

**NVH Consortium Meeting
January 9, 2013
Summary Minutes**

Zach Hatcher, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) offices.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Barbara Lawrence announced that Dr. Wheeler and Inova are in a 90-day transition period. By mutual consent he will be resigning as Medical Director effective March 31. He will continue to see patients at Inova and in his private practice.
- Michelle Simmons announced that the IRS has reduced the mileage reimbursement rate by half a penny per mile to \$.56 per mile. Consumers should use the new forms with the new rate for meetings after January 1, 2014. Mileage for meetings in 2013 is covered by the old rate. Part A reimbursements must be claimed by March 10 and Part B reimbursements must be claimed by April 10.
- Tim Agar of NVRC offered to forward updates on the Affordable Care Act to members of the Consortium who were not on the mailing lists for AIDS United and/or the Kaiser Family Foundation. Two signup sheets were circulated for members to indicate their interest.
- AIDS Awareness Day will be January 29 in Richmond. VORA is seeking volunteers to educate legislators on Medicaid expansion.

REMEMBERING BOB ATKINS

Zachary Hatcher asked for several moments of silence to remember Bob Atkins, a long-time active member of the Consortium who passed at his home on Monday, December 9. Members then shared some of their memories of Bob and his moving memorial service held at the Arlington Public Library on Saturday, January 4.

PLWH/A OPEN MIKE

No speakers.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2013

The minutes of December 5, 2013, were approved as submitted.

RECONSIDERING ALL RYAN WHITE FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR THE 2014 GRANT YEAR

Michelle Simmons reminded the Consortium of the draconian cuts to many services our initial Part A and MAI Allocations Plan submitted in August. The Planning Council has asked NVRC to reconsider this earlier Allocation Plan in light of new information and cost projections. At the same time we need to submit a Part B Allocations Plan to the Virginia Dept. of Health. Background information "Cross-Part Allocations Plans Discussion the NVH Consortium" was previously distributed by email with printed copies distributed at this meeting. The bottom line is that while additional funds are available, Suburban Virginia is still about \$2 million short of what will be needed to cover all the clients and services currently receiving Ryan White services.

From the "Part A, B and MAI Awards/Spending/Allocations Scenarios" large handout, the Consortium adopted Scenario 2 for Part B with its large focus on Oral Health and moving all Health Insurance costs to Part A to cover clients and items that VDH will not cover. Scenario 1 was adopted for MAI, the Minority AIDS Initiative, basically continuing our present cluster of services.

For Part A, the Consortium adopted Scenario 2 with no changes to Core Medical Services and the following changes to Scenario 2 Support Services:

- Eliminate Case Management – Non Medical
- Reducing Transportation to \$148,902
- Putting \$52,825 toward Legal Services
- Putting \$50,000 toward Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals

REPORT ON CONVERSATION WITH HRSA PROJECT OFFICER

David Hoover reported Karen Cebula, Consortium Chair, put together a conference call with the HRSA (US Health Resources and Services Administration) Project Officer for the Washington DC EMA, as directed by the December Consortium session. Participants were Karen, Michelle Simmons, and David Hoover. The Project Officer reiterated that funding allocations were the decision of the EMA Planning Council, not HRSA. He also estimated that HRSA

would issue an Application Review Report in early January reflecting poor Needs Assessment data in the grant application. He seemed to indicate that the DC EMA would probably not receive as large a Ryan White award as the one for the current grant year.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UPDATES

- Leonard Recupero, HIV Services Coordinator, reported that statewide, VDH has enrolled 256 (67.5%) of current PCIP (Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan) clients into health insurance plans. This was their first priority as PCIP clients must be enrolled by January 15 to have coverage February 1 when their PCIP insurance expires. Their other priority focus is setting up the payment mechanisms for those whose insurance will be bought with ADAP funds. He also thanked all the providers who were assisting clients to enroll.

PLANNING COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- *Consumer Access* –Keith Callahan asked for PLWHA from Virginia to attend the meeting in D.C. at 4:30 on Thursday, January 16.

NVRC ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT REPORT

- NVRC is in the process of issuing a contract to Legal Services of Northern Virginia to hire 3 full-time, short-term Application Assistors. Two will be stationed at NVRC and one at FAHASS.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January Executive Committee	Monday, January 27, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.
February Consortium	Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
February Executive Committee	Monday, February 24, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved as Written With Corrections

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