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2005 JLARC Workplan

**Staff Briefing
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Homeland Security Funding and Preparedness in Virginia

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Growth in State Spending (2005 Update)

- Section Manager: Walt Smiley
- Staff: Aris Bearse (PT)

Impact of Assisted Living Facility Regulations

- Project Leader: Walt Smiley
- Project Team: Unassigned

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Impact of the Aging State Workforce

- **Project Leader: Trish Bishop**
- **Project Team: Eileen Fleck**

Virginia Retirement System Oversight

- **VRS Analyst: Trish Bishop**

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Implementation Review of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency

- **Project Leader:** Glen Tittermary
- **Project Team:** Jason Powell (PT)

Internal Service Fund Oversight

- **Information Technology:** Glen Tittermary
- **General Services:** Bob Rotz

Computer Resources and Web Site Support

- **Manager:** Glen Tittermary
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Homeland Security Funding and Preparedness in Virginia

Study Mandate

- **JLARC directed staff to conduct study of homeland security effort and funding at its December 2004 meeting**

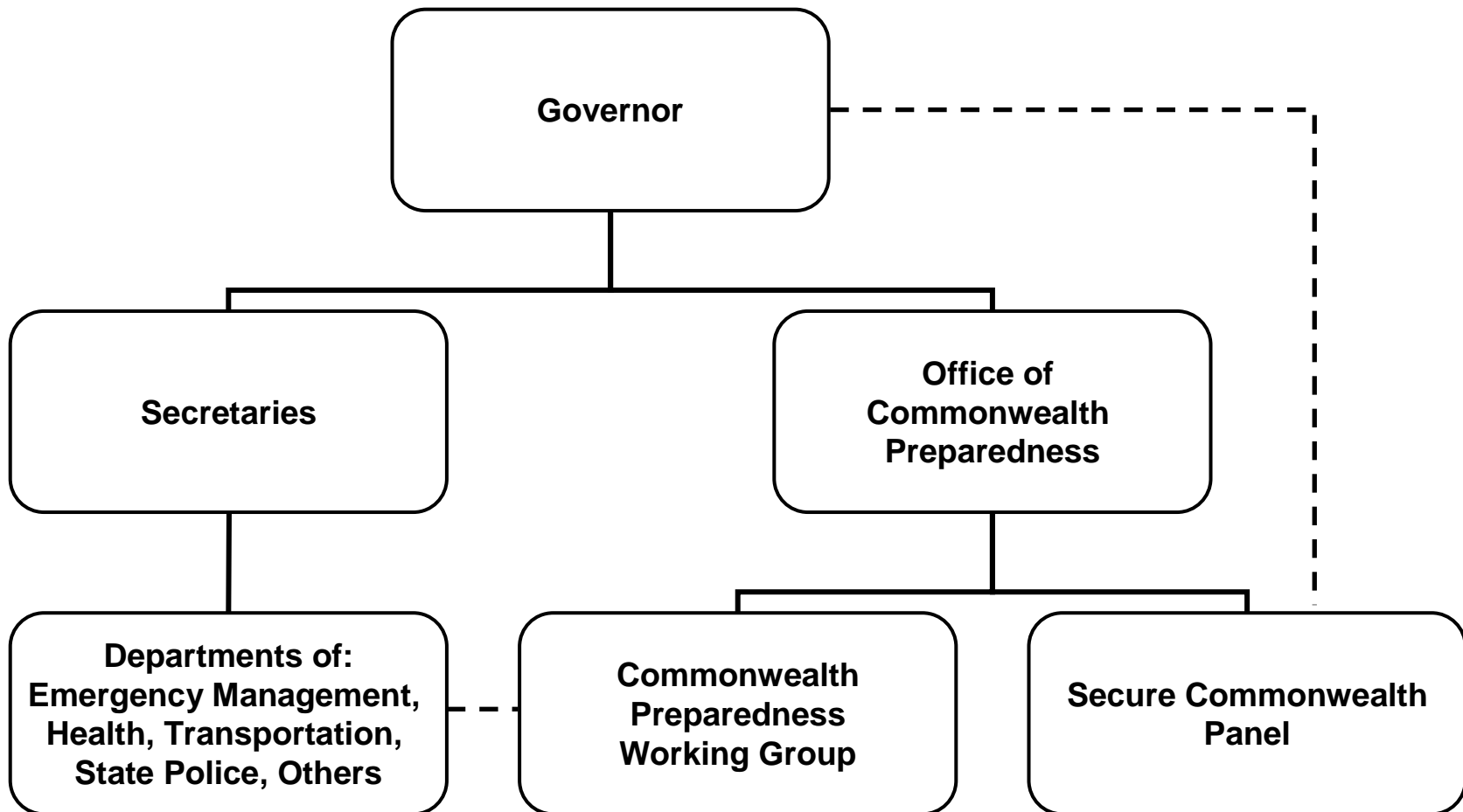
- **The mandate specifically directed staff to examine:**
 - **The extent and sufficiency of homeland security funding**
 - **The effectiveness of the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness in coordinating and directing security efforts**
 - **The oversight of homeland security grants to ensure that homeland security funds are being used for their intended purposes**
 - **The extent to which security improvements are implemented in a timely manner**

Background

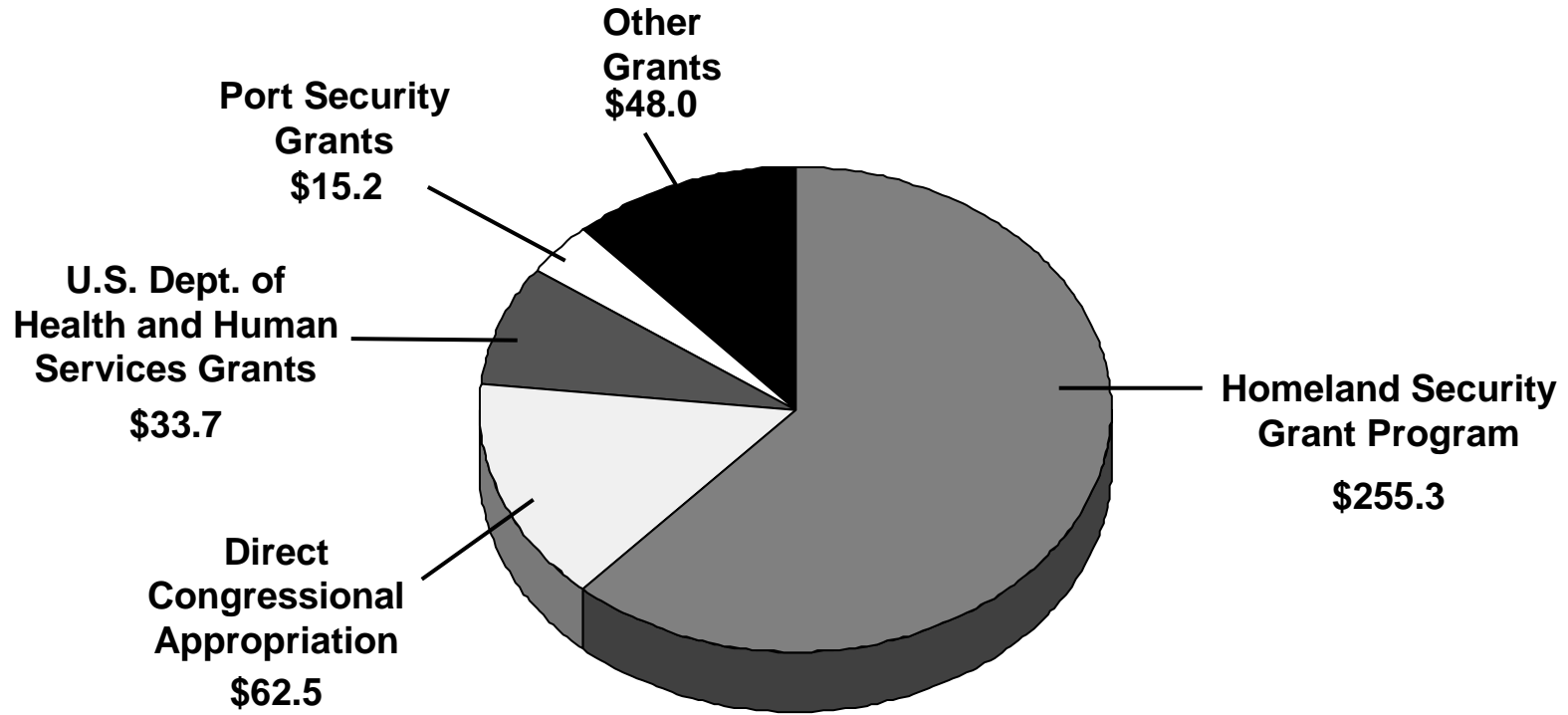
- **9/11 terrorist attacks on World Trade Center and Pentagon**
 - **Creation of Department of Homeland Security**
 - **Established homeland security and bioterrorism grant programs**

- **Virginia's response:**
 - **Office of Commonwealth Preparedness**
 - **Secure Commonwealth Panel**
 - **Commonwealth Preparedness Working Group**

Commonwealth Preparedness Structure



Federal Homeland Security Funds to Virginia Since 9/11 (\$millions)



Total = \$414.7

Source: Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

Study Issues

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- **What is Virginia's strategy for securing the Commonwealth?**
- **Is Virginia's organizational structure adequate?**
- **Does the Office of Commonwealth Preparedness provide effective coordination across the local, State, and federal agencies that are involved?**
- **Are the grants distributed and monitored effectively?**
- **Are homeland security and bioterrorism grants being used in an appropriate manner?**
- **What measures are in place to determine the Commonwealth's level of preparedness?**

Research Activities

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- **Structured interviews**
- **Site visits**
- **Data analysis**
- **Phone interviews with other states**
- **Literature review**
- **Attendance at meetings**

Study Schedule

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- **Data collection** **Spring and summer 2005**
- **Report drafting** **Summer 2005**
- **Commission briefing** **September 2005**

**Fiscal Analysis and
Impact Section:
State Spending Study**

Study Mandate

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- ***Code of Virginia* §30-58.3 directs JLARC annually to review State spending and identify:**
 - The largest and fastest growing programs,
 - The causes of expenditure growth,
 - Programs that may be indistinct or inefficient, and
 - Programs that could be consolidated

- **Prior reports focused on spending trends:**
 - State spending trends, and spending growth within agencies,
 - General fund revenue forecasting process,
 - Development and use of performance measures, and
 - How Virginia compared to the other states

Explaining Budget Growth

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- **JLARC staff use a combination of methods to explain long-term budget growth:**
 - **Analyzing societal factors such as population growth, inflation, growth in personal income, etc.**
 - **Recapping Virginia-specific factors, such as initiatives and funding decisions**
 - **Identifying budget drivers – the agencies and programs that account for the bulk of spending growth**
 - **Examining how individual agency budgets have grown**

2005 Activities

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- Focus on the 10-year period from FY 1996 – FY 2005
- Research major trends and factors explaining long-term budget changes
- Review selected topics

Study Schedule

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■ Data analysis

Fall 2005

■ Commission briefing

December 2005

**Impact of
Assisted Living Facility
Regulations**

Study Mandate

- **The 2004-2006 Appropriation Act directs JLARC to report on the impact of regulatory changes affecting providers of assisted living services, quality of care, and access to services**
- **As part of its review, JLARC is directed to examine the impact of the new regulations on the cost of services and Medicaid-funded mental health services**

Study Background

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- **JLARC conducted three reviews of these facilities and State licensing and funding: 1979, 1990, 1997**

- **The 2005 General Assembly adopted major legislation that:**
 - **Requires licensure of facility administrators**
 - **Requires registration of medication aides**
 - **Increases monetary penalties**
 - **Improves screening of residents with mental health care needs**

- **The General Assembly also provided \$4.5 million to increase auxiliary grant payments and add inspectors**

Assisted Living Facilities

- **These are non-medical residential settings that provide or coordinate personal and health care services, 24-hour supervision, and assistance for the care of four or more adults who are aged, infirm or disabled**

- **Statewide there are 640 licensed assisted living facilities housing 34,000 residents**
 - 1979 JLARC study reported 314 facilities and 8,800 residents
 - 1997 JLARC study reported 612 facilities and 27,500 residents

- **Auxiliary grant rates capped at \$944 per month, plus \$62 personal care allowance**
 - 1979 rate was \$336 per month

Study Issues

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- **How will the new regulations affect:**
 - **Cost of providing services?**
 - **Access to facilities and to services, including access to mental health services?**
 - **Tangible improvements in the quality of care?**

Study Schedule

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- **New regulations developed** **Summer-fall 2005**
- **Interim report** **November 2005**
- **Final report** **June 2006**

Impact of the Aging State Workforce

Study Mandate

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- **House Joint Resolution 103 (2004) directs JLARC to review the impact of Virginia's aging population**
- **This study is a companion project to the study of the impact of the aging population on State agency services**
- **This study will focus on the impact of an aging State workforce**

Background

- **Average age of classified State employees is increasing**
- **Percentage of classified State employees with 25 years or more of State service is increasing**
- **On June 30, 2004, 7.6 percent of classified State employees were eligible to retire**

Background

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- **Over the next 10 years, DHRM predicts that more than one third of classified employees will become eligible to retire**
 - **Many employees do not retire when they become eligible**
 - **Some employees will retire and will be replaced**
 - **Approximately 2.9 percent of State employees retired in FY 2004**

Background

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- **In FY 2004, DHRM established a more formalized statewide workforce planning effort:**
 - **Consolidated information from agency workforce plans**
 - **Surveyed agencies on workforce issues**
 - **Created web-based tools for workforce data analysis**
 - **Agencies were asked to:**
 - **Focus on current staffing issues as well as future needs**
 - **Develop strategies to ensure high performance, including retention and recruitment**

Background

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- **State employee benefits affected by an aging workforce**
 - **Virginia Retirement System**
 - **State Health Insurance Program**
 - **Group Life Insurance**
 - **Virginia Sickness and Disability Program**
 - **Long-Term Care insurance**

Study Issues

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- **Is workforce management and succession planning adequate?**
- **What are the current provisions and projected costs of employee benefits?**
- **What are the impacts of an aging State workforce on agencies that provide support and services to the State's employees?**
- **What options, including any best practices, are available to the Commonwealth to address the State's workforce needs?**

Research Activities

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- **Structured interviews with State agencies**
- **Structured interviews with some localities**
- **Survey of State agencies, employees, and retirees**
- **Data and actuarial analysis**
- **Document reviews**
- **Site visits**

Study Schedule

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- **Interviews and data collection** **Spring and summer 2005**
- **Actuarial & other analyses** **July – September 2005**
- **Report drafting** **August – October 2005**
- **Briefing** **November 2005**

**Oversight of the
Virginia Retirement System**

Background

■ **Statutory Responsibility (§30-78 *et seq.* of the Code of Virginia):**

- **Oversee and evaluate VRS on a continuing basis**
- **Publish a biennial status report**
- **Conduct a quadrennial actuarial analysis**
- **Publish an informational guide for legislators**
- **Hire an actuary for use by JLARC, House Appropriations, and Senate Finance**

2005 VRS Oversight Activities

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- Attend meetings of the Board of Trustees and the Investment Advisory Committee
- Update the on-line Legislator's Guide to VRS
- Complete semi-annual investment reports (July and December)
- Begin Quadrennial Actuarial Review - Phase I (July)
- Receive Status Reports by VRS Director and CIO (July)

**Implementation Review of
the Virginia Information
Technologies Agency**

Background

- In July 2003 the Commission directed staff to monitor the implementation of the Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA) as part of its oversight of internal service funds
- Staff have reported findings periodically to the Commission, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Joint Commission on Science and Technology

Background

- **VITA implementation is largely completed, though the process continues**
 - **IT systems and employees from 90 agencies transitioned into VITA**
 - **Centralized IT procurement implemented**
 - **Review and approval process for IT projects fully implemented through the IT Investment Board**
 - **VITA claims savings of \$16.5 million in FY 04, \$26.1 million in FY 05, and projects six-year cumulative savings of more than \$160 million**

Research Activities

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- **Review VITA's quarterly reports and other documents that outline progress in implementing the reorganization of IT**
- **Administer an online survey of customer agencies regarding their experiences and satisfaction with the consolidation of IT in VITA**
- **Continue to attend meetings of the IT Investment Board and its standing committees**
- **Interview VITA and other agency staff as needed**

Schedule

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- **Status report from the Chief Information Officer** **June 2005**
- **Online survey of agencies** **June 2005**
- **Final status report** **September 2005**

Internal Service Funds

Background

- **Total internal service fund revenues are more than \$270 million annually**

- **JLARC Statutory Responsibility (§2.2-803 of the *Code of Virginia*):**
 - **Creation of new funds as necessary**
 - **Elimination of funds no longer needed**
 - **Transfer of excess balances to the general fund**

- **Commission Policy:**
 - **Review of quarterly financial statements**
 - **Approval of changes in billing formulas and rates**
 - **Approval of changes in the scope and nature of services**

Current Funds

- **Virginia Information Technologies Agency (VITA)**
(formerly the Department of Information Technology)
 - **Computer Services**
 - **Systems Development**
 - **Telecommunications**

- **VITA funds expected to account for services totaling more than \$210 million annually**

Current Funds

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- **Department of General Services (DGS)**
 - **Fleet Management (Central Garage)**
 - **Virginia Distribution Center**
 - **Federal Surplus Property**
 - **Graphic Communications**
 - **Building Operations**
 - **State Surplus Property**
 - **Consolidated Laboratory Services**
 - **Real Property**
 - **Capital Outlay Management**

- **DGS funds account for services totaling more than \$63 million annually**

Schedule

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- **ISF Subcommittee
(Wardrup, Joannou, Stosch)** **May 26, 2005**
- **Consideration of VITA and
DGS rates** **June 2005**
- **Review of other rate requests** **As needed**
- **Review of financial statements** **Quarterly**

Computer Systems Support

2005 Computer Systems Activities

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- Provide computing support for JLARC research teams:
 - Data acquisition
 - On-line survey design and administration
 - Applications support

- Update web sites and publish new releases of the JLARC report CD-ROM

- Provide support for administrative systems

Studies Under Senior Division Chief: Robert B. Rotz

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■ Special Report: State Spending on SOQ Costs

- Project Leader: Bob Rotz

■ Review of the Land Application of Biosolids in Virginia

- Project Leader: Eric Messick
- Project Team: Kent Wyatt

Studies Under Senior Division Chief: Robert B. Rotz (continued)

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■ Review of the Impact of the Aging Population on State Agencies

- Project Leader: Ashley Colvin
- Project Team: Tracey Smith Janice Baab
 Ellen Jackson

■ SJR 36 Manufacturing Regulatory Burden (Preliminary Scoping this year only)

- Project Team: Unassigned

**Special Report: State Spending on
Standards of Quality (SOQ) Costs**

Mandate

- **Chapter 948 from the 2003 General Assembly Session (enacted as HB 2151) amended §22.1-97 of the *Code of Virginia* relating to “state and local appropriations of sufficient education funds”**

- **Provisions of §22.1-97:**
 - **The Department of Education must report data on required and actual local expenditures for the SOQ**

 - **JLARC is required to report on State expenditures for the SOQ**

Report Submitted Last Year Addressed FY 2004 SOQ State Spending

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- **The first in a series of annual special reports by JLARC to meet the mandate was completed in December 2004**
- **The report indicated that State SOQ spending in FY 2004 amounted to \$3.66 billion**
- **The report was first briefed by JLARC staff to the commission**
- **The report was then furnished to the House Committees on Education and Appropriations and the Senate Committees on Finance and Education and Health, as required by statute**

Report This Year Will Address FY 2005 State SOQ Spending

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- **Second report in the series will address FY 2005 State SOQ spending:**
 - **Total State SOQ spending, statewide**
 - **Factors impacting the amount of State SOQ spending**
 - **Dollars expended by school division, total and per-pupil**

Study Schedule

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- **Data analysis** **Late October / November 2005**
- **Report to JLARC** **December 2005**
- **Written report to
standing and money
committees** **January 2006**

**Review of the Land Application
of Biosolids in Virginia**



Study Mandate

- **House Joint Resolution 643 (2005) directs JLARC to study the land application of biosolids in Virginia.**

- **HJR 643 specifically directs staff to evaluate:**
 - **Current levels of funding, staffing, and resources available to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) for oversight and enforcement of the Virginia biosolids program**
 - **Resources available to local governments and their capacity to effectively carry out their biosolids monitoring and testing authority**
 - **Ways to improve Virginia's biosolids program**
 - **Sharing resources among local governments**
 - **Improving State and local coordination regarding complaint oversight and enforcement**

Background

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- **Biosolids are residues generated after sewage sludge has passed through a wastewater treatment facility and has been treated to reduce:**
 - **Disease-causing organisms (pathogens)**
 - **Its attractiveness to animals**
 - **Pollutant concentrations**

- **VDH is primarily responsible for overseeing biosolids land applications.**
 - **Designated as lead agency in 1994**
 - **Performs permitting, inspections, complaint response, and program enforcement**
 - **Will soon begin administering two separate training programs for land appliers of biosolids and local monitors**
 - **Administers a fund for reimbursing local governments that have adopted biosolids ordinances for the cost of monitoring and testing**

- **Prior to 1994, DEQ was responsible for overseeing land applications of sewage sludge as part of Virginia's Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Pollution Abatement programs**

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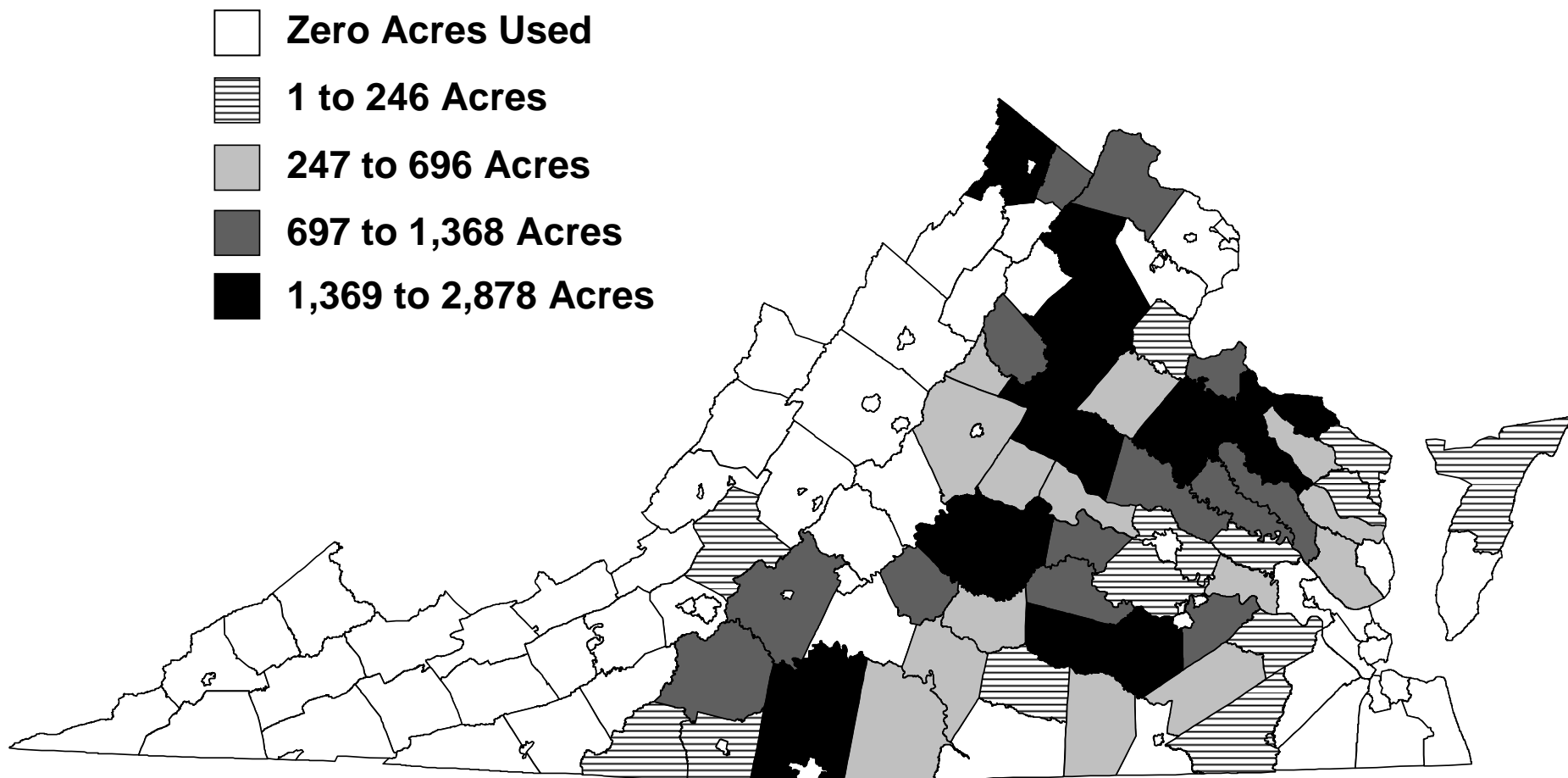
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- **Under VDH permits, in 2003:**
 - **More than 320,000 acres of agricultural land in Virginia were permitted**
 - **Almost 49,000 of these acres received biosolids**
 - **Approximately 225,000 dry tons were spread**

- **Additionally, DEQ estimates that in a typical year, more than 74,000 dry tons are spread as part of permits issued by the department**

- **Virginia's biosolids program limits local governments to testing and monitoring biosolids activities**

VDH-Permitted Biosolids Applications Average Acres by County, 2001 - 2004



Study Issues

- **What are the advantages and disadvantages of applying biosolids to agricultural land, and what are the trends in Virginia for this use of biosolids?**
- **Has VDH effectively implemented and enforced Virginia's regulatory biosolids program?**
- **Do localities have adequate resources and support from VDH to effectively administer their own biosolids programs?**
- **What changes, if any, could be made to improve the overall effectiveness of the land application of biosolids in Virginia?**

Research Activities

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- **Structured interviews**
- **Visits to biosolids applications sites**
- **Document and file reviews**
- **Surveys**
- **Data analysis**
- **Review of other states' programs**

Study Schedule

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- **Data collection** **Spring and summer 2005**
- **Report drafting** **Summer and fall 2005**
- **Commission briefing** **October 2005**

**Review of the Impact of the Aging
Population on State Agencies**

Study Mandate

- **House Joint Resolution 103 (2004) directs JLARC to review the impact of Virginia's aging population on the demand for and cost of State agency services**

- **The resolution calls for a two-year study, which is being conducted in two phases:**
 - **Phase One – An interim report was presented at the October 2004 meeting**

 - **Phase Two – A final report will be presented at the November 2005 meeting. This report will assess current service demands, and how that demand may impact the future provision of State agency services**

Background

- **As of July 2004, 15.8 percent of Virginia's population was over the age of 60**
- **Virginia's older population is projected to comprise 21.7 percent of the State's population in 2020**
 - **This is comparable to Florida today, in which 21.8 percent of the population is over the age of 60**
- **Persons over age 65 are projected to constitute more than 20 percent of the nation's population through the year 2050**

Background

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- **Many State agency services may be impacted by an increase in the older population, such as in-home health care, public transportation, and mental health and mental retardation services**

- **Federal funds and benefit payments are a major source of support for older Virginians and for the programs administered by State agencies that impact older Virginians:**
 - **Of the estimated \$5.7 billion in annual governmental funding and benefit payments in Virginia, the federal government provides 91 percent**

 - **Nationally, Social Security, on average, makes up 40 percent of the income of retired individuals age 65 and over**

Study Issues

- **What are the current levels of met and unmet service demands by the older population, and what impacts the ability of State agencies to meet this demand?**
- **How will changes in the number and composition of Virginia's older population affect future service demands?**
- **What actions are State agencies undertaking to address the older population's service demands?**

Research Activities

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- **Structured interviews with State agencies**
- **Survey of all State agencies**
- **Data analysis**
- **Document reviews**
- **Locality site visits in six regions**
 - **Area Agencies on Aging**
 - **Community Services Boards**
 - **Departments of Health**
 - **Departments of Social Services**

Regions Chosen for Site Visits



Studies Under Division Chief: Hal E. Greer

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Review of the Operation and Performance of Virginia's Social Services System

- **Project Leader:** Justin Brown
- **Project Team:** Jason Powell Jennifer Jenkins
Christine Wolfe (PT)

Effectiveness of Virginia's Social Services System in Fostering Greater Self-Sufficiency

- **Project Leader:** Nathalie Molliet-Ribet
- **Project Team:** Michelle Hebert-Giffen Brad Marsh
Paula Lambert (PT) Joan Irby (PT)

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- **Review of Medicaid Reimbursement Rates for Home and Community-Based Services**
 - Project Leader: Kimberly Sarte
 - Project Team: Greg Rest (PT)

**Review of the Operation and
Performance of Virginia's
Social Services System**

Study Mandate

- **House Joint Resolution 193 (2004) directs JLARC staff to review the operation and performance of Virginia's social services system.**

- **The resolution specifically directs staff to assess:**
 - **The availability of necessary resources to ensure the delivery of quality services in a timely manner; and**
 - **The adequacy and effectiveness of information systems.**

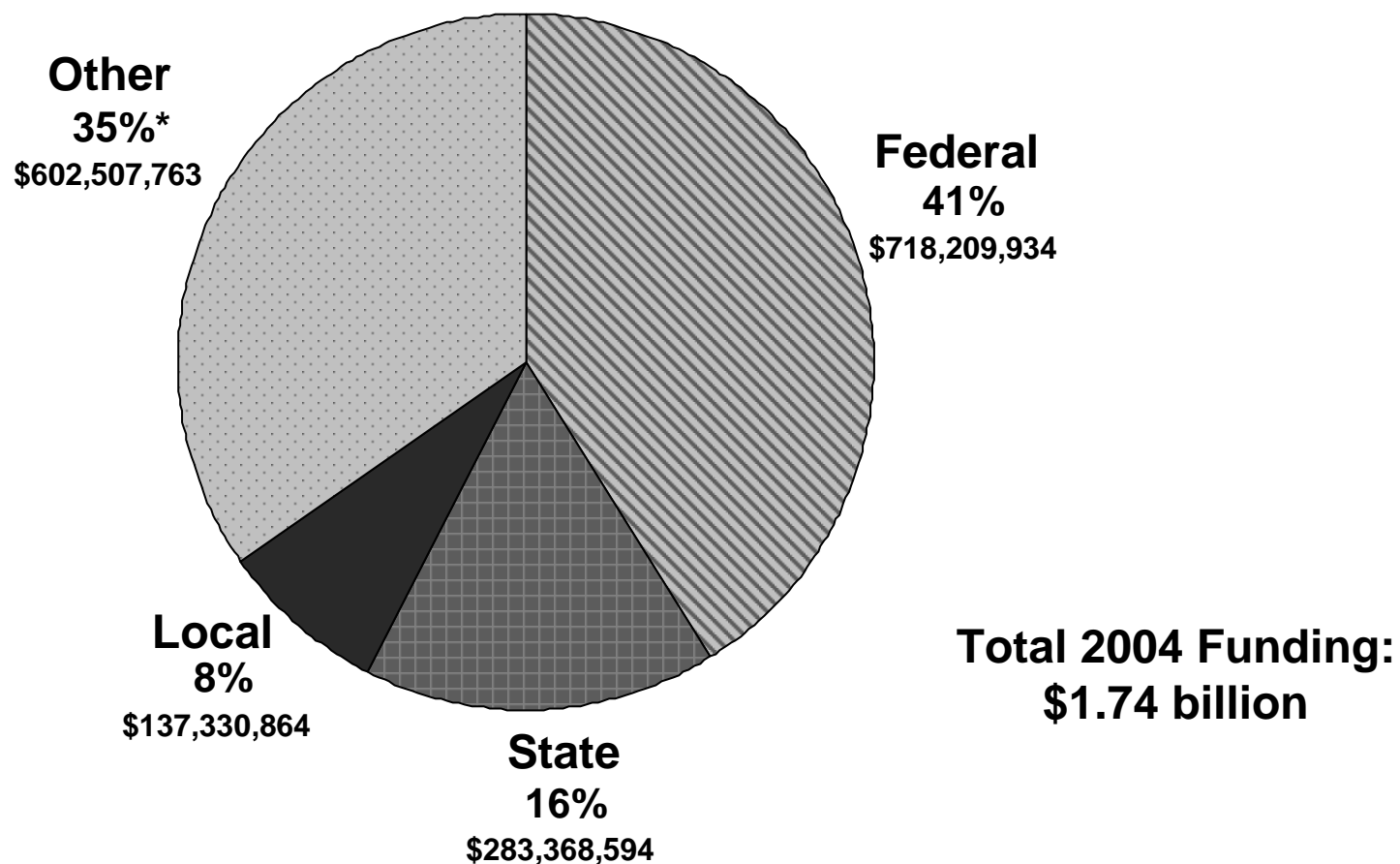
Background

- **Virginia's social services system is state-supervised and locally-administered.**
- **The State Department of Social Services (DSS) provides supervision and management support to 120 local departments, which directly administer most programs.**
- **Collectively, the social services system administers more than 50 programs aimed at improving self-sufficiency, enhancing child welfare and safety, improving family stability, and ensuring adult safety and welfare.**

Allocation of Responsibilities in Virginia's Social Services System

	Program Supervision	Program Administration	Internal Management / Support
<u>Primarily State Responsibility</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy development • Policy advice and consultation • Policy oversight, monitoring, and compliance 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Major Client Enforcement and Regulation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Support Enforcement • Licensing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget and Financial Management • Information Technology Management
<u>Primarily Local Responsibility</u>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Major Client Benefits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Assistance • Food Stamps • Medicaid eligibility • TANF / VIEW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Resources Management • Outreach, partnering, and public affairs • Federal, State, and local government liaison
		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Major Client Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Services • Adoption • Child Care and Development • Child Protective Services • Foster Care 	

2004 Social Services Funding, by Source



*Note: "Other" funds are primarily comprised of Child Support Enforcement collections that are transferred to recipients.

Source: DSS Division of Finance, August 2004.

Study Issues

- **Does the State provide adequate program supervision to facilitate effective and efficient local operation and performance?**
- **Do local departments efficiently and effectively administer social services programs?**
- **Do funding levels and budget, allocation, and financial management processes adequately support local operation and performance?**

Study Issues

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- **Does the State provide adequate human resources management support to local departments?**
- **To what extent does the social services information systems infrastructure facilitate efficient and effective local operation and performance?**
- **Does the current structure and allocation of responsibilities optimize the operation and performance of the social services system?**

Research Activities

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- **Case studies of 15 – 20 local departments of social services**
- **Survey of all 120 local departments**
- **Regional group interviews**
- **DSS staff interviews**
- **Data review and analysis**
- **Review of other states' social services structures and practices**

Study Schedule

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- **Research and analysis** **Spring/summer 2005**
- **Report drafting** **Summer 2005**
- **Commission briefing** **October 2005**

**Effectiveness of Virginia's
Social Services System in
Fostering Greater
Self-Sufficiency**

Study Mandate

- **House Joint Resolution 193 (2004) directs JLARC staff to review the operation and performance of Virginia's social services system**
- **The resolution specifically directs staff to assess the effectiveness of the social services system (the System) as measured by changes in customer self-sufficiency**

Role of the Social Services System in Fostering Self-Sufficiency

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- **Provide financial assistance to help low-income families meet their basic needs**
- **Offer human and social services to help clients progress toward self-sufficiency**

Major Sources of Financial Assistance for Low-Income Virginia Families

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- Energy Assistance
- Food Stamps
- Medicaid / Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) *
- Subsidized Child Care
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

* Eligibility determination only

Clients Receive Services from Local Departments, CAAs, and Partner Agencies

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120 Local Departments of Social Services

- Conduct assessments of barriers to employment
- Provide case management and social services
- Offer employment services to VIEW clients
- Provide assistance with child care and transportation

29 Community Action Agencies

- Assess needs of community
- Supplement and complement programs available at local departments

- Make referrals to other agencies and providers



Workforce Development and Career System, Community Services Board, private providers

Study Issues

- **To what extent are clients of the social services system experiencing changes in self-sufficiency?**
- **To what degree does the social services system affect clients' progress toward achieving self-sufficiency?**
- **Could changes be made to the social services system in order to help more clients progress toward self-sufficiency?**
- **What role could the social services and workforce development systems play to help clients achieve an even greater degree of self-sufficiency?**
- **How could the federal reauthorization and reform of benefit programs affect changes in self-sufficiency in the future?**

Research Activities

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- **Quantitative analysis of trends in income and government assistance received by DSS clients**
- **Site reviews of 15 localities, including interviews with:**
 - **Local departments of social services**
 - **Community action agencies**
 - **Community Services Boards**
 - **Workforce Development and Career System partners**
- **Survey of DSS clients**
- **Review of other states' best practices**

**Review of Medicaid
Reimbursement Rates for
Home and Community-
Based Services**

Study Mandate

- **2004-2006 Appropriation Act directs JLARC to report on adequacy of Medicaid rates for home and community-based (HCB) services**
- **JLARC is also directed to examine impact of reimbursement levels on access to HCB services for Medicaid recipients**

What Are Home and Community-Based Services and Why Are They Preferred?

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- Long-term care services that provide an alternative to institutionalization for the elderly and disabled
- May include personal care, home health, congregate residential care, and day support
- Preferred to institutionalization because:
 - More cost effective – as little as one-third cost of institutional care.
 - Individuals can remain in their homes and communities -- enhanced quality of life

Example of an Individual Eligible for Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services

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Abby is an 86-year-old woman who is alert and oriented, but has the following conditions:

- *Debilitating arthritis*
- *Type II diabetes and needs glucose levels checked daily*
- *Chair-bound with a pressure ulcer*
- *Difficulty with daily activities, such as bathing and meal preparation*

Abby lives with her 82-year-old sister who assists with some of her needs, but cannot support all of Abby's care.

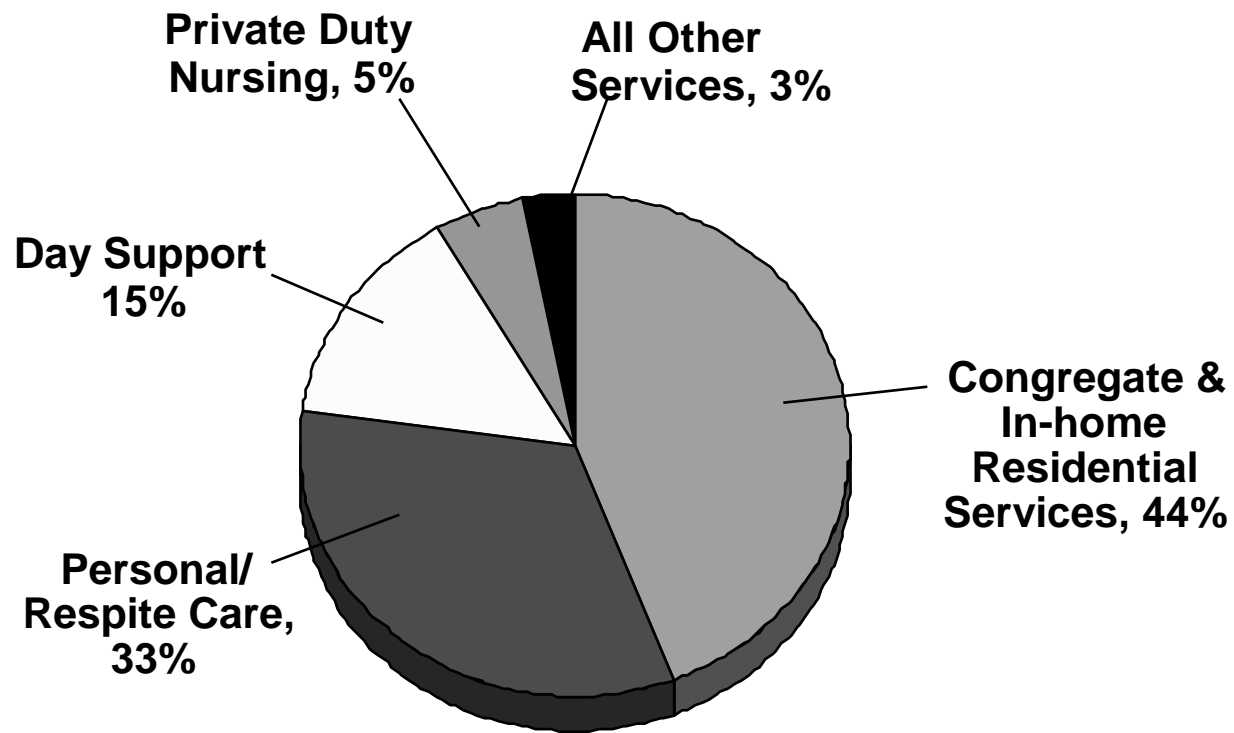
Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Provided in Virginia

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- **Most HCB services provided through waivers to the following categories of persons:**
 - **Elderly and disabled**
 - **Mentally retarded**
 - **Individuals needing technology assistance**
 - **Individuals with AIDs**
 - **Developmentally disabled**

- **Home health services**
 - **Must be medically necessary**
 - **May include nurses, home health aides, and medical supplies**
 - **Mandatory Medicaid service**

Virginia Home and Community-Based Waiver Payments by Service Type in 2004



Total Payments = \$358 million

Study Issues

- **Provider Perspective:** Do current Medicaid reimbursement rates limit the availability of HCB service providers in Virginia for Medicaid recipients?
- **Recipient Perspective:** Are there problems of access to HCB services in Virginia for those individuals eligible to receive them through Medicaid?

Research Activities

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- Interviews and/or surveys
- Case studies
- Data analysis
- Medicaid rate adequacy assessment

Study Schedule

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- **Research and analysis** **Spring/summer 2005**
- **Report drafting** **August/September 2005**
- **Commission briefing** **October 2005**