Notice of Policy Change

Virginia Family Network is a grant funded, grassroots movement. Currently, we are supported primarily through a grant from the Department of Behavioral Health and Development Services (DBHDS) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). We are entrusted to be good financial stewards and look for ways to provide a diverse range of education and support to the most families for as long as possible.

At Virginia Family Network and NAMI Virginia, as a whole, we anticipate a possible decrease in funding in upcoming years. While we work to find alternate funding, we strive to hold to our commitment to continue our current level of programs. To do this we have begun to make some operational changes as listed below.

1. Virginia Family Network lodging policies for trainings will mirror the policy of Adult and Families Programs, in that each participant will share a room at trainings, unless they wish to pay ½ of the cost of the room so they may have a private room.

2. Virginia Family Network will be changing the childcare reimbursement policy to more closely mirror the state subsidy rate.
   a. The old childcare reimbursement rate was $10 per hour of training for the first child and $1 per additional child per hour
   b. The new rate will be $50 for the first child and $10 per additional child, for each full day of training (6 hours or more) and $25 for the first child and $5 per additional child for a partial day (less than 6 hours).

3. Virginia Family Network has shifted the role of the advisory board to a working advisory board, to allow for better support of volunteer management and program growth. Specifically, the advisory board will help to support families that wish to learn skills to be better advocates, community partners and parent leaders.

We appreciate you understanding and support as we implement these changes. Should you have any questions, please contact Mary Beth Walsh at mwalsh@namivirginia.org