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## **NEW DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR AGING SERVICES TO VISIT SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA AAAs**

**(RICHMOND, Va.)** — The Commonwealth’s new Deputy Commissioner for Aging Services will visit southwest Virginia next week to meet with officials of local Area Agencies on Aging and tour facilities to learn about the services they offer in nutrition, transportation, health promotion and related areas.

Bob Brink was appointed by Gov. Terry McAuliffe and joined the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services in July. He had served in the Virginia House of Delegates for 17 years where he was a member of the Appropriations Committee and its Health Subcommittee and a member of the Joint Commission on Health Care since 1998.

He now heads the Division for the Aging, which works with the Commonwealth’s 25 local Area Agencies on Aging as well as various other public and private organizations to help older Virginians, their families and loved ones find the services and information they need.

Brink will meet Oct. 20-28 with four AAAs: District Three Senior Services, Mountain Empire Older Citizens, Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens and New River Valley Agency on Aging.

“The southwest corner of the Commonwealth is home to large numbers of ‘vintage Virginians,’” Brink said. “The AAAs that serve this region face unique challenges in helping those citizens live healthy, secure, independent lives. They’re doing a tremendous job in addressing those challenges.”

The schedule for Brink’s visits is:

Oct. 20: District Three Senior Services

- 10:45 a.m.: reception, W.W. Scott Senior Center, 307 South Park St., Marion
- 11:10 a.m.: celebration of the opening of District Three's Senior Friendship Café
- 11:30: luncheon

Oct. 21: Mountain Empire Older Citizens Inc.

- 10 a.m. – noon: board meeting
- noon: luncheon
- 1 p.m.: tour of the MEOC main office and transit building, followed by a short bus ride to the PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) center

Oct. 22: Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens Inc.

- 9 – 10:30 a.m.: meet with agency officials
- 10:30 – 11 a.m.: luncheon with local and legislative officials
- 11 a.m. – noon: tour to include the four-county transit building, ending at the Intergenerational Child Day Care center with discussion of the 9 ½ acre eventual “Senior Living Community”

Oct. 28: New River Valley Agency on Aging

- 9 – 10 a.m.: visit the Pulaski Friendship Café at the Pulaski Senior Center
- 11 a.m.: remarks at the Pulaski Railway Station

Reporters wishing to interview Deputy Commissioner Brink are encouraged to contact the host Area Agency on Aging or DARS Communications Director A.J. Hostetler at (804) 662-7372.

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