

# Virginia Health Information

## Psychiatric Bed Registry

### Background and Status

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## Background on Psychiatric Bed Reporting System

- Then in 2002
  - Need for a “real time” reporting system
  - Initial focus to help locate beds for children and/or adolescents in crisis
- Now in 2007
  - Needs increased by closure of public/private acute psychiatric beds
  - Interest now in system for all ages
- Secondary value to help answer
  - “What is the right number and type of psychiatric inpatient beds for the Commonwealth?”

## About Reporting

- System intended to
  - track potentially available beds
  - provide contact information for follow-up discussions
- Internet-based registry to be updated daily by three groups
  - State hospitals will report on their civil psychiatric beds
  - Private hospitals will report on their acute psychiatric beds
  - Community services boards will report on acute psychiatric beds in crisis stabilization units

## Web Registry

- Based on limited input...detailed specifications still needed
- Demo website updated based on comments received through June 1, 2007
- Value of web tools include:
  - Central programming--don't have to distribute software to hospitals for their use
  - Can be accessed by any personal computer with a net browser (Internet Explorer, Netscape, Firefox, etc)
  - Updates available without delay
  - Utilizes existing VHI website currently in use for facilities to update information and submit other required data

## Registry Basic Concepts and Functions

### Keep it Simple

- Determine available beds by hospital, age category, gender and services
- May search all available beds meeting specific criteria or all available information on a specific facility
- Provide hospital contact information
- Allow for a brief description of hospital services

### Make it Useful, Easy, Minimize Burden and Capture Feedback

- Display date/time last updated as well as a map of location
- Make updating easy (email reminder/link?)
- Include critical access beds available at CSBs
- Incorporate survey tool, feedback

## Prototype Demonstration