



## VHI Hosts 6th Annual Welcome Back Legislative Breakfast

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RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 21, 2011 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- **Virginia Health Information** hosted its Sixth Annual Welcome Back Legislative Breakfast **January 26, 2011** in the Virginia General Assembly Building.

As a public/private partnership, VHI serves the Commonwealth of Virginia with a wide variety of health information for consumers and services to businesses. Legislators and their aides were introduced to **VHI's** Board of Directors and staff with information on how their constituents benefit by using VHI healthcare information to make more informed healthcare purchasing decisions.

**VHI's** Executive Director, Michael Lundberg, briefed visitors about the information consumers can find on **VHI's** website. "The Commonwealth of Virginia recognizes VHI as its consumer health information portal with consumer guides, reports and tools to help Virginians compare and choose healthcare providers and play an active role in their healthcare. "

Data from **VHI's** healthcare data system is being used to:

- provide consumers information on pricing of certain healthcare services
- improve heart care
- reduce preventable hospitalizations
- address high infant mortality rates
- provide obstetric information to consumers on hospitals and doctors
- support cancer research
- choose health insurance plans
- find and compare nursing homes

Look for **VHI's** upcoming **Cardiac Care Report**, which outlines cardiac mortality and readmission rates in Virginia hospitals, on Friday, February 25th.

**Virginia Health Information** is the nonprofit organization the Commonwealth of Virginia and businesses go to for consumer and business health information. **VHI** information also includes hospitals, physicians, nursing facilities and other health care providers. Visit [www.vhi.org](http://www.vhi.org) or call toll free 1-877 VHI-INFO.

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