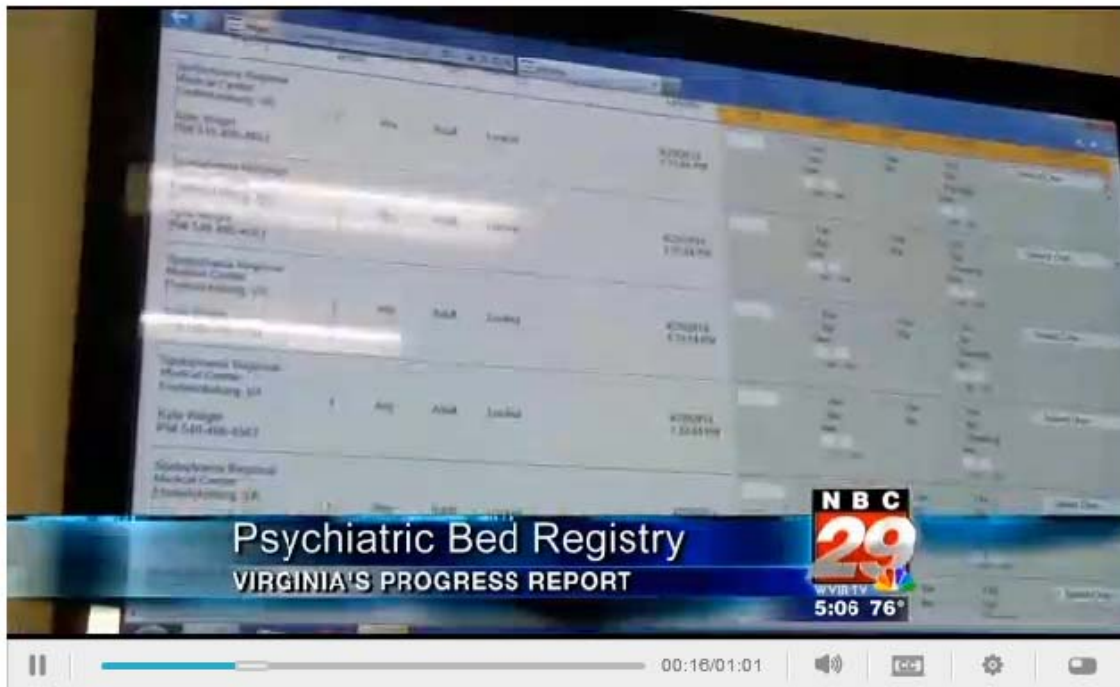


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## Virginia Online Psychiatric Bed Registry Progress Report

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The Joint Commission on Healthcare received a progress report on the online psychiatric bed registry that is part of the reform of Virginia's mental health system Tuesday in Richmond.

The online psychiatric bed registry launched this March and was intended to help community service boards see current placement options for people in crisis. According to Virginia Health Information's annual report, in August facilities on average updated the system nearly three times a day. The goal is for facilities to update every time there's a bed change, and at least daily.



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"State hospitals will be the bed of last resort, so that is not an issue now. Or at least should not be, and I think the behavioral health folks really understand that," said 73rd District Delegate John O'Bannon III, (R).

Because availability varies so widely, it's tricky to know how well these facilities are staying on top of updates.

"We have a wide range of staff beds in Virginia. Some are smaller than 10, others are more than 177," said Michael Lundberg, the executive director for Virginia Health Information.

Lawmakers articulated the goal of having it up to full speed within a year.