginia Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (VCCRT)

VCP Focus Areas: Early Detection and Health Equity

The Virginia Colorectal Cancer Roundtable (VCCRT) is a volunteer group made up of almost 70 advocates, focusing on colorectal cancer prevention and control. Together, members work to reduce the burden of colorectal cancer and achieve 80% screening rates in every Virginia community. VCCRT key activities in 2024 include:

Southwest Virginia Regional Action Planning

On November 13, VCCRT hosted its second Regional Roundtable in Southwest Virginia (Abingdon) with 28 partners in attendance. The in-person meeting fostered the development of an action plan specific to this community. Presentations included State of the State: Colorectal Cancer in Southwest Virginia; “The Why Behind Screening” a Community Member Panel; Community Based Colorectal Cancer Initiatives; Mailed FIT Campaign in an FQHC; Tracking and Follow Up Navigation for CRC; Colorectal Cancer Screening Resources; and Barriers and Facilitators to Colorectal Cancer Group Think.

Targeted Social Media Campaign

VCCRT partnered with the American Cancer Society (ACS) to implement the “Get Screened” campaign on Facebook for four weeks in November and December. The sponsored posts were pushed out across Virginia. The posts resulted in over 4,000 community members being navigated to the ACS website for additional information on colorectal cancer.

Educating Providers on the Updates to Coverage

VCCRT sent an educational flyer to healthcare providers detailing the changes effective on January 1, 2025, that all state-regulated individual and group plans will be required to provide no-cost coverage for a follow-up colonoscopy after positive stool-based test.

Meetings & Collaboration

VCCRT hosted two additional virtual meetings this year providing education to members on timely issues relating to colorectal cancer screening.

Virginia Breast Cancer Roundtable (VBCRT)

VCP Focus Areas: Early Detection and Health Equity

The Virginia Breast Cancer Roundtable (VBCRT) works to implement the goals and objectives related to breast cancer across the continuum, with a focus on equity, as outlined in the Virginia Cancer Plan. The task force comprises 60 individuals representing over 20 organizations. VBCRT key activities in 2024 include:

Virginia Mobile Mammography Unit Map & List

VBCRT created an interactive map and list of mobile mammography services in Virginia and surrounding areas as a resource for providers, patients, and caregivers. The group sent a voluntary survey to all accredited units in Virginia asking them to describe their services and the localities served. Eight (8) units responded to the survey and are represented on the map. The map is a living document that will be updated as more units and services become available. It is currently available on the CACV website:

[Virginia Mobile Mammography Unit Map](#)

Meetings & Collaboration

VBCRT hosted three virtual meetings this year providing education to members on timely issues relating to breast cancer screening and treatment.

Virginia Cancer Survivorship Roundtable (VCSRT)

VCP Focus Areas: Survivorship & Palliative Care and Health Equity

The Virginia Cancer Survivorship Roundtable (VCSRT) works to address the goals and objectives outlined in the Survivorship and Palliative Care section of the Virginia Cancer Plan. The roundtable is comprised of 50 individuals including cancer survivors representing over 20 organizations.

Cancer Survivorship Resource Directory

VCSRT, in partnership with VDH created the Cancer Survivorship Resource Directory. The directory serves as a living document of resources and services for cancer patients beginning at diagnosis and extending beyond treatment. The interactive dashboard includes national, state, and local resources and can be found here: [Cancer Survivorship Resource Directory](#).

Partnership with the Cancer Experience Registry

To better understand the cancer patient experience in Virginia, CACV and VCSRT continue to partner with the Cancer Support Community to increase participation of Virginia cancer patients and caregivers in the Cancer Experience Registry. To date, the survey has over 100 responses from Virginians.

Meetings & Collaboration

VCSRT hosted three virtual meetings this year providing education to members on timely issues relating to survivorship and palliative care.

Virginia Cancer Patient Navigator Network (VACPNN)

VCP Focus Areas: Diagnosis & Cancer Directed Therapy; Survivorship & Palliative Care; and Health Equity

In 2024, CACV and the Virginia Cancer Patient Navigator Network (VACPNN) merged and VACPNN became an official part of the coalition as a VCP Implementation Team. VACPNN represents navigators across the state who strive to eradicate barriers and enhance outcomes for patients, families, and the healthcare team through education, networking, and mutual support. VACPNN is comprised of over 50 navigators of all kinds representing more than 15 organizations from across the state.

VACPNN Scholarship Program

VACPNN created a scholarship program in 2024 for members to attend the AONN+ Annual Meeting virtually. Five navigators were awarded scholarships and will present the information they learned at a future VACPNN meeting.

Meetings & Collaboration

VACPNN hosted three meetings this year which provided education to members including presentations on Patient Navigation Standardization; Addressing Cancer Health Disparities: Understanding Drivers and Looking Toward Change; Beyond the Smoke and Mirrors: Designing & Implementing a Sustainable Cancer Survivorship Program; and more.

Virginia Lung Cancer Roundtable (VLCRT)

VCP Focus Areas: Prevention; Screening; Diagnosis & Cancer Directed Therapy; and Health Equity

In 2024, CACV established the Virginia Lung Cancer Roundtable (VLCRT) to focus on the prevention, screening, and treatment of lung cancer as outlined in the VCP. VLCRT is comprised of over 40 members representing a diverse group of organizations throughout Virginia. This initial year, the roundtable members met to identify key priority areas for collaboration which include awareness and education; need for provider resources; and efforts to increase access to screening.

Lung Cancer Screening Learning Collaborative

VLCRT is partnering with VDH to create a Lung Cancer Screening Learning Collaborative. The purpose of the learning collaborative is to engage primary care physicians in identifying patients that meet screening criteria and referring them to lung cancer screening programs. The program will launch in 2025.

Virginia Pediatric Oncology Group

VCP Focus Areas: Pediatric, Adolescent and Young Adult Cancers, and Health Equity

In 2024, CACV established the Virginia Pediatric Oncology Group to focus efforts on the implementation of the pediatric, adolescent and young adult cancer section of the VCP. The group is comprised of 30 individuals representing 15 organizations across Virginia. This group held initial meetings and are planning a pediatric education track at the 2025 Virginia Cancer Conference.

CACV Quarterly Meetings and the Virginia Cancer Conference

The purpose of CACV quarterly meetings is to disseminate the latest available and locally applicable cancer prevention and control information to the entire membership. These quarterly meetings align with the goals and objectives of the VCP.

Quarterly meetings occurred in March, June, September, and December. Over 300 individuals participated in the 2024 quarterly meetings. The topics of each quarterly meeting included:

March

- Early Onset Colorectal Cancer (*VCP Screening*)
- The Microbiome & Cancer (*VCP Overall*)
- Member Spotlight: Mountain Empire Older Citizens (*VCP Survivorship & Palliative Care*)
- Advocacy & Policy Update (*VCP Overall*)

June

- Increasing HPV Vaccine Rates and Dental Integration (*VCP Prevention*)
- Latest in Pancreatic Cancer Diagnosis & Treatment (*VCP Diagnosis & Therapy*)
- Fertility Preservation & Cancer (*VCP Diagnosis & Therapy and Pediatric/AYA*)
- Fertility Preservation Coverage in Virginia (*VCP Diagnosis & Therapy and Pediatric/AYA*)

September

- Virginia Cancer Registry 101 (*VCP Overall*)
- VCP Implementation Program Spotlights
 - Promoting Sun Safety Through Schools and Parks (*VCP Prevention*)
 - Men's Sexual Health Series (*VCP Survivorship & Palliative Care*)
 - Educational Navigation for Pediatric Cancer Patients & Future AYA Patient Initiatives (*VCP Pediatric/AYA*)
- Importance of Cancer Prevention Studies and Voices of Black Women (*VCP Prevention & Health Equity*)
- Latest in Prostate Cancer Screening (*VCP Screening*)
- Improving Quality of Life for Cancer Survivors: Cancer Rehab (*VCP Survivorship & Palliative Care*)

December

- Remarks from Virginia State Health Commissioner (*VCP Overall*)
- VCP Implementation: Virginia Higher Education Tobacco Policy Dashboard (*VCP Prevention*)

- Understanding Key Legislative Issues in Virginia: Preparing for the 2025 Session (*VCP Overall*)
- Paid Family & Medical Leave in Virginia (*VCP Survivorship & Palliative Care and Pediatric/AYA*)

Virginia Cancer Conference

The Virginia Cancer Conference is a biennial event hosted by the Cancer Action Coalition of Virginia. The purpose of the Virginia Cancer Conference is to provide education and training to key stakeholders in the Virginia cancer community. Conference attendees include physicians, nurses, clinical social workers, patient navigators, health educators, survivors, caregivers, advocates, and community members. Plans are underway for the next conference on September 11-12, 2025, in Richmond.

Appendix: House Joint Resolution No. 56, 2010 Session

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56

Requesting the Virginia Cancer Plan Action Coalition to report annually on changes to the Virginia Cancer Plan to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Joint Commission on Health Care. Report.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 8, 2010, Agreed

to by the Senate, March 2, 2010

WHEREAS, cancer is the leading cause of death for people under age 65 in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, between 2001 and 2005, over 154,000 cases of cancer were diagnosed and over 67,000 people died from cancer in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Department of Health identified the need to address cancer as a public health issue and established the Cancer Control Project in January of 1998; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Cancer Control Project, the Virginia Department of Health initiated development of the Virginia Cancer Plan, a state cancer plan for the prevention and control of cancer, and established the Cancer Plan Action Coalition to create the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Cancer Plan sets forth the state's goals and strategies for all areas of comprehensive cancer control, and includes baseline data, measurable objectives, guidance for design, implementation, surveillance, and evaluation of cancer-related actions and issues for the general public, people with cancer and their families, health care providers, policymakers, and the broader health care system; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Cancer Plan is regularly updated; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, the Senate concurring,

That the Virginia Cancer Plan Action Coalition be requested to report annually on changes to the Virginia Cancer Plan to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Joint Commission on Health Care. The Virginia Cancer Plan Action Coalition shall submit to the Division of Legislative Automated Systems an executive summary and report of its progress in meeting the request of this resolution no later than the first day of the 2011 Regular Session of the General Assembly. The executive summary and report shall be submitted for publication as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.