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**ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS (as of 5/11/2020)**

	ORGANIZATION	POSITION	TYPE	AGE RANGE	CURRENT PERSON
1	Amare Counseling Center	Owner, Therapist <a href="mailto:diana@amarecenter.com">diana@amarecenter.com</a>	LOCAL MH PROVIDER LPC	0-5	Diana Bermudez PhD, LPC
2	The ARC of Virginia	<a href="mailto:rchurch@thearcofva.org">rchurch@thearcofva.org</a> New Path Family Support Coordinator	STATE FAMILY VICC	0-5	Robin Church
3	Child Care Aware of Virginia	Professional Development Coordinator <a href="mailto:susanner@va.childcareaware.org">susanner@va.childcareaware.org</a>	STATE CHILDCARE CCRR	0-5	Susanne Rakes
4	City of Alexandria Virginia Department of Community & Human Services, Parent & Infant Education Program/Early Childhood Division	Mental Health Team Supervisor/Program Manager <a href="mailto:Chrishonna.Shelton@alexandriava.gov">Chrishonna.Shelton@alexandriava.gov</a>	LOCAL MH PROVIDER EI PD	0-5	Chrishonna Shelton LCSW, LICSW
5	Arlington Public Schools Teen Parenting Program	Teen Parenting Program Coordinator <a href="mailto:sandra_triveri@yahoo.com">sandra_triveri@yahoo.com</a>	LOCAL MH PROVIDER	0-5	Sandra Triveri LPC
6	Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)	Sr. Program Administrator <a href="mailto:adrienne.fegans@dmass.virginia.gov">adrienne.fegans@dmass.virginia.gov</a>	STATE MEDICAID	0-5	Adrienne Fegans
7	Early Impact Virginia (formerly Home Visiting Consortium)	Director <a href="mailto:lparicio@earlyimpactva.org">lparicio@earlyimpactva.org</a>	STATE HOME VISITING COALITION	0-5	Laurel Aparicio MPA
8	ECMHVA Professional Development Action Team	Co-Facilitator <a href="mailto:karen.t.lange1956@gmail.com">karen.t.lange1956@gmail.com</a>	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	0-5	Karen Lange
9	Family Insight, PC-Lynchburg New member August 2019	Lead Counselor/QMHP-C Community-Based/Therapeutic Day Treatment <a href="mailto:april.birchfield@familyinsight.net">april.birchfield@familyinsight.net</a>	LOCAL MH PROVIDER	CHILDREN	April Birchfield QMHP-C
10	Family Representative	<a href="mailto:jebht@aol.com">jebht@aol.com</a>	FAMILY MH ADVOCACY	0-5	Beth Tolley
11	Head Start Training/Technical Assistance	Region III Early Childhood Systems Specialist <a href="mailto:Tammy.Petrowicz@icf.com">Tammy.Petrowicz@icf.com</a>	HEAD START PD	0-5	Tammy Petrowicz
12	Healthy Families Virginia Families Forward Virginia	HFV TA/QA Specialist (NoVA region) <a href="mailto:hschutte@familiesforwardva.org">hschutte@familiesforwardva.org</a>	TA/QA HOME VISITING	0-5	Hope Shutte MSW, LCSW
13	Infant Mental Health Consultant	Private Practice, Reflective Supervisor, IMH Trainer VAIMH Past President <a href="mailto:Judy.Martens@alexandriava.gov">Judy.Martens@alexandriava.gov</a>	LOCAL IMH END VAIMH BD	0-3	Judy Martens LCSW, IMH-E (IV-Clinical)
14	Infant Toddler Connection of Henrico	Local System Manager <a href="mailto:syk@henrico.us">syk@henrico.us</a>	LOCAL Part C-EI SYSTEM	0-3	Bernita Sykes
15	Minus 9 to 5 Eastern Virginia Medical School	Executive Director, Minus 9 to 5 Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, EVMS <a href="mailto:GlasgoJE@evms.edu">GlasgoJE@evms.edu</a>	LOCAL PRIVATE EARLY CHILDHOOD	0-5	Jane Glasgow, PhD
16	New Found Families Virginia New member starting in Nov 2018	Association for Foster Care, Adoption & Kinship Care <a href="http://www.newfoundva.org">www.newfoundva.org</a> <a href="mailto:llov4babies@aol.com">llov4babies@aol.com</a>	FOSTER CARE ADOPTION KINSHIP CARE	0-5	Traci Pitts
17	National Alliance on Mental Illness Virginia (NAMI-VA)	Director of Children and Youth Programs <a href="mailto:mwalsh@namivirginia.org">mwalsh@namivirginia.org</a> <a href="https://namivirginia.org">https://namivirginia.org</a>	STATE MH ADVOCACY FAMILY	0-5	Mary Beth Walsh MSW



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19	<b>VCU Health Systems</b>	<i>Pediatrician</i> <a href="mailto:Bergen.Nelson@vcuhealth.org">Bergen.Nelson@vcuhealth.org</a>	STATE HEALTH PEDIATRICIAN	0-5	<b>Bergen Nelson,</b> MD
20	<b>VCU Health Systems</b> <i>VA Treatment Center for Children</i>	<i>Child Psychiatrist/Professor Psychiatry &amp; Pediatrics,</i> <i>Virginia Treatment Center for Children</i> <i>Senior Professor of Child Mental Health</i> <a href="mailto:bsood@mcvh-vcu.edu">bsood@mcvh-vcu.edu</a>	STATE MH PROVIDER PSYCHIATRIST VCU FACULTY	0-5	<b>Bela Sood</b> M.D. M.S.H.A. F.A.A.C.A.P.
21	<b>Virginia Association for Infant Mental Health (VAIMH)</b>	<i>Acting President</i> <a href="mailto:Sveatch@gmail.com">Sveatch@gmail.com</a>	LOCAL VAIMH BD	0-3	<b>Sharon Veatch</b>
22	<b>Virginia Association for Play Therapy (VAPT)</b>	<i>President, Richmond Area Chapter</i> <a href="mailto:jwilliamson@mindspring.com">jwilliamson@mindspring.com</a>	STATE MH PLAY THERAPY	0-5	<b>Jan Williamson</b>
23	<b>Virginia Commonwealth University</b> <i>Faculty/Research</i>	<i>Assistant Professor</i> <i>Early Childhood Special Education</i> <i>Department of Counseling and Special Education</i> <a href="mailto:spencecm@vcu.edu">spencecm@vcu.edu</a>	HIGHER ED EI RESEARCH	0-5	<b>Christine Spence</b> PhD
24	<b>Virginia Commonwealth University</b> <i>Partnership for People with Disabilities</i>	<i>Assistant Director/Early Childhood Content Leader</i> <a href="mailto:dmbuck@vcu.edu">dmbuck@vcu.edu</a>	STATE EI PD	0-5	<b>Deana Buck</b>
25	<b>Virginia Commonwealth University</b> <i>Partnership for People with Disabilities</i> <i>The Center For Family Involvement</i>	<i>Liaison to Mental Health Community</i> <a href="mailto:pabeard@vcu.edu">pabeard@vcu.edu</a>	STATE PARENT	0-5	<b>Patrice A. Beard</b>
26	<b>Virginia Commonwealth University</b> <i>Partnership for People with Disabilities</i> <i>The ECMH Virginia Initiative</i>	<i>State Early Childhood Mental Health Coordinator</i> <i>Policy/ZTT Medicaid TA Action Team Co-Facilitator,</i> <i>VAIMH IMH Endorsement Administrator</i> <a href="mailto:bgrifa@vcu.edu">bgrifa@vcu.edu</a>	STATE VAIMH BD ENDORSEMENT MH INITIATIVE VICC	0-5	<b>Bonnie Grifa</b>
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28	<b>Virginia Commonwealth University</b> <i>Partnership for People with Disabilities</i>	<i>Early Childhood Consultant</i> <i>Endorsement Assistant</i> <a href="mailto:plgbooker@vcu.edu">plgbooker@vcu.edu</a>	STATE PD PROVIDER IMH END ENDORSEMENT	0-5	<b>Pam Goin-Booker,</b> IMH-E (II)
29	<b>Virginia Commonwealth University</b> <i>Partnership for People with Disabilities</i> <i>Project S.E.E.D. Virginia</i>	<i>Project S.E.E.D. Director</i> <a href="mailto:Robinsonj3@apps.vcu.edu">Robinsonj3@apps.vcu.edu</a>	STATE MH PROJECT PCAV	0-3	<b>Jackie Robinson-</b> <b>Brock, MSW</b>
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31	<b>Virginia Department of Behavioral Health &amp; Developmental Services</b> <i>Infant &amp; Toddler Connection of VA</i> <i>Early Intervention (Part C)</i>	<i>Early Intervention State Administrator</i> <a href="mailto:Catherine.hancock@dbhds.virginia.gov">Catherine.hancock@dbhds.virginia.gov</a>	STATE DBHDS EI VICC	0-3	<b>Catherine Hancock</b> RN PMHCNS BC
32	<b>Virginia Department of Behavioral Health &amp; Developmental Services (DBHDS)</b>	<i>Child &amp; Family Services Director</i> <a href="mailto:nina.marino@dbhds.virginia.gov">nina.marino@dbhds.virginia.gov</a>	STATE MH VICC	0-5	<b>Nina Marino</b> MSW, LCSW
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36	<b>Virginia Department of Social Services</b> <i>Head Start State Collaboration Office</i>	<i>Head Start Collaboration Director</i> <a href="mailto:taundwa.jeffries@dss.virginia.gov">taundwa.jeffries@dss.virginia.gov</a>	STATE HEAD START/EHS VICC	0-5	<b>Taundwa Jeffries</b>
37	<b>Virginia Department of Social Services</b> <i>Division of Family Services/CPS Unit</i>	<i>CPS Treatment Specialist</i> <a href="mailto:Joy.Wade@dss.virginia.gov">Joy.Wade@dss.virginia.gov</a>	STATE CHILD ABUSE/ NEGLECT	0-5	<b>Joy Wade</b>
38	<b>Virginia Early Childhood Foundation</b>	<i>Health Initiative Coordinator</i> <a href="mailto:Emily@vecf.org">Emily@vecf.org</a>	STATE SMART BEGINNINGS	0-5	<b>Emily Keenum</b>
39	<b>Virginia Infant &amp; Toddler Specialist Network</b> <i>Community Development Resources</i>	<i>Infant &amp; Toddler Mental Health Supervisor</i> <a href="mailto:dawnw@cdr.org">dawnw@cdr.org</a>	ECMH PROVIDER CHILDCARE IMH END	0-3	<b>Dawn Wimbush</b> IMH-E (II)
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**Early Childhood Mental Health Virginia** (ECMHVA) is a statewide initiative focused on the development, implementation and sustainability of a comprehensive and coordinated early childhood system of care for infant and early childhood mental health serving children birth through age five and their families/caregivers and providers, that provides for increased access to and funding for a continuum of quality prevention, promotion and intervention evidence-based services that support the parent-child relationship and other key caregiver relationships and are linked to efforts supporting older children's mental health services in Virginia. Values supported are as follows:

- *Engages parents as partners;*
- *Provides high quality supports and services to families;*
- *Is grounded in developmental knowledge;*
- *Includes family and child centered practices and policy & cultural and linguistic competence;*
- *Is infused into natural settings and services & relationship based;*
- *Utilizes evidence-based practices;*
- *Is linked to the substance abuse, domestic violence and court systems;*
- *Includes workforce development supporting providers in Early Education, Special Education/Early Intervention, Childcare, Health, and Home visiting systems;*
- *Supports comprehensive mental health services for infants and toddlers in foster care and to the highest risk/most vulnerable infants and young children & their families in Virginia*

The ECMH VA State Coordinator/ IMH Endorsement Administrator is responsible for overseeing the ECMHVA Initiative including the development and implementation of a Virginia ECMH Strategic Plan, facilitating regular meetings of the ECMHVA Advisory Board and administering the Virginia Endorsement for Culturally Sensitive, Relationship-Focused Practice Promoting Infant Mental Health.

*The **ECMH Virginia State Coordinator/ Infant Mental Health Endorsement Administrator** is an employee of the Partnership for People with Disabilities in the School of Education at Virginia Commonwealth University. Funding for this position is currently made available through the support of our largest funder, the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services including the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia and through funding made available by our sustaining partner, the Virginia Department of Education, Early Childhood Special Education.*

***Funding for the ECMH Virginia Initiative** is currently made available through the support of the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services, Office of Child & Family Services including the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia; Early Impact Virginia and the Head Start State Collaboration Office with the Virginia Department of Social Services.*

*The ECMH Virginia Initiative partners with the Virginia Association for Infant Mental Health to implement the **Virginia Endorsement for Culturally Sensitive, Relationship-Focused Practice Promoting Infant Mental Health**. Endorsement scholarship funding is currently available for early intervention providers and home visitors through the support of the Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia in the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services and Early Impact Virginia. Funding in previous years from the Virginia Department of Health (Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Grant) and the Virginia Department of Social Services (CCDBG Infant & Toddler).*