## Presidential Pondering by Alison Mundy

Spring has sprung! Even with all the beauty and new life around us there is a lot of sadness this month and our thoughts and prayers are with those at Virginia Tech and everyone affected by the recent tragedy. Take care of yourselves and your loved ones as you deal with the raw emotion we all experience during these troubling time.

There are a lot things going on in VRA and some of these are highlighted below.

VRA has a great fund raising opportunity this year and I encourage everyone to take responsibility to sell and or buy raffle tickets. The winning ticket with entitle you to a four night Carnival cruise from Miami to Key West, Calica and Yucatan, Mexico, sailing on September 19, 2007. If you want to buy a ticket see an officer or board member and if you’d like to sell some tickets please contact Mary Kaye Johnston at MaryKaye.Johnston@drs.virginia.gov. Many thanks to Phil Cooke, Board Member and owner of Travel Plans Unlimited for his generosity with the cruise donation.

Planning is also moving forward for the 2007 annual golf classic. The tournament is scheduled September 18, 2007 at Hunting Hawk Club. If you’d like to play in the tournament, assist with getting hole sponsors or prizes or volunteer at the tournament please contact Howard Green at jgreen18@aol.com.

We are looking forward to the training opportunities that VRA, VRCEA and VARL divisions will be offering this year. It is most exciting that we have booked nationally recognized Scott Miller,

### The Virginia Rehabilitation
#### VRA Legislative Liaison

#### 2007 Legislative Session

The 2007 Regular Session of the General Assembly adjourned on Saturday, February 24, 2007. The Governor has until midnight, March 26, 2007 to act on legislation passed by both houses during the session. The Reconvened Session will be held Wednesday, April 4, 2007 and it promises to be one of the more interesting ones. I’ll come back to that later in the update.

This year’s session, not unlike others, had positives and negatives. On the plus side, VRA supported issues such as increasing funding for expanding independent living services provided by Centers for Independent Living, addressing the current of selection at the Department of Rehabilitation Services, providing additional Mental Retardation (MR) and Developmental Disability Waiver slots, and expanding core brain injury services around the state, were all embraced by the General Assembly to some degree – albeit not always at the funding level recommended. A good example is the DRS order of selection, which was funded, but at a level less than the Governor recommended ($78,871 less to be exact).

On the downside, funding for programs such as Long Term Employment Support Services (LTESS), the Governor’s proposed money follows the person program, and the return of an Economic Development Fund to assist Employment Services Organizations (ESO) with improving and expanding employment opportunities for people.

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### VRA Meeting will be July 13, 2007
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Ph.D, who will present “The Heart and Soul of Change: What Works in Counseling”, on October 18th in the Richmond area. In addition VARL is planning a repeat of the “7 Habits of Highly Effective People” that is scheduled for October 23rd in the Roanoke area. “Mentoring” training scheduled for May 3rd in the Richmond area and if you have interest in this please contact Margaret Gillispie or Susan Green. Several other training opportunities are in the works for locations throughout the state so keep your eyes open and check the VRA website for these opportunities. I also ask that if you have any ideas or suggestions for training programs please talk with Donna Grumiaux, Education Committee Chair.

Collaborations scheduled for September 30 – October 2, 2007 so mark your calendars. The call for papers has been distributed and is on the VRA website so if have an idea for a workshops, please take the time to submit your proposal by the May 1st deadline. Along this line, I want to encourage everyone to please consider nominating their co-workers, community partners, service providers and consumers for a VRA award. This is an excellent way to publicly recognize and thank them for their great work. The award information is posted on our website and you can also contact Eleanor Williams at 804-662-7075 or Eleanor.Williams@drs.virginia.gov for additional information on the awards and the criteria for nomination.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 13th at Resources for Independent Living in Richmond at 9:30. We’d love for you to join us for the meeting.

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with disabilities came up goose eggs. The lesson is you never get everything you want; indeed, sometimes you don’t get anything. To see a summary of this year’s session’s highlights, click on: http://dls.state.va.us/pubs/hilights/2007/Highlights2007.pdf.

But let’s get back to the upcoming reconvened session on April 4th. This will be the continuation of a chess match that’s been in going on for years over the issue of transportation funding. 2006 was targeted as the year where tax increases for transportation had to happen since it was widely ceded tax increases in 2007 were unlikely given it was an election year and all 140 seats in the General Assembly would be up for re-election in the fall. The tax increase didn’t happen in 2006 and again failed to materialize during the 2007 regular session with the House standing firm against the Governor and the Senate.

At the end of this session – at the eleventh hour, the Republican majority in the Senate and the House came together and pushed through a transportation plan that would take 184 million from General Funds to service debt interest on 2.5 billion in bonds. The bond proceeds would be used for primary and interstate highways ($600 million a year).

To relieve congestion in Northern Virginia, four counties and five cites are provided authority to tax and collect fees in their region including a two percent gas tax increase. Estimates are for about $200 mil-
VRA Education

The VRA education committee continues to work on several projects in different areas of the state.

Jane Bennett (member of the education committee) has posted a training opportunity, “More than a Lunch” for May 23, 2007 from 10am-3pm at the Fairfax conference room.

The “Save the Date” for the Scott Miller training- “The Heart and Soul of Change: What works in counseling” has been sent out and the training will be tentatively held at John Tyler Community College in Chester. This training is scheduled for October 18, 2007. A second “Save the Date” will be sent out at the end of June and registration will begin at the end of July 2007.

Upcoming trainings-Margaret Gillispie is planning a training in Southwest Virginia with Maureen Maguire-Kuletz for later this summer, the focus of the training will be announced at a later date.

Ellen Braswell will be setting up a training event in Charlottesville, the focus is tentatively Class and Race and will be scheduled for later this summer.

Submitted by Samantha Ruppert
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For More Information

Contact: Marilyn Morrison at Mmorrison@ourpeoplework.org Phone: (703) 970-3675, Fax: (703) 461-8747. Use email to add your name to the conference mailing list if you are not already a member of VA-APSE, VaACCSES, or VRA.
Is this the year that you will finally make the change that you have been planning? Just as the flowers are blooming and the leaves are coming out on the trees, it is the perfect time to reap the benefits of being a National Rehabilitation Association member. Spring 2007 is a great time for you and your friends to join your professional organization. We have been waiting for you.

My name is Jack Smith and I have recently been appointed to the position of membership chair for the Virginia Rehabilitation Association. I am eager to talk to you, answer any questions you have about membership in the VRA. We urge members to reach out to others currently in, or studying to enter the rehabilitation profession. We offer low cost training opportunities and a professional journal to help our members keep abreast of the latest research in our field. We also have an advocate who works with the Virginia and Federal legislatures on our behalf. It is important that you, as a member, speak to others about joining us. If you need literature or coaching on ideas that you can share with potential members, I would be excited to discuss ways to encourage others to join NRA.

We have recently realized that some of our members are missing out on having literature from our organization. It seems they are missing out on information from the newsletter and other materials and we were wondering if you could help us find them. We are looking for Charles Steel, Kelly Declos, and Michael Andrusky. We would like to get the VRA information to them and we are sure they are missing it.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding V.R.A. membership or any related information. You can call me at 434-947-6721 or send me an email at Jack.Smith@drs.virginia.gov

Submitted by Jack Smith, VRA Membership Chairman
The VARL mission is to develop, improve, and strengthen leadership skills and practices in both public and private rehabilitation organizations.

Spring is here and things are ‘emerging’ all over! Early spring flowers are out; the grass is greening up; the dogwood trees are hinting at blossoms; birds are building nests in preparation for eggs to come; and Maymont Park here in Richmond is welcoming its baby animals. The New Year is a time for resolutions but Spring is the time for renewals and transformations. It is a perfect time to renew your life’s goals and aspirations: create your intention, focus your attention on what you want to achieve, and take action to get there.

We have been emphasizing the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People in our Brown Bag Leadership Chats this year. Stephen Covey sees seven unique human endowments or capabilities associated with each of the habits. Habit 1, Be Proactive, is the endowment of self-knowledge or self-awareness – an ability to choose your response or response-ability. At the low end of the continuum are ineffective people who transfer responsibility by blaming themselves, their environment, or anything or anybody so that they are not responsible for producing results. The effective person however, knows they are the creative force of their life and can choose their response in any situation no matter what life has sent their way before; they can create a new response and therein lays the power to achieve growth and happiness. So let what you desire in your leadership development emerge this spring and take action!

Becoming more involved with VARL is one way to practice your leadership interests and abilities. Consider participating in or even leading a chat; come to our great training workshops this year; attend Board meetings and get to know your leadership comrades; AND best of all, consider running for an office this year. A Call for Nominations will be here sooner than you think for our fall elections. If you have an interest in running for an office, let me know!

Here is a calendar of upcoming events sponsored by VARL:
April 10, 12 – 1:00, Seven Habits Leadership Chat, Fairfax DRS
April 23, 12 – 1:00, Seven Habits Leadership Chat, Henrico MHMRAS
April 25, 12 – 1:00, Seven Habits Leadership Chat, Roanoke DRS
June 14, Workshop “Leadership is Like an Earthquake”, Richmond TBD
October 23, Workshop “Seven Habits of Highly Effective People”, Roanoke TBD

VARL will also be sponsoring Amy Armstrong for a leadership training session at the Collaborations this fall as well as we will be facilitating a leadership chat there on the “8th Habit”. In addition, VARL is collaborating with VRA to deliver mentoring training to our VRA mentor volunteers and is assisting in the coordination of the workshop with Dr. Scott Miller for this October. As more details are in place on all of these events, flyers/announcements will be distributed.

Please join us at our Board meetings. In 2007 we plan to move our meetings around so more members might be able to attend. The schedule is: April 12 – Williamsburg, June 14 – Richmond, August 9 – Staunton, October 11 – Charlottesville, December 6 – Richmond. Please contact a VARL Board Member or Officer for specific location information. All meetings begin at
VARL Leaders Emerge
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10:00 a.m. and adjourn by noon or 12:30. We hope to see you there whether you are a VARL member or not.

Let the Leader in You Emerge in 2007!

Submitted by Susan Green,
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VARL 2006: President – Carol Thacker,
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DRAWING July 6th....

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Carnival’s FASCINATION:
Miami-Key West-Calica,
Yucatan-Miami.
Four nights for two people Sept 10-14, 2007, Monday-Friday.

Thank you.
Philip Cooke
Ways&Means

Medicaid Waiver Study
Looking at Employment

In the world of serving persons with intellectual disabilities (formerly persons with mental retardation), there is a growing recognition that is moving into Virginia that individuals should have a major say in what they do and what services they receive. The bulk of services are funded through the home and Community Based waivers of Medicaid. In the last year, the field has been participating in a major study that has a goal of improving the services offered through the waiver.

One of the sub-committees is looking at employment offered under the waiver. In the past, there have been a very small number of persons served (less than 3%) in an employment related program. Susan Neal of the Office of Mental Retardation led the sub-committee, which included representatives from ESO’s, DRS, schools, and families. The report from this subcommittee will be included in the final overall Waiver Study group report. It is the first time that employment has been strongly evaluated and it is hoped that the recommendations from this report will strengthen the availability of employment services to individuals who want to work.

Submitted by Shirley Lyons

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Hilton Tucson El Conquistador, Tucson, Arizona
http://www.hiltonelconquistador.com/

Submitted by Paulo Luizaga

Send VRA News for the July 2007 issue by 7/1/07. Please send all the VRA articles by email to Steven Sommer at steve.sommer@drs.virginia.gov. Please visit www.vra.org for up to date information on what is happening in VRA!

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This year, in an effort to get more nominations as well as nominations in all categories, the Awards Committee will be accepting nominations from January 1, 2007 – August 24, 2007. The award categories, descriptions of each, and nomination form are located within your NewsNotes. Take the time right now and each month to follow to nominate someone you feel is deserving of an award.

Nominations and supporting documents must be submitted by email/fax/mail to:
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c/o DRS – Internal Audit
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Deadline for Nominations is August 24, 2007

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Name of Nominator_____________________________________________________

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Save the Date!
You do not want to miss this workshop!

Scott D. Miller, Ph.D.
“The Heart and Soul of Change:
What Works in Counseling”

Thursday, October 18, 2007
Richmond, VA
Registration and location details to come.

Sponsored by the Virginia Rehabilitation Association*

Scott D. Miller, Ph.D. is a co-founder of the Institute for the Study of Therapeutic Change, a private group of clinicians and researchers dedicated to studying 'what works' in treatment. He also works as a therapist providing clinical services pro bono to traditionally under served clients. Dr. Miller conducts workshops and training internationally and is known for his engaging and humorous presentation style.

*Co-sponsorship opportunities are available! Contact Donna Grumiaux for details on the benefits of co-sponsoring. donna.grumiaux@drs.virginia.gov
I would like to thank the entire Virginia Rehabilitation Association Board of Directors for supporting my participation in the 2007 NRA Governmental Affairs Conference. Although I consider myself to be a fairly knowledgeable and informed person, I admit that working in the private sector has potentially shielded me from understanding the bigger picture in rehab. Throughout the course of three days on March 11-13, 2007, I, along with other attendees from across the country were educated on the crucial issues currently facing the rehabilitation community and how we could help in advocating for change. On the first day, Patricia Leahy, Director of Governmental Affairs and Legislative Policy for NRA, and Rita Martin, Deputy Executive Director of the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR) led several sessions regarding best practices for advocacy and a discussion on the current NRA Issue Statements, which are discussed more in depth at the bottom of this email. In keeping with the theme of the conference ("Alliances, Advocacy, and Action"), the second day was filled with sessions on how various organizations and agencies have collaborated to produce more effective outcomes. Specific sessions included "Alliances in Action" with speakers Rita Martin, Celane McWhorter, President and CEO of APSE, and Noemi Ortega, Director and President of National Alliance of Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Vocational Rehabilitation (NAMSFVR), and "Careers, Counselors, and Connections" in which business professionals spoke about how they were introduced to Vocational Rehabilitation and gave advice on how to reach out to other business leaders. Participants were also informed of the current changes and restructuring of the Rehabilitation and Services Administration (RSA) and several Legislative Aides from various legislators' offices spoke about the current political climate on Capitol Hill and tips on being more effective in advocating for those issues on which we felt strongly.

The last day of the conference is of course dedicated to visiting legislators on Capitol Hill. Bonnie Hawley and I were able to visit every Senator and Representative's office in order to inform each legislator of the various needs of their consumers throughout Virginia. We were able to sit down with a Legislative Aide from Congressman Bobby Scott's office (my Representative) for quite some time and explain more in depth some of NRA's Issue Statements and recommendations. We then attended the 2007 Lead On Award Banquet during which several awards were given out to various legislators for their hard work and dedication to issues affecting the rehabilitation community. Dr. Donald Dew was presented his award during this luncheon, and Legislative Aides for Senator Saxby Chambliss (R-GA) and Senator Edward Kennedy (D-MA) accepted awards on behalf of their Senators. Senator Chambliss had planned to introduce legislation later that evening that marked a federal recognition of March 22 as National Rehabilitation Counselor Appreciation Day. This legislation actually passed on March 22, 2007 so congratulations to all Rehabilitation Counselors for this special honor! Our last visit of the day was a quick stop to Congressman Tom Davis' office (Bonnie Hawley's Representative). While waiting for the Legislative Aide to speak to us, Congressman Davis walked into the office and invited us back to his private office to discuss NRA's Issue Statements. We spoke with the Congressman for quite some time and learned that he had been personally affected by disability issues by having a family member with a significant disability. Congressman Davis was gracious enough to take a picture with us and I have attached it to this email. Later that afternoon, Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) personally accepted her Lead On award in her office conference room with Patricia Leahy and several NRA members present.

Although we in rehab feel that these issues are of the utmost importance, there were several other...
issues taking precedence at Capitol Hill at that time. During our visit, the reports on Walter Reed Medical Center had surfaced and the possible neglect and mistreatment of Veterans was taking center stage. It was important for us to discuss with our legislators that our veterans were returning with various injuries, including PTSD and Brain Injuries and that the rehabilitation community would need additional funding to ensure that these individuals received proper care. In addition, both Bonnie and I were able to share personal stories of how VR has helped us and ways that individuals with disabilities are able to give back to the community.

In total, there are thirteen issues on which NRA is focusing during this legislative session. These issues, as well as the recommendations, from NRA are listed below. Although every issue may not affect you directly, I strongly urge you to contact your Senators and Representatives and ask them to support these various issues. If you would like to contact your legislators, you can either go to NRA’s website at http://www.nationalrehab.org/website/govt/index.html and scroll to the bottom to input your zip code, or contact me directly at (804)334-2862 or ericka.umbarger@thechoicegroup.com and I can assist you in finding the contact information for your legislator. Although contacting your legislators may seem overwhelming, it is imperative to let them know that you support the following issues. In addition, Susan Green of VARL and the VRA Legislative Committee are planning an Advocacy Training for later in the fall to help educate VRA members on state and local issues, and best practices for contacting members. Once we have the date set, I will be asking for help from members of the Legislative Committee to ensure a successful event. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me with any questions! A huge thanks to Bonnie Hawley for taking the lead in addressing most of these issues with the legislators or aides and for explaining several of the issues to me more in depth! I will bring a copy of the Issue Statements to the next VRA Board of Directors meeting to pass around if anyone is interested in reading the full text and Statement of Issues.

Submitted by Erica Umbarger
S. RES. 120

Designating March 22, 2007, as National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
Mr. CHAMBLISS submitted the following resolution

RESOLUTION

Designating March 22, 2007, as National Rehabilitation Counselors Appreciation Day.

Whereas rehabilitation counselors conduct assessments, provide counseling, support to families, and plan and implement rehabilitation programs for those in need;

Whereas the purpose of the professional organizations in rehabilitation is to promote the improvement of rehabilitation services available to persons with disabilities through quality education and rehabilitation research for counselors;

Whereas the various professional organizations, including the National Rehabilitation Association (NRA), Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association (RCEA), the National Council on Rehabilitation Education (NCRE), the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association (NRCA), the American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA), the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC). The Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR), and the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) have stood firm to advocate up-to-date education and training and the maintenance of professional standards in the field of rehabilitation counseling and education;

Whereas on March 22, 1983, Martha Walker of Kent State University, who was President of NCRE, testified before the Subcommittee on Select Education of the House of Representatives, and was instrumental in bringing to the attention of Congress the need for rehabilitation counselors to be qualified; and

Whereas the efforts of Martha Walker led to the enactment of laws that now require rehabilitation counselors to have proper credentials in order to provide a higher level of quality service to those in need: Now. Therefore, be it

1 Resolved, That the Senate—
2 (1) designates March 22, 2007, as National Rehabilitation Counselors’ Appreciation Day; and
3 (2) commends all of the hard work and dedication
4 That rehabilitation counselors provide to individuals in need and the numerous efforts that they multiple professional organizations have made to assisting those who require rehabilitation.
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Rehabilitation Counselors’ Day

All Rehabilitation Professionals are invited to attend Rehabilitation Counselors’ Day which is being sponsored by the VRCA. The presenter will be Dr. Ann Charles-Craft, a specialist in compassion, fatigue, and self care, who is employed at the VCU Medical Center. The training is free and will be from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Ginter Park Baptist Church at 1200 Wilmington Ave, Richmond, Va 23227. In order to register, please contact Marie Worley at Marie.Worley@drs.virginia.gov. Registration is at 9:15 a.m. The topic will be "I-stress, U-stress, Let’s all D-stress". Hope to see you there!

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VCU-RRTC State Employment Initiative

Attached, you will find information about the new VCU-RRTC State Employment Initiative funded by the Virginia Board. This initiative was recently highlighted by a release from the Governor’s Office which can be found at http://www.governor.virginia.gov/MediaRelations/NewsReleases/viewRelease.cfm?id=334.

More information on the initiative can also be found on the VCU-RRTC website at http://www.worksupport.com/projects/project.cfm/26

If you have further questions, please contact me as indicated below, or feel free to contact Lynne Talley, our Grants Manager and Employment Program Manager, directly.

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VRA Golf Classic

Mark Your Calendar!! The 7th Annual Virginia Rehabilitation Association Golf Classic will be held on Tuesday, September 18th at Hunting Hawk Golf Course. It is a beautiful course and you will truly enjoy a great day of golf. Hunting Hawk is located in Glen Allen. To get to the course you take exit 173 off I-64 and then a right on Route 623 for 3.2 miles. The cost is $280.00 for a foursome or $70.00 per person. We need lots of support from our members so please play or help secure a foursome. Also, hole sponsorship is $125.00 for a 3’ x 3’ sign and we need your help to find corporate sponsors. Thanks and please call Howard Green at 828-9548 or e-mail him at jgreen1949@verizon.net

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