

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS
MINUTES**

APPROVED MARCH 18, 2026

REGULAR MEETING

January 7, 2026; 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION

6900 Atmore Drive, Richmond, Virginia

PRESIDING

David Hackworth, Chair

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Carrera
Tiffany Jenkins
John McLaughlin, Jr.
Dr. Anita Maybach
Ryan Moore
Lieutenant Joseph Tucker

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Captain Charles Carey
Roland Sherrod, Jr.
Jessica Vermont

BOARD STAFF PRESENT

Keischer Brittingham, Regulatory Compliance Analyst
Tawana Ferguson, Regulatory Compliance Supervisor
Brian Flaherty, Executive Director
Mary-Huffard Kegley, Policy Analyst
Alison Lautz, Jail Death Investigator
Gerald Olson, Architect
John Rock, Jail Death Investigator
Andrew Parker, Office of the Attorney General
Demetrice Tyler-Holliday, Executive Secretary

OTHERS PRESENT

Robyn DeSocio, State Compensation Board
Jeff Dillman, Riverside Regional Jail
Kim Knoll, Benefits Coordinator, DOC
Major Pritchett, Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office
Colonel Chris Smith, Western Tidewater Regional Jail

CALL TO ORDER

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Mr. Hackworth called the meeting to order.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Mr. Hackworth determined quorum present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Carrera to approve minutes of the November 19, 2025, Board meeting, second by Mr. McLaughlin. Unanimous approval.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Jenkins, Chair of the Nominating Committee, including Captain Carey and Mr. Moore, reported the Committee nominates Lieutenant Tucker to serve as Vice Chair of the Board of Local and Regional Jails (BLRJ).

Mr. Hackworth called for any nominations from the floor, none were presented.

Motion by Mrs. Jenkins to nominate Lieutenant Tucker to serve as BLRJ Vice Chair. Second by Mr. Moore. Unanimous approval

COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Mrs. Jenkins, as Chair of the Policy & Regulations Committee, designated Captain Carey as Vice Chair of the Policy & Regulations Committee.

MOTION TO RECESS

Motion to recess by Mr. Carrera, second by Dr. Maybach. Unanimous approval.

JAIL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Mr. Carrera called the meeting to order and determined quorum.

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CALENDAR YEAR UPDATE

Ms. Lautz stated 57 deaths were reported to BLRJ to-date in Calendar Year (CY) 2025.

MOTION TO INCLUDE NON-BOARD MEMBERS IN CLOSED SESSION:

The following was offered by Lieutenant Tucker as a **Motion**, second by Mr. McLaughlin:

Motion: Pursuant to the Code of Virginia (COV) §2.2-3712(F), I **MOVE** that the presence of the following individuals will reasonably aid the Committee in considering the subject of the closed session:

- a. Tawana Ferguson
- b. Brian Flaherty
- c. Mary-Huffard Kegley
- d. Alison Lautz
- e. Gerald Olson
- f. Andrew Parker
- g. John Rock
- h. Demetrice Tyler-Holliday

Unanimous approval.

MOTION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION:

The following was offered by Mr. Carrera as a **Motion**, second by Lieutenant Tucker:

Motion: Pursuant to the COV§2.2-3711(A) (16) of the Code of Virginia, I **MOVE** the Committee begin CLOSED session to discuss and consider medical and mental health records.

Unanimous approval.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:

Upon the members' return to open session, the following was offered by Mr. McLaughlin as a **Motion**, second by Mrs. Jenkins:

Motion: I **MOVE** the Committee reconvene OPEN session and members certify that during the closed session, the Committee limited its discussion to matters lawfully exempt from the public meeting requirements as identified in the closed session motion. If a member cannot so certify, I ask they state the reason specifically on the record and the recorder take role.

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All members in attendance certified by Roll Call.

ACTIONS

The following was offered by Mr. McLaughlin as a **Motion**, second by Mrs. Jenkins:

Motion: The Committee investigated the following cases by reviewing institutional, medical, and mental health records and other relevant evidence of the circumstances surrounding each death. The Committee finds that the investigation did reveal evidence indicating that the facility was out of compliance with the regulations promulgated by the Board. However, the Committee finds that the corrective actions taken by the jail appropriately address the substance of the violation such that no further measures are necessary. NOW THEREFORE, I **MOVE** that the following cases be recommended to the Board for closure:

Case number 25-0003

Case number 25-0007

Case number 25-0013

Case number 25-0016

Unanimous approval.

The following was offered by Mr. McLaughlin as a **Motion**, second by Lieutenant Tucker:

Motion: The Committee investigated the following cases by reviewing institutional, medical, and mental health records and other relevant evidence of the circumstances surrounding each death. The Committee finds the investigation did not reveal any evidence indicating the facility was out of compliance with the regulations promulgated by the Board. NOW THEREFORE, I **MOVE** the following cases be recommended to the Board for closure:

Case number 25-0001

Case number 25-0008

Case number 25-0010

Case number 25-0014

Case number 25-0041

Case number 25-0044

Case number 25-0045

Unanimous approval.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. McLaughlin, second by Mrs. Jenkins. Unanimous approval.

POLICY & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

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CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Jenkins called the meeting to order and determined quorum.

PREGNANT & POSTPARTUM INMATES REGULATIONS DISCUSSION

Mr. Flaherty reviewed the opportunity to reassess 6VAC15-40-985, as not all jails have pregnant or postpartum inmates. BLRJ staff will connect with the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to inquire status of training. BLRJ staff will share draft regulations with BLRJ members to solicit feedback prior to the BLRJ, March 18, 2026, meeting.

Discussion of the definition of health care services. BLRJ staff will provide a draft comprehensive definition for BLRJ consideration during the BLRJ, March 18, 2026, meeting.

The Committee expressed support to merge regulations pertaining to fees and include language of the Model Plan which addresses fees.

FOOD SERVICE REGULATIONS DISCUSSION

Mr. Flaherty reviewed 6VAC15-40-540-590 Food Service Regulations. The Committee expressed support for the effort to consolidate the regulations to address meal requirements.

INMATE CORRESPONDENCE AND VISITATION DISCUSSION

Mr. Flaherty shared the 6VAC15-40-600-700 Inmate Correspondence and Visitation, are the upcoming regulations for review. The Committee requested BLRJ staff to provide drafts of the 600-700 regulations for consideration during the BLRJ, March 18, 2026, meeting.

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Carrera, second by Mr. McLaughlin. Unanimous approval.

MOTION to reconvene Board meeting by Mr. McLaughlin, second by Mr. Carrera. Unanimous approval.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hackworth called the meeting to order.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chair Hackworth determined quorum present.

JAIL REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT

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The following was offered by Mr. Carrera as a Motion second by Dr. Maybach:

Motion: The Committee investigated the following cases by reviewing institutional, medical, and mental health records and other relevant evidence of the circumstances surrounding each death. The Committee finds the investigation did not reveal any evidence indicating the facility was out of compliance with the regulations promulgated by the Board. NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE the following cases be closed:

Case number 25-0001

Case number 25-0008

Case number 25-0010

Case number 25-0014

Case number 25-0041

Case number 25-0044

Case number 25-0045

The following was offered by Mr. Carrera as a Motion, second by Mrs. Jenkins:

Motion: The Committee investigated the following cases by reviewing institutional, medical, and mental health records and other relevant evidence of the circumstances surrounding each death. The Committee finds that the investigation did reveal evidence indicating that the facility was out of compliance with the regulations promulgated by the Board. However, the Committee finds that the corrective actions taken by the jail appropriately address the substance of the violation such that no further measures are necessary. NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE that the following cases be closed:

Case number 25-0003

Case number 25-0007

Case number 25-0013

Case number 25-0016

Unanimous approval.

POLICY & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Jenkins reviewed the discussion of the Committee regarding:

6VAC15-40-320—530 Pregnant & Postpartum Inmates

6VAC15-40-540-590 Food Service

6VAC15-40-600-700 Inmate Correspondence & Visitation

BLRJ staff will provide drafts to BLRJ members for consideration in advance of the March 18, 2026, meeting.

**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST & FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT**

Mr. Flaherty reminded BLRJ members of required action to be completed by February 1, 2026.

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BLRJ FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Flaherty shared that BLRJ maintains a balance of \$516,211.00 for FY26.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mr. Hackworth reported potential BY-LAWS revisions to encourage flexibility for committee expertise.

Mr. Hackworth established a legislative task force to review proposed legislation for BLRJ impact. Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Moore will serve on the task force.

Mr. Hackworth encouraged BLRJ members to be aware of the legislative process.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn by Mr. Carrera, second by Mr. McLaughlin. Unanimous approval.

**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS
AGENDA**

January 7, 2026, 9:30 AM
6900 Atmore Drive, 3rd Floor Main Board Room
Richmond, VA 23225

1. Call to Order
2. Determination of Quorum
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of November 19, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: I MOVE approval of November 19, 2025, Board meeting minutes.

5. Nominating Committee Report and Election
6. Motion to Recess

Motion: I MOVE the State Board of Local and Regional Jails stand in recess.

JAIL REVIEW COMMITTEE
9:40 AM – 11:00 AM

7. Call to Order
8. Determination of Quorum
9. Calendar Year 2025 Report
10. Include Specific Non-Members to Join in Closed Session:

Motion: Pursuant to §2.2-3712(F) of the Code of Virginia (COV), I MOVE the following individuals will reasonably aid this Committee in considering the subject of the closed session:

Keischer Brittingham
Tawana Ferguson
Brian Flaherty
Mary-Huffard Kegley
Alison Lautz
Gerald Olson
Andy Parker
John Rock
Demetrice Tyler-Holliday

11. Enter Closed Session

Motion: Pursuant to §2.2-3711(A) (16) COV, I **MOVE** the Committee begin CLOSED session to discuss and consider medical and mental health records.

12. Enter Open Session and Certify Discussion was Limited to Medical and Mental Health Records.

Motion: I **MOVE** the Committee reconvene OPEN session and members certify that during the closed session, the Board limited its discussion to matters lawfully exempt from the public meeting requirements as identified in the closed session motion. If a member cannot so certify, I ask they state the reason specifically on the record and the recorder take role.

13. Cases Recommended for Closure:

A. Motion to Close Cases **With no Violations:**

- i. **Motion:** The Committee investigated the following cases by reviewing institutional, medical, and mental health records and other relevant evidence of the circumstances surrounding each death. The Committee finds the investigation did not reveal any evidence indicating the facility was out of compliance with the regulations promulgated by the Board. **NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE** the following cases be recommended to the Board for closure:

B. Motion to Close Cases **With Violations Properly Addressed:**

- i. **Motion:** The Committee investigated the following cases by reviewing institutional, medical, and mental health records and other relevant evidence of the circumstances surrounding each death. The Committee finds that the investigation revealed evidence indicating that the facility was out of compliance with Board regulations; however, the Committee further finds that corrective actions taken by the facility appropriately addressed the Committee's concern. **NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE** the following cases be recommended to the Board for closure:

14. Adjournment

Motion: I **MOVE** the Jail Review Committee stand adjourned.

LIAISON COMMITTEE
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

15. Call to Order

16. Approval of November 19, 2025, Minutes

Motion: I MOVE approval of November 19, 2025, Committee meeting minutes.

17. Department of Corrections – Offender Management Report

18. State Compensation Board Report

19. Inmate Benefit Initiatives

Kim Knoll, Benefits Coordinator, VADOC

20. Legislative Report

A. Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) §9.1-192.1 COV

B. HB2221 (Cousins) Inmate ID

C. HB2105 (Pugh Kent) Jail Policies

D. CY24 Annual Report of Inspections and Audits

E. Office of Regulatory Management Update, 6VAC15-40-1045 Inmate Supervision

F. Commonwealth Budget

21. Construction Update

22. Continuous Quality Improvement Update

23. Additional Items for Discussion

24. Adjournment

Motion: I MOVE the Liaison Committee stand adjourned.

POLICY AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

11:30AM – 12:30 PM

25. Call to Order

26. Determination of Quorum

27. 6VAC15-40-320 – 530 & Pregnant & Postpartum Inmates

28. 6VAC15-40-540 – 590 Food Service

29. Adjournment

Motion: I MOVE the Policy and Regulations Committee stand adjourned.

STATE BOARD OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL JAILS

12:30 PM – Completion

30. Call to Order

Motion: I MOVE the State Board of Local and Regional Jails reconvene.

31. Determination of Quorum

32. Jail Review Committee Report

A. Motion to Close Cases **With no Violations:**

- i. **Motion:** The Committee investigated the following cases by reviewing institutional, medical, and mental health records and other relevant evidence of the circumstances surrounding each death. The Committee finds the investigation did not reveal any evidence indicating the facility was out of compliance with the regulations promulgated by the Board. NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE the following cases for closure:

B. Motion to Close Cases **With Violations Properly Addressed:**

- ii. **Motion:** The Committee investigated the following cases by reviewing institutional, medical, and mental health records and other relevant evidence of the circumstances surrounding each death. The Committee finds that the investigation revealed evidence indicating that the facility was out of compliance with Board regulations; however, the Committee further finds that corrective actions taken by the facility appropriately addressed the Committee's concern. NOW THEREFORE, I MOVE the following cases for closure:

33. Policy and Regulations Committee Report

34. Annual Statement of Economic Interest & Financial Disclosure Statement

35. BLRJ Financial Report

36. Additional Items for Discussion

37. Adjournment

Motion: I MOVE the State Board of Local and Regional Jails stand adjourned.

Part VII. Pregnant and Postpartum Recovery Inmates

Definitions (to be included 6VAC15-40-10)

“Postpartum recovery” means the eight-week period, or longer as determined by a health care professional responsible for the health and safety of the inmate, following childbirth.

“Restraints” means any mechanical device, medication, physical intervention, or hands-on hold to prevent the inmate from moving her body.

“Agency administrator” - continuity throughout regulations.

6VAC15-40____. Intake and Screening (SB 1330 Recommendation 1)

- A. Upon admission, all female inmates shall be screened for:
 - 1. Possible pregnancy or gynecological problems,
 - 2. Menstrual and postpartum history, including medication management of current or prior issues,
 - 3. Prior pregnancies, and,
 - 4. Current breastfeeding status

- B. If an inmate responds affirmatively to the pregnancy inquiry, a pregnancy test shall be made available as soon as possible, but no later than within 72 hours of booking. (SB 1330 Recommendation 2; SB 603 Recommendation 1a)

- C. Pregnancy tests shall also be made available at assessment, within 14 days of admission, or earlier as directed by a medical authority. (SB 1330 Recommendation 2; SB 603 Recommendation 1a)

6VAC15-40____. Medical Assessment and Care

- A. Pregnant inmates shall be assessed for potential alcohol and substance use within 72 hours of admission or pregnancy confirmation, or earlier if clinically indicated, and necessary treatment shall be provided. (SB 1330 Recommendation 5; SB 603 Recommendation 1b)

- B. Documented efforts shall be made to refer pregnant inmates to a licensed obstetric provider for initiation of prenatal care as soon as possible, but no later than 72 hours of confirmation of pregnancy. (SB 1330 Recommendation 5; SB 603 Recommendation 1b)

- C. Continuity of care shall be provided throughout pregnancy, labor, and postpartum recovery, including behavioral health and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) when clinically appropriate. (SB 603 Recommendation 7)

6VAC15-40-____. Nutrition and Housing

A. Pregnant and postpartum inmates shall be provided adequate nutrition and prenatal dietary supplements per prenatal nutritional guidelines as ordered by a licensed healthcare provider.

B. Specialty diets and supplements for pregnant and lactating inmates shall be determined by a registered dietician or certified nutritionist and reviewed by the facility's medical authority, and such inmates shall be provided access to healthy snacks high in folic acid, iron, and calcium, as recommended by the National Academy of Sciences, outside of regular mealtimes.

C. Pregnant inmates shall be assigned to the lowest bunk available. (§ 53.1-133.07(E))

6VAC15-40-___ Restraints

A. Beginning upon notification or diagnosis by a health care provider of pregnancy or postpartum recovery, inmates shall not be restrained unless an agency administrator or designee makes an individualized determination that:

1. the inmate will harm herself, the fetus, the newborn child, or another person;
2. the inmate poses a flight risk; or
3. The totality of the circumstances creates a serious security risk.

B. If restraints are deemed necessary:

1. The restraints shall be the least restrictive means possible;
2. The restraints shall be used in consultation with a healthcare provider whenever the inmate is in medical care or labor/delivery;
3. The restraints shall be immediately removed upon request of any doctor, nurse, or other health care provider if they present a threat to the health or life of the inmate, fetus, or newborn.

C. If restraints are used:

1. Personnel ordering use shall notify the supervisor of use as soon as reasonably practicable and submit a written report indicating the reason for use to the supervisor no later than the conclusion of the personnel's shift.
2. The Supervisor shall provide a written justification report to the agency administrator within 72 hours of use.

6VAC15-40 ___ Labor, Delivery, and Postpartum Care:

A. No restraints shall be used unless an individualized determination is made in accordance with subsection A. 1-3 to be completed once #'s are finalized.

B. Only the least restrictive restraint may be used, in consultation with the treating healthcare provider.

C. If restraints are used:

1. Restraint removal requests made by healthcare staff must be honored immediately;
2. Notification to a supervisor is required as soon as practicable;
3. A written report must be submitted by the end of the shift.

4. The supervisor must submit a written justification report to the agency administrator within 72 hours of use.

6VAC15-40 ____ Body Cavity Searches (§ 53.1-133.07(C))

A. No body cavity search shall be conducted by local or regional jail staff other than a licensed health care provider on an inmate known to be pregnant except upon reasonable belief that the inmate is concealing contraband.

B. Any such search must be followed by:

1. A written justification report by the conducting employee within 72 hours of search;
2. A description of any contraband found.

6VAC15-40- ____ Training and Policy Review

A. All security staff who may have contact with pregnant and postpartum inmates must receive minimum entry-level training pursuant to the COV §§ 9.1-102, 53.1-133.09, and:

1. General prenatal and postpartum care;
2. Impact of restraints on pregnant individuals and fetuses;
3. Impact of restrictive housing or solitary confinement and body cavity searches on pregnant inmates.

B. A review of all policies related to restraining pregnant and postpartum inmates shall be conducted by all staff every 12 months.

6VAC15-40- ____ Discharge and Reentry Planning (SB 603 Recommendations 7)

Prior to release, pregnant and postpartum recovery inmates shall be provided discharge resources for:

1. Prenatal, postpartum, and infant care.
2. Behavioral health and SUD treatment.
3. MAT if clinically indicated; and community-based medical and social supports.

Medical and Mental Health Regulations
January 7, 2026

Definitions:

Health Care Services: Health care services should include medical and dental services, mental health services, nursing care, personal hygiene, dietary services, health education, and attending to environmental conditions.

- Define dietary services
- “availability of specialty diet based on diagnosis”

Option 1: Health care services includes medical and dental, mental and behavioral health, nursing, pregnancy and postpartum, personal hygiene, dietary and nutrition for specialty diets based on medical diagnosis, health education and promotion, and environmental health management.

Option 2 from § 8.01-581.1: "Health care" means any act, professional services in nursing homes, or treatment performed or furnished, or which should have been performed or furnished, by any health care provider for, to, or on behalf of a patient during the patient's medical diagnosis, care, treatment or confinement.

Option 3: For the purposes of these standards, health care means any act, service, treatment, whether performed, furnished, or should had been performed or furnished, by a qualified health care provider for, to, or on behalf of any individual during that persons medical diagnosis, care, treatment, while incarcerated.

Regulations:

§VAC15-40-470. Medical Co-Payment – Jail medical treatment programs, wherein inmates pay a portion of the costs for medical services, shall be governed by written policy and procedure.

Workgroup Revision (Combined 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530):

See below, under 530

BLRJ Revision:

None

§VAC15-40-480. Set Fees Required – Inmate payment for medical services shall be up to, but shall not exceed, those fees established by the Board of Corrections in the Model Plan for Jail Prisoner Medical Treatment Programs per §53.1-133.1 of the Code of Virginia.

Workgroup Revision (Combined 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530):

See below, under 530

BLRJ Revision:

6VAC15-40-480. Set Fees Required – Inmate payment for medical services shall be up to, but shall not exceed, those fees established by the Board of Corrections Local and Regional Jails in the Model Plan for Jail Prisoner Medical Treatment Programs per §53.1-133.01 of the Code of Virginia.

6VAC15-40-490. Policy and Procedure Information – Written policy and procedure shall specify, at a minimum, the following information:

- Medical services that are subject to fees;
- Fee amounts;
- Payment procedures;
- Medical services that are provided at no cost;
- Fee application to medical emergencies, chronic care and pre-existing conditions; and
- Written notification to inmates of proposed fee changes.

Workgroup Revision (Combined 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530):

See below, under 530

BLRJ Revision:

6VAC15-40-490. Policy and Procedure Information – Written policy and procedure shall specify, at a minimum, the following information:

- Cost of medical services that are subject to fees to include those provided at no cost;
- Fee amounts;
- Payment procedures; and process for obtaining indigency status;
- Medical services that are provided at no cost;
- Fee application to-Explanation of fees for medical emergencies, chronic care and pre-existing conditions; and
- Written notification to inmates of proposed fee changes.

6VAC15-40-500. Inmates Advised of Procedures – Inmates shall be advised of medical services fees and payment procedures at the time of admission/orientation.

Workgroup Revision (Combined 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530):

See below, under 530

BLRJ Revision:

None

6VAC 15-40-510, Ability to Pay – Written policy, procedure, and practice shall ensure that no inmate will be denied access to medically necessary services based upon ability to pay.

Workgroup Revision (Combined 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530):

See below, under 530

BLRJ Revision:

None

6VAC-40-520, Acknowledgement in Writing – Medical services fee debits to inmate accounts shall be acknowledged by the inmate in writing. The acknowledgement shall be signed by a witness if the inmate refuses to sign.

Workgroup Revision (Combined 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530):

See below, under 530

BLRJ Revision:

None

6VAC 15-40-530, Accounting Procedures – A separate bank account or accounting process shall be established and used exclusively for the deposit and disbursement of medical services fees. Fee collection and disbursement shall be governed by generally accepted accounting principles.

Workgroup Revision (Combined 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530):

6VAC15-40-xxxx: Medical Associated Fees - Inmate payments for jail medical treatment programs shall be governed by written policy and procedures. Inmates shall be advised of such policy and procedures upon admission. Such policy and procedure shall include:

- No inmate shall be denied access to medically necessary services based upon ability to pay;
- Services subject to fees (including, medical emergencies, chronic care, and pre-existing conditions) and fee amounts;
- Payment procedures;
- Verifiable notification to inmates of proposed fee changes.
- Medical fee debits to inmate accounts shall be acknowledged by the inmate by signature, or by witness if inmate refuses to sign.

A separate bank account, or accounting process, shall be established for collections and disbursements and such shall be governed by generally accepted accounting principles.

BLRJ Revision:

None

Draft

6VAC15-40: Part IV. Programs & Services **(540-590)**

SUMMARY:

The following section has been created collaboratively with input from the local and regional jail work groups, BLRJ staff, and feedback from VDH to include the following modifications:

- These recommendations will result in a regulatory reduction from seven (7) to three (3) total regulations.
- These recommendations were impacted by Board of Health's Food Regulations (12VAC5-421).

RISK BASED REVIEW:

3 Green

0 Yellow

0 Red

REGULATION REDUCTION:

- 1 definition to be added
- Merge existing 540 & 545 to make a new 540 – 98-word reduction
- Update existing 550 with considerations to work group recommendations – 10-word reduction
- Merge existing 560, 570, 580, and 590 to make a new 560 – 3-word reduction
- 4 regulation reduction (based solely on number and not definition).
 - 111-word reduction within this section.

6VAC15-40: Part IV. Programs & Services **(540-590)**

6VAC15-40-10 Consideration:

“Food inspection” means an inspection pursuant to the Board of Health’s Food Regulations (12VAC5-421 et seq).

6VAC15-40-540. VDH Requirements

A. A VDH food inspection shall be conducted no less than once every 12 months with documentation readily accessible.

B. Medical examination of each food service inmate occurs no more than 30 days prior to assignment and quarterly thereafter to assess symptoms and illness within 12VAC5-421-80.

6VAC15-40-550. Food Service Menus & Nutrition

Food service menus and nutrition shall:

A. Meet dietary allowances as stated in the Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDA), National Academy of Sciences;

B. Complete RDA evaluation by a registered dietitian or certified nutritionist every three years; and additional evaluations when a substantive change in the menu or food service provider occurs.

D. Follow medical authority prescription for medical or dental diets.

E. Allow for reasonable religious requirement modifications.

6VAC15-40-560. Meal Service

Meal service shall:

A. Be prepared, transported, and served under direct supervision of staff. Video surveillance or other technologies shall not substitute for in-person surveillance. Lockable food transport may be used.

B. Be provided at least three meals daily with no more than 14 hours between evening meal and breakfast, and a minimum of two hot entrees meals daily.

D. Not be used as a disciplinary measure.

E. Maintain record of meals served for a minimum of three years.