



Board of Directors

To: Partner Agencies and Stakeholders

John L. Snider, III
President & Treasurer
Hanover County

From: John Snider, President & Treasurer

Subject: Executive Director Selection

Joseph Swartout
Vice President
New Kent County

Date: June 22, 2021

Kate Ferris
Secretary
New Kent County

I am pleased to announce that Gillian K. Barney has accepted the position of Executive Director of Thrive Virginia. Ms. Barney has served the agency since 2015 with progressing responsibilities, most recently serving as the Acting Executive Director for Thrive Virginia.

Taikein Cooper
Parliamentarian
Richmond

Ms. Barney has over twenty-four years of experience in the nonprofit sector, with an extensive background in grant management in compliance with OVCS standards. In her current role, Ms. Barney will continue to focus upon refining and implementing the agency's strategic plan, as well as continuing to evolve and refine the delivery of services in alignment with the Whole Family approach.

Chief Frank Adams
King William County

In addition to leading the agency in its core mission, Ms. Barney will focus upon improving partnerships with stakeholders in the agency's service area. Ms. Barney resides in New Kent with her husband Rodney and her two dogs. She enjoys decorating, cooking, golf and gardening. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are excited to continue to move forward with our new leader to fulfill our mission.

Susan Benitez-Kauffman
King William County

Mary Jones
Charles City County

Michelle Johnson
Charles City County

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Executive Director
Gillian Barney