

**HIV Consortium Meeting
May 3, 2012
Summary Minutes**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Kahn reminded everyone of the big event coming to DC July 22-27 – the international AIDS 2012 Conference. He encouraged people to go to www.wecanstopAIDS.org for information on special events.

Ron Scheraga thanked everyone who took part in AIDS Watch on Capitol Hill in April. He also announced that the Bylaws Committee was meeting after this meeting in the Potomac Room.

Karen Berube announced that Garlette Montgomery has been promoted to be Clinical Manager at the new Transitions Clinic (chronic care). Inova is recruiting for a Clinical Social Worker in the Springfield office and another in Manassas.

OPEN MIKE

No Person Living with HIV (PLWH) indicated a wish to address the Consortium.

APPRECIATION FOR WADE MENEAR

Several members expressed appreciation for all the services of Wade Menear, long-time member of the NVH Consortium who was not reappointed to serve on the Planning Council. Phillip Bailey moved and Bob Atkins seconded a motion that the NVH Consortium formally express its gratitude to Wade for his service. This was accepted unanimously. A note of remembrance from Sue Rowland, former NVRC Human Services Director, was read into the record. Wade thanked everyone for their kind words and stated that he planned to continue to serve in many ways for a long time to come.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of April 5, 2012 were approved with one correction.

PART A ALLOCATIONS ADJUSTMENTS

Tim Agar, Ryan White Federal Contracts Monitor for NVRC, solicited input on uses of unallocated funds in the Part A Ryan White grant year that began March 1. Since the amounts that Primary Medical providers would receive under the adopted plan are substantially higher than they were able to spend last year, NVRC has temporarily held back from award about \$178,000 in primary medical care. Staff believes this funding either:

- needs to be attached to specific caseload growth goals for primary medical care services in 2012-13 or
- needs to be reprogrammed into other service areas demonstrating a need, such as EIS.

Bob Atkins moved that \$89,000 be kept in the Outpatient Ambulatory Medical Care category and the \$89,000 be allocated to support services, as long as the requirement for 75% of funds supporting primary care was met. The motion was approved unanimously with the exception of an abstention by Phillip Bailey. The idea of selecting projects for funding through a mini RFP process was favorably received. The Consortium also requested that a timeline of accomplishments toward award of these funds accompany the minutes of this meeting

PLANNING COUNCIL REPORT

The new and reappointed members of the DC Metro Area Planning Council are: David Hoover, Keith Callahan, Robert Smith, Martha Cameron, and James Brown.

In response to a question, it was announced that four vendors had applied for the new EMA-wide Early Intervention Services grant and that no decision had been made.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Public Affairs

Bob Atkins reported that the Virginia state budget for 2012-2014 included an increase of \$250,000 for ADAP (the AIDS Drug Assistance Program) for the first year but no increase for the second year.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (VDH) UPDATES

- Lenore Lombardi, Lead HIV Services Coordinator, expressed the appreciation of the VDH staff for the resolution of appreciation adopted by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission. The resolution cited the efforts of VDH staff to find ways to continue medication for PLWH removed from the ADAP rolls when the demand for ADAP outstripped the budget in the fall of 2011.
- Team ADAP at VDH has a new toll-free hotline. The phone number is: 855-362-0658. It will be answered during business hours: M-F 8:00AM – 5:00 PM.
- As of May 1, 2012, there were 532 Virginians enrolled in ADAP with 811 on the waiting list.
- VDH is starting a pilot program for enrolling PHWH in PCIP (Preexisting Conditions Insurance Plans). The pilot will serve 10 clients in Eastern Virginia. Presently VDH is working on resolving the dilemma raised by Mike Hughes: the policy of insurance companies to make premiums so expensive that it is not feasible for lower-income people to buy them rather than to deny coverage outright. This is important in view of the reinstated eligibility requirement that clients must have a letter from a company denying them coverage.
- Bob Atkins asked for a brief summary of the changes in state law affecting PLWH approved in the recently-completed General Assembly. Ms. Lombardi said she would provide this.

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES REPORT

Abby Charles of IPHi reported that four letters offering paid Community Health Worker positions were being sent out this day. They will begin training next week: Thursdays in Reston and Fridays in Springfield. About 15-20 people will attend the training.

NVRC ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT REPORT

- Amelia Khalil announced that with the close-out of Part A, an additional \$128,000 will be returned to VDH. This also should help with the ADAP funding crisis.
- Phillip Bailey was introduced as the new Peer Ombudsman at NVRC. His position is to fill the gap between the dissolution of the NAPWA Client Advocacy Project and the deployment of EIS Community Health Workers. He can be contacted at either :
703-724-4126 (best) or
571-438-0577 (cell) and
email at Pgb5858@aol.com .
- The Consumer Involvement Team with Amelia Kahlil has been accepted to lead a workshop at AIDS 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

- DC AIDS Coalition is offering day passes to AIDS 2012 at \$75. As a fundraiser for AIDS 2012 scholarships, African stoles from Ghana saying “We can stop AIDS” will be available for \$40 each. Contact Abby Charles.
- A thorough discussion of HOPWA housing programs and services within different locations was requested for the Consortium in the near future.
- Another request was for HOPWA wait list continuation letters, usually sent in early June, to be sent in both Spanish and English with a simultaneous notification to case managers.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- May 21, 2012 Executive Committee meeting (subsequently cancelled)
- June 7, 2012 Consortium (subsequently cancelled)
- June 18, 2012 Executive Committee meeting (subsequently cancelled)
- June 20, 2012 Priority and Data Presentation meeting (subsequently scheduled for 12 noon – 3:00 PM)

Minutes ___ Approved as Written ___ With Corrections

Tylee Smith

Date