

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

### BLACKSBURG AARP CHAPTER and EDWARD VIA VIRGINIA COLLEGE of OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

#### BRIEF OVERVIEW:

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization for people age 50 and older, that is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all as we age. AARP Virginia, with more than a million members, leads positive social change and delivers value to members through information, advocacy and service. Enhancing health for people of all ages, especially seniors, is an important goal for AARP.

The **Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine (VCOM)**, Virginia Campus is a new four-year osteopathic medical school offering the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) The mission of VCOM is to provide medical educational and research that will prepare globally minded, community focused physicians to improve the health of those most in need. The service mission of the college is met through the provision of preventive health programs and through medical care to under served populations in Appalachia and in internationally developing countries.

**The Blacksburg AARP Chapter** and the **Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine** both have important missions with certain goals that complement one another, and it is believed that a Partnership evidenced by a Memorandum of Understanding will have value to both organizations, to the Commonwealth of Virginia, to the nation; and internationally.

#### BASIC GOALS of PARTNER RELATIONSHIP

**The Blacksburg AARP Chapter and VCOM** will share communications with each other and will cooperate and work together on selected programs and activities from time to time. These programs and activities may take place on a community, regional or state basis and may be expanded nationally and internationally. Both professional staff and the volunteer structure/members of AARP will be utilized in these activities. **Activities could include but are not limited to the following:**

- Assisting in identifying prospective students, and placement of graduates,
- Participating in research and training programs of VCOM,
- Providing information booths or workshops at appropriate AARP and VCOM events and functions,
- Creation of a fund or funds to assist VCOM in providing one or more scholarships, for funding prevention and health care delivery; and for general operating needs,
- Conducting local or regional Health Fairs for adults, and
- Communicate, assist with and/or participate in prevention, information or therapeutic programs for successful aging: for example, special lectures, courses, classes, music therapy, use of pets, etc.

It is believed activities and goals will emerge that will include creative opportunities for both organizations, and that the quality of life will thereby be enhanced for all. VCOM is headquartered in Blacksburg with some 17 core hospital training sites throughout Southwest and

Southside VA. A strong and active AARP Chapter is located in Blacksburg, VA. Through this agreement, VCOM is granted permission to use the identification "Blacksburg AARP Chapter" in its publications or promotional activities. This agreement does not grant VCOM permission to use the AARP logo. Use of the AARP logo can only be granted by the AARP state office. Blacksburg AARP Chapter volunteer leaders guided by AARP VA staff will work closely with the VCOM leadership to develop viable, valuable activities through this Partnership arrangement.

Therefore VCOM and the Blacksburg AARP Chapter enter into this MOU for the purpose of collaboration on local programs to support the health of the adult senior citizens of the Blacksburg Community and to promote local and global research and programs that will improve the health of all senior citizens.

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