

# Standing Committees

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## Schools

### Focus:

The Schools Committee members work to promote the primary and secondary prevention of heart disease and stroke for staff, students, and their families through the school setting.

### Goals:

- Promote education and awareness of blood pressure and cholesterol control to reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke
- Promote awareness of emergency response for heart disease and stroke as a means of increasing survival
- Partner with schools to promote physical activity and healthy nutritional practices as a means of preventing heart disease and stroke

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Please join other community partners working together to reduce the burden of cardiovascular disease in Virginia.

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# Virginia Healthy Pathways Coalition



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***United Against  
Heart Disease  
and Stroke***

# Mission

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The mission of the Healthy Pathways Coalition is to reduce the burden of cardiovascular disease in Virginia by providing a forum for communication and collaboration among stakeholders.

The coalition was created through the Virginia Department of Health's Cardiovascular Health Project using funding from the Centers for Disease Control.

The coalition has over 100 members representing healthcare, faith-based organizations, non-profits, government, concerned citizens, and private businesses and academic institutions.

## Objectives:

- To update and disseminate Virginia's Plan for the Prevention of CVD, including the CDC Priorities and Annual Plan, as broadly as possible to all CVD stakeholders in Virginia.
- To identify key priorities in the Healthy Pathways" Call to Action Plan" to develop implementation strategies.
- To annually evaluate the activities of the Healthy Pathways Coalition.
- To broaden the scope of CVD risk reduction activities in Virginia.
- Increase advocacy efforts, environmental and policy support and partnerships for CVH in Virginia.

Led by a Steering Committee, there are four standing committees:

- Faith Organizations Committee
- Medical Communities Committee
- Communities & Worksite Committee
- Schools Committee

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## Communities and Worksite

### Focus:

To promote environmental, policy and system changes that enhance primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease.

### Goals:

- Create and expand opportunities for reducing risks to cardiovascular disease and promoting cardiovascular health.
- Enhance and maintain Committee diversity and strength.

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## Faith Organizations

### Focus:

To promote healthy lifestyles and decrease the risk of chronic disease in Virginia's faith based institutions through risk reduction strategies, health education, and community outreach activities.

### Goals:

- Reduce the prevalence of cardiovascular disease (CVD) and its related risk factors, especially for priority populations.
- Increase access to cardiovascular disease (CVD) care for at-risk populations, particularly African Americans, the underserved and those without adequate health insurance.

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## Medical

### Focus:

To increase the quality and level of primary and secondary cardiovascular disease (CVD) prevention services available to Virginians, particularly those at high risk including African-Americans, the underserved and those without adequate health insurance.

### Goals:

- Reduce the prevalence of CVD and related risk factors, especially for priority populations and
- Increase access to care for at-risk populations, particularly African-Americans, the underserved, and those without adequate health insurance.

Meetings are held the second Thursday of every other month. For more information, contact Karen Cameron at [kcameron@cvhpa.org](mailto:kcameron@cvhpa.org) or 804-233-6206 or Bob Kolock at [rakolock1@cs.com](mailto:rakolock1@cs.com).