

**VALLEY PROGRAM FOR AGING SERVICES
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Peggy Roche Ballin, a retired ESL teacher from the DC Public Schools has spent most of her adult professional life in the educational and volunteerism field. Her experience spans teaching on the Navajo Reservation, to her Peace Corps service overseas, to inner schools in DC. She serves on the board of the Grace Children's Foundation, participates on committees of the Community Foundation of Central Blue Ridge, and is waiting for training with CASA of Staunton. She joined the VPAS board in 2017. She and husband, Scott, oversee their farm in Deerfield and their home in Staunton. They have two grown sons, Andrew and Christopher.

Deborah Bundy-Carpenter, is the District Nurse Manager for the 7 health departments of the Central Shenandoah Health District. Deborah received a B.S. in Nursing from George Mason University. She is a scholar of the Public Health Leadership Institute of the University of North Carolina and a scholar of The Southeast Public Health Management Academy. She lives in Stuarts Draft. Her favorite hobbies are hiking, biking, fishing, reading, and studying the Bible. Deborah is married and has two grown children and one grandchild.

Don Driver, Jr retired in February 2017 after serving 41 years with the Harrisonburg Rockingham Social Services District, with the last 28 years as agency director. This offered numerous opportunities to work with state and local government and non-profit human service organizations both in the creation and implementation of various programs. He resides north of Timberville, Va. with his wife, Lind and now enjoys more time with cattle farming and woodworking. Don is a member of Timberville Church of the Brethren where he has served as Deacon Chair, Administrative Board Chair, and moderator.

Jon Ellestad served as City Manager of the City of Lexington for 24 years, retiring in 2014. He previously worked in local government in Delaware, Blacksburg and Fairfax City. Jon has served on numerous regional governmental services, over the years, encompassing the entire VPAS region. He is presently President of the Millers House Museum Foundation, and volunteers delivering food for the Food Pantry and Campus Kitchen. Jon just was appointed Interim Town Manager for Buchanan VA. and is just finishing up managing a project to install a new public safety communications system in the Rockbridge Region. He lives in Lexington and is the father of 5 grown children, 2 step children and 5 grandchildren, who are spread out all over creation, and is married to Kelly Fujiwara who works as the events planner at the Lee House at W&L.

Liz Garvey is from Waynesboro, Virginia. Ms. Garvey has a Health Administration degree from Winthrop University. Most of her work experience has been in long term care. Ms. Garvey managed the Medical Records Department at Region Ten Community Services Board, worked at a local nursing home as the Admissions and Social Services Director, then worked part-time as Contracts Manager of the personal care program at Valley Community Services Board from 1999-2001. Then Ms. Garvey took 10 years to stay at home to raise her three children and manage the office for her husband, Michael Garvey's construction business, Garvey Homes, Inc. In 2010 Ms. Garvey returned to using her passion to serve the seniors in our community. Ms. Garvey has been a Family Services Specialist with Adult Protective Services at Shenandoah Valley Social Services for almost seven years.

Russ Harlow is a native of Charlottesville Virginia, a VMI graduate, and retired Delta pilot. He is married with two grown children, and currently resides in Lexington with his beautiful wife Mary Stuart. Russ enjoys the music program at Maury River Senior Center and is a Meals on Wheels volunteer.

Richard Keith Hartman was appointed the Buena Vista Chief of Police June 1, 2015. He spent the previous 23 years of his policing career at the Newport News Police department where he was Captain of the North Precinct. Chief Hartman is married to his wife Beth for the past 20 years, they have five children and five grandchildren age 3-8, Chief Hartman recently purchased and is in the process of renovating a home in Buena vista on Sunset Ridge. He enjoys spending time with his family, outdoor activities and playing golf with friends from Williamsburg.

Betsy Neff Hay, MSW currently serves as the Vice President of Wellness and Community Based Services at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community in Harrisonburg. In this capacity, she oversees the Wellness Center, Arts and Education programs, Pastoral Care, Volunteer Services and Life Enrichment Services for VMRC. Prior to this, Betsy served as Executive Director of United Way of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County and Executive Director of Generations Crossing, an intergenerational day care program. Outside of work, Betsy enjoys church activities, hiking, biking and most importantly, being a grandmother.

Sarah M. Morton is the Elderly Services Attorney in the Blue Ridge Legal Services Harrisonburg office. Sarah joined Blue Ridge Legal Services as a staff attorney in October of 2006, and currently is the supervising attorney for the Harrisonburg Office. From 2008 to 2012 Sarah served on the Board of Directors for the Harrisonburg and Rockingham Thermal Shelter, a cold-weather homeless shelter based in churches and other houses of worship. She served as the President of the Board from 2010 to 2012, overseeing significant changes which resulted in balancing the organization's budget while doubling the capacity of the shelter. Sarah currently serves on the Virginia State Bar Special Committee on Lawyer Referral.

Anne M. O'Donohue has worked at Bridgewater Retirement Community since January 2011 where she is currently the Vice President of Support Services. She obtained a BS from West Virginia University in 2005. She lives with her husband, Kent, and their family in Mount Sidney, VA.

Lee Taplinger moved to Highland County full time in 2006. He has served on the Local Council since 2008 and is a Meals on Wheels volunteer, served on the VPAS Advisory Council, served on the Community Radio council, is a member of the Bolar Ruritan Club, Highland County Fair Association, and Highlanders for Responsible Development. He enjoys motorcycling in the summer and skiing in the winter and gathering firewood in between. He hopes one day to have central heat.

David Walker, LPC is a mental health practitioner at Highland Medical Center in Monterey, VA. He has over 15 years' experience working in the mental health field. Prior to joining HMC, he worked in emergency services and has counseled children, adolescents, adults, and geriatric populations for anxiety, depression, substance use, and severe mental illness. He enjoys traveling, adventure, working on projects, and spending time with family and friends.

Pamela H. Webb, Treasurer of Bath was elected November 8, 2011 and has held the office since January 1, 2012. She has been a resident of Bath County all her life. Pam serves as secretary for the Bath Highland Volunteer Fire Department, Treasurer and Clerk of the Session for Williamsville Presbyterian Church as well as elder. She enjoys working and lending a hand with several community activities and events. She also holds the office of Treasurer for the Bath County Historical Society, and serves on the Bath County Local VPAS Council as Chairman the VPAS Advisory Council as President. She is married to her husband Billy, and they have one daughter Jessica who is a junior at Bath County High School. The family resides in Burnsville, VA.