

**HIV Consortium Meeting
January 3, 2013
Summary Minutes**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leigh Guarinello, Inova Juniper's Education Program Manager, announced that two HIV training sessions have now been scheduled: The Facts on March 5 and The Fundamentals on March 20 and 21. Registration forms will be available soon.

Kym Manley of ANHSI announced that a new Chief Operating Officer would be starting January 14. Glynis Laborde is no longer there.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2012

The minutes of December 6, 2012, were approved as submitted.

2012-13 HIV/AIDS SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN

Michelle Simmons of Northern Virginia Regional Commission led a discussion of the goals of the proposed plan. In Goal 1 participants suggested that management of co-pays and deductibles be addressed and that our work could help inform federal Ryan White policy development around co-pays and deductibles.

- Objective 1-5 should specifically address requirements for electronic medical records. Participants also suggested that the goals incorporate a role for providers in preparing clients for the insurance environment under the Affordable Care Act. Objective 1-5 should address increasing insurance knowledge rather than navigation skills.
- Objective 1-6 should include access to the insurance exchanges and insurance subsidies.
- Objective 2-2 should speak specifically to increasing HIV health care. Starting with the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHCs) in rural areas and with the professors of schools for RNs, PAs and Mid-Levels in the region was suggested for Goal 2. More detail on Electronic Medical Records was also recommended.
- In Goal 3, moving Objective 3-1 to position 5 or 6 was suggested.

Michelle suggested forming an Ad Hoc Service Delivery Plan Committee to plan and track implementation of the final plan once it has been adopted. The group agreed that one more rewrite of goals and a review was needed.

PROPOSED HOPWA POLICY CHANGES & PILOT SERVICE OPTIONS

Michelle Simmons, of NVRC, then led a discussion of the options laid out in her handout of this name. The rationale for exploring these options is guidance from HUD's Technical Assistance visit that funds should be focused more on providing housing and less on support services. There was general agreement that policy changes should be applied to new applicants, not to those already on the list. The first proposed policy change addresses the need to shorten the wait list for ongoing Tenant-Based Rental Assistance, currently about 240 people. The proposal is: "Close the TBRA waitlist to clients who do not live or work in the Virginia portion of the metro Washington, DC area." The discussion, however, focused on those who do not have ties to this area, especially those who do not receive medical care here.

The second proposal is "Limit additional family members who can be added to the HOPWA household to include (1) re-united spouses, (2) dependent children for whom custody has been granted, and (3) other dependent family members for whom the PLWH has become responsible." Previously HOPWA had added family members without question to the PLWH's lease. The question was raised as to how this compares to the policies of the Housing Choice Voucher Program? Generally HOPWA is less proscriptive.

The first pilot project suggested for this year is to reserve 5 HOPWA slots for PLWH who could benefit from an existing job skills training program which would also be paid for by HOPWA.

The second pilot project would set aside 10 slots for those on the waiting list who would be able and willing to share another housing unit. Those who participated could move up the waiting list faster than those who don't.

Barbara Lawrence moved approval of these four proposals and Bob Atkins seconded and the group voted in favor. Now they will be put out for public comment.

PLANNING COUNCIL UPDATES

- New appointees were sworn in.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- Public Policy Committee had two announcements:
 - (1) Wednesday, January 30, will be AIDS Awareness Day at the Virginia General Assembly. Sign-up at www.voraonline.org to get appointments with your Delegates and Senators.
 - (2) State legislators are holding budget hearings around the state. There is one tomorrow in Manassas. Those attending such hearings were asked to listen for other groups interesting in Medicaid expansion with an eye to making common cause.
- The Bylaws committee will not meet today but will meet February 7 after the Consortium.

NVRC ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT REPORT

- Michelle Simmons announced that NVRC was working to get the new Part B funds for the current year awarded quickly.
- As of December 31, NOVAM is no longer a transportation provider for the region. Inova, FAHASS, and IPHi are working to provide transportation using the remaining transportation funds.
- Independent reviews of the HOPWA proposals have been completed and staff reviews are underway.
- Proposals for next year's Part A, Part B and MAI have gone to the consultant for review.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- January 28, 2013 Executive Committee meeting (1:00 PM to 2:30 PM) followed by the Clinical Care Committee meeting
- February 7, 2013 Consortium meeting (10:00 AM to 12 noon)
- No Executive Committee session in February as the third Monday is a federal holiday.

Minutes Approved as Written With Corrections

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Date