

**HIV Consortium Meeting
January 5, 2012
Summary Minutes**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Irma Jones reminded everyone that all Fairfax County residents are entitled to a free disability legal consultation. Call Legal Services of No. Virginia for an appointment.

Karen Berube invited everyone to the official Open House of the new Herndon Inova Juniper clinic from 2:30 – 4 PM today. It is co-located with an InovaCares pediatric clinic at 1175 Herndon Parkway, Suite 850, in Herndon. There will be a simultaneous demonstration of telemedicine, which is being used on the pediatric side. Also, they are still recruiting Nurse Practitioners.

Debbie Bowers announced that Rosie Olsen had retired from the Alexandria Health Dept. and soon will be going to work with FAHASS in Fredericksburg. Kim Ford, Program Support Tech and data guru with the Health Dept. has been promoted and will be leaving the Ryan White program. ANSI will be hiring their replacements.

On behalf of the Public Affairs Committee, David Hoover encouraged everyone to attend the February 1, 2012, AIDS Awareness Day at the Virginia General Assembly. He also announced that there will be a The FACTS training March 30 at the Springfield office of IJP.

OPEN MIKE

No one asked to speak.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of December 8, 2011 Consortium were approved as submitted.

VIRGINIA PARTICIPATION IN THE XIX INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE JULY 22-27, 2012 (AIDS2012)

David Purdy, Founder and CEO, World AIDS Institute, spoke of the efforts of the host city, Washington, DC, to include HIV services and PLWH from Maryland and Virginia. This is a change from the previously announced intention but more in line with other IACs (International AIDS Conferences) which have been hosted by countries. Among the events now being planned are a Global Village with educational displays and activities and a film festival at various locations throughout the city. The official website of the conference will be www.aids2012.org. Meetings, symposia, forums or events organized by other organizations for conference delegates outside the conference venue are referred to as Affiliated Independent Events. Find more information of the conference website. Phillip Bailey passed around sheet for volunteers who wanted to work with David Purdy on Virginia involvement.

SERVICE PROVIDER SPOTLIGHT – INOVA JUNIPER (IJP)

Cecilia Ortega-Shew, LCSW and Clinical Manager in HIV at the Inova Springfield office, briefly reviewed the founding in 1988 of the HIV/AIDS education program. The currently provide clinical services to over 1,300 PLWH (people living with HIV) out of 5 sites: Arlington, Dumfries, Herndon/Reston, Manassas, and Springfield. All sites offer support groups. IJP offers outpatient primary medical care, medical case management, dental care, mental health (including psychiatric medications), nutritional counseling, pharmaceutical assistance, and substance abuse. PLWH may receive dental services and pharmaceutical and health insurance co-payment assistance while receiving medical care from a different provider. IJP also makes referrals for specialty care related to HIV.

IJP has applied to become a level 3 Qualified Medical Home for HIV/AIDS care under health care reform.

David Hoover, Education Program Manager at the Inova Juniper AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) at the Springfield office, discussed seven distinct types of training they offer, including support of community and Federally Qualified Health Centers, the Telehealth AETC Appalachia Project, and the No. VA Clergy Council. They are funded by both Part F of Ryan White through the Pennsylvania Mid-Atlantic HIV/AIDS Training Center and the Virginia Dept. of Health. Their primary mission is to educate health care professionals in the treatment of HIV/AIDS. They also offer technical assistance and consultations to AIDS service organizations.

REPORTS & UPDATES

- **PLANNING COUNCIL**
David Hoover announced that new and returning members are still waiting on formal appointments by from the DC Mayor's Office. There was a very well qualified pool of applicants this year.
- **AD HOC BYLAWS REVIEW COMMITTEE**
Ron Scheraga will be convening the committee.
- **PRIMARY MEDICAL COMMITTEE AND MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE**
Karen Berube announced that these two committees will be meeting as a combined a Clinical Committee on Monday, January 9, via conference call.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPORT

- Inova has not had a response to their usual request to HRSA to fund the All Grantees meeting in Richmond in May of this year.
- Lenore Drewry, HIV Lead Services Coordinator, announced that ADAP enrollment criteria have been expanded as of December 22, 2011. Effective immediately, individuals on the wait list with a CD4 count at or below 350 and those newly presenting to ADAP with a CD4 count at or below 350 may enroll into ADAP. Additionally, VHD is assessing enrollment for clients from the wait list with CD4 counts from 351 – 500 through a first on-first off process. Those enrollments will begin in stages and will be monitored and managed to a program cap. This increase was possible because of the coming implementation of PCIP. As of December 21, Virginia's ADAP waitlist is 1,112. The most current figures can be found on the NASTAD website (www.nastad.org).
- On January 3, 2012, VDH began recruiting a Contractor/s qualified to provide Medical and Pharmaceutical Benefits Management for Virginia's AIDS Drug Assistance Program's (VA ADAP) health insurance continuation program, also known as the ADAP-Assist. Through this competitive negotiation procurement, VDH will provide Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plans (PCIP) to eligible ADAP clients. This may expand into other health insurance options or third party payers approved by VDH.
- Kate Breitbeil, Operations Specialist, has left the ADAP program. Reshma Bhattacharjee, ADAP Data Manager, and Carla Drewry, ADAP Support, have joined HIV Care Services staff.

NVRC ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT REPORT

- Michelle Simmons announced that the Planning Council and HAHSTA in the DC Dept. of Health have approved transferring \$650,000 in unspent Part A funds to the Virginia Dept. of Health (VDH) for ADAP.
- The Consortium approved NVRC drafting and sending a letter to VHD commending their staff for their outstanding job in managing the ADAP funding crisis in our state. A separate letter of appreciation was approved to go to DC HAHSTA.

NEW BUSINESS

- Phillip Bailey announced the Health HIV annual meeting in DC in April 20-21.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- January 16, 2012 Martin Luther King Day observed; Executive Committee has been rescheduled
- January 23, 2012 Executive Committee at 1:00 PM at NVRC – NEW DATE
- February 1, 2012 AIDS Awareness Day at the Virginia General Assembly
- February 2, 2012 Consortium at 10 AM at NVRC
- February 13, 2012 Executive Committee at 1:00 PM at NVRC – NEW DATE
- February 20, 2012 Presidents Day observed; Executive Committee has been rescheduled

Minutes ___ Approved as Written ___ With Corrections

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Date