

Regional Housing and Homelessness Policy Workshops: Issues and Input

2010 is proving to be another year of change for housing - new federal housing funds available, housing markets struggling to recover, foreclosures still at historic highs, homelessness on the rise and housing finance at a crossroads. Here in Virginia, Governor McDonnell has announced a process to create our first statewide housing policy by the fall. With all of these issues swirling around us, it is more important than ever to come together to identify challenges and work for positive change.

With that thought in mind, the Board of Directors and Legislative Committee of the **Virginia Housing Coalition**, partnered with **Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) of Virginia**, **Habitat for Humanity of Virginia**, and the **Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness**, to schedule a series of *free* regional workshops to bring housing providers, advocates and other interested parties together to:

- offer input into the Governor's proposed Statewide Housing Policy;
- identify our common legislative priorities for the 2011 General Assembly Session;
- review concerns and opportunities to improve the policies and processes of existing State and Federal programs from homelessness to homeownership; and
- understand how we can, individually and organizationally, become more effective advocates.

The results of the workshops will form the basis for our legislative platform and administrative policy recommendations for 2010-2011.

The remaining schedule of programs is as follows:

- Charlottesville, July 22 (*rescheduled*) in partnership with the Coalition for Housing Opportunity
- NEW LOCATION - Abingdon, July 28th (*note new time and location*)
- Webinar, July 16th

Your participation in this discussion is crucial to ensure that our efforts are based upon the priorities of our members. **Please register** for the session you would like to attend on the reverse, and return this form to the Coalition by fax to (804) 288-3551 or by e-mail to vahc@catapult-inc.com. **Questions?** Call us at (804) 497-3060.

If none of the locations and dates fit your schedule, consider signing up for one of the webinars!



___ **Yes**, I want to help shape the Affordable Housing agenda in Virginia. Sign me up for the free session noted below. *(If you have additional registrants, please copy this form. Space is limited and will be filled on a first-come first-served basis.)*

Name

Organization

Phone/e-mail

Sign me up for:	Location	Date and Time
<input type="checkbox"/>	Charlottesville , (City Space, 100 Fifth St. NE, on the Downtown Mall)	July 22 , 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., register by July 20 th <i>(box lunches provided)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Abingdon (Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, Virginia Highlands Community College Campus, One Partnership Circle, Abingdon)	July 28 , 2 – 3:30 p.m., register by July 23 rd
<input type="checkbox"/>	Webinar (log in information will be sent to all registrants)	July 16 , 9 – 10:30 a.m., register by July 15 th

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The Virginia Housing Coalition would like to thank the cosponsors of these events, HOME of Virginia, Habitat for Humanity of Virginia, and the Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness, as well as all of our host facilities.