



*BE PROUD
BE PROFESSIONAL
BE PROFICIENT
BE PRODUCTIVE*



BPRO Members, the time has come for me to hand over BPRO to our new President. Ms. Deana Bennett .

It has been a wonderful three years and I am so honored and humbled to have served as your BPRO President.

The clock is clicking down and I will be stepping into the new role as BPRO Past President on July 1, 2019

Like us on FACEBOOK,
check out our Website , join
the Blog and we are now on
Twitter



I was invited to attend a Medicaid Expansion celebration a couple of weeks ago. This celebration was attended by the Governors chief of staff, DMAS, state staff and of course our Commissioner.

We have with Medicaid Expansion enrolled almost 300,000 individuals into health care.

We have had system issues, we have struggled with managing the volume, we have been stressed to the max. But we have provided health care to those families in need and for that you should be proud.

The Commissioner said it best, “ We are people helping people overcome poverty”

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BPRO is proud of the Benefit Program Specialists of Virginia - Way to go !!!!



"Nothing is Impossible, the word itself says, I'm Possible!"
- Audrey Hepburn

Calendar of Events

- ◆ July 31, 2019 TANF/VIEW
- ◆ August 13-14 PD/Committee training
- ◆ August 16, 2019 Medicaid Meeting



As a reminder, please update the calendar on the website so members can attend meetings and trainings by planning ahead.

Communication is the key to success !



Our Membership drive is on, I challenge you to bring a member on board this year. Lets keep our membership growing. There is strength in numbers. Together we can make a difference.



Check out our webpage:
<http://www.mybpro.org/>

JOIN BPRO—now more than ever, it helps to be connected to your fellow benefit specialists.

Our membership is climbing, jump on board and become involved. You will be glad you did.

Our Membership in BPRO is over **1,100** members strong in 2019. Together we can make a difference. **CONGRATULATIONS BPRO MEMBERS**, we have done it again, two years in a row,

Are you Connected?

As a BPRO member, you have many benefit opportunities.

Some are for members only

Are you taking advantage of these benefits?

Check out our website

<http://www.mybpro.org>



Not sure what all the benefits are? Contact your PD President and make sure you attend your local PD Meetings, to get all of the information available.

BPRO Committees

Have you attended a BPRO committee meeting ?

If not you are missing out on a lot of available information.

Not sure of what committees are out there?

We have them listed for you and the current committee chairs.

Sometimes taking the time to attend a committee meeting will provide you the information to excel at your caseload management and processing

Why attend ?

Meet your Committee Chairs

Meet your State Program Managers

Meet fellow members

Members who attend BPRO committees usually get more from their membership.

Additional training on state programs and systems

Improving and enhancing your skill set



Committee Chairs, have you sent in a picture yet?

We want to see you on our webpage so the members can put a face to the name.

Please send us your pics, to quinn.hughley@dss.virginia.gov

Committee Chairpersons

- ◇ *Brooke Jenkins, Foster Care & Adoption Assistance (IV-E) - Essex*
- ◇ *Sally Sexton, Ambassador –Lee*
- ◇ *Jo Linton, Archives-Bedford*
- ◇ *Mignon Jones, Bylaws/Policies and Procedures –Albemarle*
- ◇ *Denise Morris, Energy Assistance—Greene*
- ◇ *Bonnie Crockett, Awards & Fundraising—Charlottesville*
- ◇ *Samantha Arney, Hospitality—Bedford*
- ◇ *Minnie Pender, Legislative—Henrico*
- ◇ *Andrea Butler, Medicaid & Auxiliary Grant-Chesterfield/Colonial Heights*
- ◇ *Donna Montgomery, Professional Development—Roanoke Cty*
- ◇ *Trerina Richardson, SNAP- Chesapeake*
- ◇ *Christie Bruce, TANF/VIEW- Amelia*
- ◇ *Rick Waugh, VaCMS/Technology- Henrico*
- ◇ *Quinn Hughley, Communications— Chesapeake*



Committees that make a difference



We are dedicated to promoting understanding, fellowship, and cooperation among Benefit Programs Professionals in Virginia; to improving the quality of eligibility practices and the advancement of eligibility work as a profession; to developing effective methods of interpreting our work to the public; to helping provide skilled, family-based assistance to those who need the services we have to offer.

Elaine Burgess, President

Deana Bennett, First Vice President

Tina Caldwell-Eheart, Second Vice President

Tonia Alexander, Third Vice President

Stacy Bowman, Secretary

Beckie Carter-Nutter, Treasurer

Carolyn Harlow, Past President

Kay Lewis, Parliamentarian



I wanted to thank each and every member for their dedication and commitment to our citizens of Virginia. I have been honored to have served as your BPRO President and thrilled to have accomplished some of the goals I set when I became President.

Some of the accomplishments I was proud of were:

- ◆ Having a guest speaker at our board meetings.
- ◆ BPRO newsletter
- ◆ One day LEAN conference
- ◆ Stronger partnership with the state
- ◆ Stronger working relationship with the League
- ◆ Medicaid Expansion Project
- ◆ Membership over 1000 members during my tenure
- ◆ Electronic registration and membership

I look forward to my new role as Past President and will continue to support and participate in BPRO

Please join me in welcoming our new President on board for her term.

Welcome Deana !!!!

Stay Humble
Stay Helpful
Stay Hopeful