



Dear SVHC Friends and Partners:

Happy Holidays to you and your families. As we near the end of 2018 and look forward to the upcoming new year, I am hoping 2019 will be filled with health, prosperity and the answers to all your personal wishes.

On behalf of the newly elected SVHC Governing Board, allow me to share some of our wishes for the season and the upcoming year.

First, I hope each and every one of our members will be on hand to share your fellowship and information at our upcoming General Membership meeting on Wednesday, December 12, 2018. We will convene at 12:30 p.m. in the Chesapeake Public Safety Building located at 2130 S. Military Highway. Feel free to wear your ugliest holiday sweater to help everyone feel more seasonal. There probably will be a prize or two for the best/worst sweater.

More seriously, we want to continue our GB orientation by learning more about everyone's organization. We also will be hearing from several of our committees who will share short summaries of the past year while casting their hopes for 2019. As you can see on the meeting agenda, the December gathering will also include initial looks at other serious topics.

Your new SVHC Governing Board is making room at the "table" for everyone's voice including our consumers, community members, government entities and all of our region's service providers. We **want** to hear your insights and ideas and we are structuring our meetings in such a way as to guarantee your input.

The year ahead will be filled with change. We will struggle, and we will succeed!

I have been truly humbled by the confidence my fellow GB members have placed in me to navigate this new body through its initial months. Please help us build on the accomplishments of the SVHC as we launch into the new year by joining us on December 12th.

In some ways, we have a long way to go and hopefully only a short time before we get there.

Sincerely,

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