

**HIV Consortium Meeting
September 5, 2013
Summary Minutes**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Sanchez announced that Inova's Consumer Advisory Network (CAN) will meet September 24.

The Gay Men's Health Cooperative will hold a "Families of Choice" event at the main Alexandria City Library.

Tylee Smith of NVRC distributed copies of the *2012-2013 Quick Guide* and asked that anyone knowing of changes contact her. Updating for the next edition has begun.

AIDS Awareness Day at the Virginia General Assembly will be January 29, 2014.

MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2013

The minutes of July 13, 2013, were approved as submitted.

PLWH/A OPEN MIKE

No one asked to speak.

NORTHERN REGIONAL PREVENTION PLAN

Sue Rowland, Executive Director of VORA (Virginia Organizations Responding to AIDS) gave an overview of the background and contents of this regional plan. She pointed out the importance of prevention when there are 300 new diagnoses of HIV in the region in the most recent year's data. The plan described six key recommendations and those present suggested several strategies for each. One was that the Consortium devote one meeting each year to evaluating progress and updating the plan. The plan is in the final stages of proofing and editing and will be available to the Consortium when complete. Sue thanked Carol Jameson, former director of NOVAM who began the project, the Northern Virginia Health Foundation for their financial support, the Virginia Dept. of Health for providing much of the background data, and the many people who had contributed time and ideas to the plan.

CONSORTIUM ELECTION FOR VICE-CHAIR

The Nominations Committee presented one candidate: Zachary Hatcher, Executive Director of FAHASS. There were no additional nominations. Zach was elected by acclamation.

PLANNING COUNCIL UPDATE

David Hoover reported that at its last meeting the council accepted regional Suburban Virginia's Ryan White funding allocation plan for 2014-2015. A task Force will consider our request for additional funds in light of the lack of Medicaid expansion or state funding for health insurance coverage in Virginia while DC and Maryland have both. The Task Force has good representation from Virginia and is waiting for information on anticipated ADAP impacts from the state health departments of Maryland and DC. Once that information is received, the Task Force will recommend whether or not award supplemental Ryan White funds to Suburban Virginia and a procedure for doing so.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (VDH) UPDATE

Leonard Recupero, HIV Services Coordinator, reported:

- State auditors are reviewing VHD this week and looking at Ryan White activities
- ADAP and the Affordable Care Act
 - As of September 1: 1,190 individuals are enrolled in ADAP in the Northern region. 1,094 are in traditional ADAP, 86 in MPAP (Medicare Part D premiums), and 9 in PCIP (Pre-existing Condition Insurance Program). ADAP has 5, 010 enrolled statewide and recently received 42 new applications in one week.
 - ADAP has a goal of enrolling 3,000 ADAP clients in ACA insurance plans by January 1, 2014. Priority will be PCIP enrollees since PCIP will end December 31, 2013.
 - Hunter Robertson has been retained as an off-site consultant to VDH for the ACA.
 - VDH is seeking an outside organization to handle payment of ACA premiums and co-pays for ADAP enrollees.

- The SPNS grant that funds HIV service peer navigators in the rest of the state has been renewed for a second year
- VDH released a new policy incorporating the HRSA clarification that accepts, for Part B clients, self-attestation of no change in household income, size, residency, or insurance coverage. VHD also released a new form that can be signed and mailed by the client or signed by provider staff following a telephone conversation with a client. Financial guidelines for providers are also available. (NVRC has asked for authorization by HAHSTA to use this same form for Part A clients. No answer to date.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- *Prevention* – Neshelle Terrell reported that Bill Briggs, MSW and Mental Health Therapist, HIV/ AIDS Specialist with Arlington County Behavioral Health, will be the new co-chair of the this committee. They have several outreach activities planned.
- *Clinical Care* – NVRC continues to work on their request for technical assistance around dental services and plans for people with HIV.

NVRC ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT REPORT

Michelle Simmons reported:

- Julie Riddle was introduced as NVRC’s new Federal Grants Monitor for HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS). She reported:
 - HOPWA reapplication packets had just been mailed to everyone on the HOPWA waitlist. Clients must reapply by October 20 to remain on the list. The packet includes information on new housing counseling services.
 - There will be a HOPWA contractors meeting this month.
 - While there was no increase in HOPWA funding this year, there was no decrease either.
- Amendments to the Bylaws will be considered at the October Consortium meeting. She thanked all members of the committee that considered these changes and NVRC staff that recorded them.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Monday September 16 Executive Committee at 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Thursday October 2 Consortium at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes ___ Approved as Written ___ With Corrections

Tylee Smith

Date