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As of September 21, 2022, the Virginia Coalition for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (VCPEA) has announced new officers to their Board of Directors. Courtney O'Hara, the Director of the Abuse in Later Life Project at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Virginia Center on Aging, has been elected Board President. O'Hara, who previously held the role of Secretary, will replace longtime President Susan Umidi, who is a retired supervisor from Adult Services /Adult Protective Services in Henrico County. Marjorie Marker, APS Regional Consultant for the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services - Adult Protective Services Division, will continue as the Board Vice President. Sydney Palinkas, a consultant with the ElderSAFE Center at Charles E. Smith Life Communities, has been elected to Secretary. Paula Kupstas, who is retired from VCU College of Health Professions Dean's Office and Virginia Center on Aging, has been elected Treasurer. Kupstas will replace Joyce Martin, a retired APS Supervisor from Charlottesville DSS. VCPEA thanks Susan Umidi and Joyce Martin for their many years of service as officers on the Board.

For more information on VCPEA or information about the upcoming conference please visit [www.vcpea.org](http://www.vcpea.org).