

**HIV Consortium Meeting
May 5, 2011
Summary Minutes**

Debbie Bowers, Chair, called the meeting to order at the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) offices.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

David Hoover invited everyone to the one-day Quality Management Summit to be held Monday, June 6 starting at 8:30 a.m. at Gallaudet University. Inova is participating along with the National Quality Center and the AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) at Howard University.

Beth Robinson of the Loudoun County Health Dept. introduced Martha Cameron, who is a trained educator from Zambia. She is already participating in the PLWH Committee for the Greater Washington Eligible Metro Area.

OPEN MIKE

Wade Mear informed the Consortium of his conversation with Steve Bailey of the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). When asked about the restoration of drugs that were not antiretrovirals to Virginia's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), Steve suggested that it might be possible to fund such medications under the Part A Local Drug Assistance Program. Michelle Simmons responded that the current contracts for Local Drug Assistance restricted the medications provided to those on the Virginia ADAP formulary. She also pointed out that medications were much more expensive under the local program without the buying power of VDH. With the removal of some medications from the ADAP formulary, this policy could be reconsidered if it were the recommendation of the Consortium. Such a change would require the consent of the Planning Council.

Wade also highlighted the problem of lack of help with medication co-pays and costs after insurance co-pay caps are reached. The Primary Medical Committee was asked to look into these issues and to report back to the Consortium.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of April 7, 2011 were approved as submitted.

PLAN FOR ASSESSING HIV/AIDS NEEDS IN SUBURBAN VIRGINIA

Laurence Smith, Chair of the Metropolitan Washington Eligible Metropolitan Area Planning Council, gave an overview of the new Part A Needs Assessment process being implemented using a new contractor, Mosaica, Inc. Voting on priorities and funding allocations has been restricted to members of the Planning Council, rather than Consortia as in the past. The Planning Council is appointed by the Mayor of DC but agency and consumer representatives from throughout the region are recruited. All current members are up for review and reappointment in February 2012. Mr. Smith encouraged more people from Virginia to apply. The application form may be downloaded from <http://doh.dc.gov/doh/cwp/view,a,1371,q,602815.asp>.

David Hoover, Keith Callahan, Robert Smith, and Wade Mear are the current Virginia representatives on the Planning Council. Thaddeus Abbott is the staff contact (thaddeus.abbott2@dc.gov). Planning Council staff will arrange the Data Presentation meetings, including those in Northern Virginia.

Part B and HOPWA planning will commence at the Executive Committee meeting June 20, 2011.

BRIEF PRESENTATIONS ON QUALITY ASSESSMENT IN SUBURBAN VIRGINIA

The following participants in the Part A Cross-Part Quality Training hosted by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration described their services and results of their internal quality initiatives:

- a. ARE.....John Nagley, Executive Director
- b. FAHASS April Deane, Medical Case Manager and Transportation Coordinator
- c. Inova Juniper Program Mendy Radyshevsky, Quality Consultant
- d. Loudoun County Health Dept. Anita Singh, MPH Intern
- e. Mary Washington Healthcare/IDA.....Keli Nibblins, RN, Medical Case Coordinator

National Children's Medical Center (Children's Hospital), our newest Part A contractor, will present their information at our next meeting.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPORT

- Hunter Robertson reported that 629 people are currently on the ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) Waiting List.
- VDH is working with Virginia representatives on the DC Part A Quality Initiative. Hunter encouraged participation in the Quality Management Summit being held with Howard University June 6.
- The VDH Community Planning Group (CPG - prevention) is looking for new members, especially Latinos/Latinas and younger people. Contact Cat Holbert at VDH. The CPG is organizing a focus group in Northern Virginia, sometime this month, for PLWH who are black gay men.
- The updated 2011 Contractor guidelines will be coming out next week.
- The quarterly Virginia All Grantees meeting will be May 24 in Richmond.
- Hunter will see if he can find PSI materials in Spanish.

Philip Bailey requested an update later this year on PSI and centralized eligibility for ADAP. Centralized eligibility will be rolled out in the remaining parts of Northern Virginia in mid-November. A quality component was requested as well.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Executive Committee

David Hoover brought up an agenda item for Executive Committee: How to strategically present information on Virginia's ADAP cut-backs to the Planning Council now that the crisis has been averted by transferring so many people to Prescription Assistance Programs (PAPs). What is the Case Managers' input? The Primary Medical Committee will discuss the PAP applications experience including company-specific problems. Michelle Simmons announced that staff at NVRC, the administrative agent for Ryan White, stands ready to help compile ADAP changes and the experience with PAPs into a white paper that identifies problem areas, what's working well, potential cost savings, and time limits to take to the Planning Council.

NVRC ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT UPDATES

- Michelle Simmons announced that Nicole Clopton has resigned from NVRC to take a job at the Dept. of Energy. NVRC is soliciting applicants to replace her. Debbie Kelly, Receptionist for NVRC, is the point of contact for contract issues; Rashmi Puranik for all contractor reports.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ron Scheraga asked for additional information on applying for Patient Assistance Programs. He was directed to <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/DiseasePrevention/Programs/ADAP/obtaining.htm>
- The Consortium discussed inviting representatives of one or more pharmaceutical companies to address a future meeting about the long term viability of PAPs. Laurence Smith offered to facilitate this or to get answers to a list of questions as pharmaceutical companies' representatives often contact him.
- Bob Atkins asked for a presentation at a future meeting on health care reform, particularly plans to establish a Health Benefit Exchange in Virginia.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- May 16, 2011 Executive Committee meeting
- May 18, 2011 PLWH Town Hall (planning meeting)
- May 24, 2011 Virginia All-Grantee Meeting in Richmond
- February 1, 2012 AIDS Awareness Day at the Virginia General Assembly

Minutes ___ Approved as Written ___ With Corrections

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Date