

Behavioral Health Commission- Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 - 2:00 p.m.

Senate Room B, General Assembly Building

Members Present

Senator Creigh Deeds, Chair

Senator Lashrecse Aird

Senator Barbara Favola (virtual)

Senator Russet Perry (virtual)

Delegate Ellen Campbell

Delegate Carrie Coyner

Delegate Patrick Hope, Vice Chair

Delegate Adele McClure

Delegate Chris Obenshain

Delegate Vivian Watts

Delegate Rodney Willett

Members Absent

Senator Tara Durant

Call to order and opening remarks- Senator Creigh Deeds, Chair

Roll call- Agnes Dymora

Executive Director Nathalie Molliet-Ribet gave an overview of the meeting agenda and provided an introduction to the staff study of the Marcus alert system.

Claire Mairead briefed members on the Marcus alert system in Virginia. She briefly discussed the requirements and goals of Marcus Alert as laid out in statute and local plans and spoke about the implementation status of Marcus Alert across in Virginia. Claire also discussed funding awarded by the General Assembly and provided several options and recommendations to improve the distribution of those funds. Claire discussed findings about the effectiveness of Marcus Alert in areas of the state where it has been implemented and offered options and recommendations to help achieve the system's full potential. Lastly, Claire listed some recommendations that the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services should implement to improve the Marcus alert system.

Theresa Champion offered public comments virtually.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Commission meeting will be on October 7, 2025.

Senator Favola participated virtually due to medical reasons. Senator Perry participated virtually due to the 60 mile driving distance exemption.