



*Commonwealth of Virginia
Department of Criminal Justice Services*

March 12, 2009

MEMORANDUM:

TO: All PSA Directors
FROM: Jana Braswell, EBP Program Coordinator
SUBJECT: VPRAI Training Registration

As you will recall from the February 2009 memo, DCJS in collaboration with the VPRAI committee and Luminosity Inc., recently conducted a validation study of the Virginia Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument (VPRAI). As a result of the validation study and considering our pursuit of evidence-based practices, minor modifications were made to the VPRAI to improve predictive accuracy and significant changes were made to the design of the VPRAI report to be more consistent with evidence-based practices. The revised VPRAI requires a mandatory training to ensure that all pretrial officers understand the changes in the VPRAI and PTCC and can properly use the revised instrument.

The VPRAI training will take place at four regional sites. Each program has been assigned to a specific training venue (see: Training Schedule below). The training will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. each day. Lunch will be on your own. There will be two trainings, held back to back, at each site so you can split your staff to avoid the need to close offices. After we confirm attendance for each date, we will send additional information such as directions, places for lunch, etc.

To register your staff, please send Jana Braswell an e-mail in response to this memo **NO LATER THAN** Friday, March 27th. Please include the following information in your e-mail to me:

1. The name of your agency
2. The name and e-mail of staff attending (and the day they plan to attend)
3. The name and e-mail of any additional persons attending (yourself, other managers, etc.)

Remember, the training schedule was arranged so you could split your staff to avoid the need to close offices. It is also necessary to divide staff into the two trainings to ensure appropriate numbers of trainees per session. All pretrial officers are required to attend; directors and managers are strongly encouraged to attend. If you have any other questions, please feel free to call me at 804.371.0531 or e-mail jana.braswell@dcjs.virginia.gov

VPRAI Training Schedule

April 21st and April 22nd

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Fairfax
Public Safety Center/Massey
Building**
4100 Chain Bridge Road
Fairfax, VA 22030

Program:

Alexandria Criminal Justice Services
Arlington County Sheriff's Office
Fairfax County General District Court -
Court Services Division
Fauquier County Office of Adult Court
Services
Loudoun County Community
Corrections
Northwestern Regional Adult Detention
Center
Prince William Office of CJ Services

April 23rd and April 24th

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Chesterfield
Eanes Pittman Building Shared
Classroom D**
6610 Public Safety Rd
Chesterfield, VA 23832

Program:

Chesterfield CC & PT Services
Hanover Community Corrections
Henrico County Community Corrections
Middle Peninsula Local Probation &
Pretrial Services
Piedmont Court Services-Mecklenburg
Rappahannock Regional Jail
Richmond Department of Justice
Services: Pretrial Services
Riverside Criminal Justice Agency
Southside Community Corrections

June 9th and June 10th

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Lynchburg
Lynchburg Dept. of Social Services**
99 Ninth Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504

Program:

Blue Ridge Court Services
Court Community Corrections
Halifax/Pittsylvania Court Services
Lynchburg CC & PT Services
New River CC & PT Services
OAR/Jefferson Area Community
Corrections
Rockingham-Harrisonburg Court
Services Unit

June 11th and June 12th

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Hampton
Ruppert L. Sargent Admin. Building**
1 Franklin Street
Hampton, Virginia 23669

Program:

Chesapeake Community Corrections
Colonial Community Corrections
Hampton/Newport News CJ Agency
Norfolk Criminal Justice Services
Portsmouth Community Corrections &
Pretrial Services
Virginia Beach Office of CC & PT
Services