

Virginia Association of Community Services Boards

DRAFT 2026 Public Policy Conference at a Glance

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

9:30 am – 5:00 pm	VACSB Registration Desk Open Exhibit Center Open (BREAKFAST OWN)			North Entry Crystal Foyer
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	CONFERENCE OPENS – Buffet Luncheon			Roanoke A/B/C/D
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Keynote Presented by: Joe Roberts, the Skid Row CEO, Inspirational Leadership Speaker			
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Conference Workshops (concurrent)			
Wilson	Crystal A/B/C	Monroe	Crystal D/E	Buck Mountain
The Critical Role Youth Support Partners (YSPs) Play in Elevating the Voices of Youth	From Avoidance to Alignment: Building a Feedback-Rich Organization	Peers Working Within Clinical settings	What my Patients and Families Have Taught Me: The Power of Empathy in Complex Care	Hearing Loss, Mental Health, and Access to Care
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Center			
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Conference Workshops (concurrent)			
Wilson	Crystal A/B/C	Monroe	Crystal D/E	Buck Mountain
Invisible Labor: Using IFS to Work with Your Own Internal Activation	H.R. 1 and Medicaid: Impacts and Approaches	Creating Sensory-Friendly Spaces and Effective Care	DMAS Updates: Understanding What’s New	Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA) Presentation
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Welcome Reception - (Complimentary Hors d’oeuvres & Cash Bar)			Garden Courtyard

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration & Exhibit Center Open	North Entry/Crystal Foyer
8:00 am – 9:30 am	Continental Breakfast	Crystal Foyer
9:30 am – 12:00 pm	2026 Virginia Public Policy Panel Presentation	Roanoke A/B/C/D
	Daryl Washington, Commissioner, DBHDS Tammy Whitlock, Deputy Director for Complex Care, DMAS Marvin Figueroa, Secretary of Health and Human Resources, Commonwealth of Virginia (<i>invited</i>) Sam Rasoul, Virginia House of Delegates R. Creigh Deeds, Senate of Virginia	
12:00 pm – 1:45 pm	2026 Joseph V. Gartlan, Jr. Award Luncheon	Roanoke A/B/C/D
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	CSB/BHA Board Member Workshop - <i>Better Discussions. Better Decisions. Better Boards</i>	Buck Mountain
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Group Meetings - Executive Directors Forum - Behavioral Health Council - Emergency Services Council - Human Resources Directors Council - Quality Leadership Council - Developmental Services Council - Children and Family Services Council - Prevention Services Council - Finance Directors Council - Physician Directors Meeting	Crystal A/B/C Crystal D/E Monroe Tinker Mill Wilson Brush Appalachian Jefferson Harrison-Tyler
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Center	

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Networking Reception (Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres & Cash Bar)	Garden Courtyard
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

8:00 am – 11:00 am	Registration Desk Open	North Entry
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Buffet Breakfast	Crystal Foyer
9:00 am – adjourn	Combined VACSB Board of Directors and Business Meeting	Crystal Ballroom