

**NVH Consortium Conference Call**  
**March 6, 2014**  
**Summary Minutes**

The Consortium met via conference call. Zach Hatcher, Vice-Chair, called the session to order at 10:10 a.m..

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Leigh Guarinello announced the trainings to be offered at the Inova Springfield office:

- March 20, *The Facts* provides information concerning the spectrum of HIV disease, HIV antibody testing including rapid testing, legal issues, risk assessment and reduction, and psychosocial issues.
- April 15-16, *The Fundamentals* provides guidelines and skill building opportunities for professionals who implement prevention counseling within the context of HIV antibody testing. This workshop incorporates the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for personalizing risk assessment and risk reduction sessions. “The Facts” is a prerequisite for this course.
- April 16-17 *The Fundamentals Of Waived Rapid Hiv Testing* is a skill building workshop that will teach participants to administer the Clearview test through both didactic and hands-on sessions of up to one-and-a-half days. *The Facts* and *The Fundamentals* are prerequisites. To register for this course, the applicant must intend to perform Clearview testing at their agency.

For questions about these courses, please call: 703-321-2600.

**ACA SIGN-UP UPDATES**

- Inova Juniper: Barb Lawrence reported 195 clients signed up to date, including 55-60 from Manassas & Dumfries. They are holding walk-in sign-up clinics every Monday and Wednesday in addition to taking appointments.
- FAHASS: Zach Hatcher stated they have 3 clients left to sign up. They have also registered two clients with COBRA insurance into ADAP.
- Cheryl Hockman reported ARE has enrolled 30 clients; 5 have applications pending; 5-7 are not yet enrolled.
- NVRC: Tim Agar reported that the 4 ACA Assistors working through NVRC have enrolled 54 PLWH/A. Some were enrolled while the Assistors were working with ANHSI and Inova, so there is some duplication among counts for these two organizations.
- Kaiser Family Foundation: Tim Agar also stated that the March 31 deadline for initial enrollment in insurance will not be extended. However the enrollment for 2015 will run from Nov. 15, 2014 – February 15, 2015. Also, the administration has announced consumers who currently hold individual policies that do not meet all of the health law requirements can stay in those plans for another two years if their state allows it and the insurer continues the plan.

**PLANNING COUNCIL REPORT**

- David Hoover and Steve Bailey again expressed appreciation to the Planning Council for support of Virginia ADAP in suburban Virginia.

**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UPDATES**

- Leonard Recupero, HIV Services Coordinator, thanked everyone for their help in enrolling clients in the ACA. He reported 4,946 clients enrolled in Virginia ADAP, 1,187 of them in Northern Virginia. Future reports on ACA enrollment will define “enrolled” as those for whom VDH has paid the first premium. As of March 5, VDH had paid premiums for 800 PLWH/A. An additional 208 have completed their applications but have payment arrangements still in process.
- The VDH state budget for next year includes a request for a \$3.9 million ADAP increase for the next two fiscal years.
- Lenny mentioned the ACA information forums and 3 public hearings VDH recently held around Virginia.
- Steve Bailey reported no certainty around the final date that insurance companies will accept payment for persons who enroll in a ACA plan near the end of March or a final date for correcting mistakes in enrollment. Some plans will reinstate a customer; others insist that applicants reapply.
- VDH staff are working Saturdays and extended weekday hours to handle applications. Between March 15- 31, VDH will be making premium payments via credit card to avoid the two-weeks it takes to send a check.
- VDH will offer several regional sessions to identify lessons learned and prepare for 2015 enrollment.
- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid will require insurance companies to release details of their 2015 plans 30 days before enrollment opens Nov. 15, 2014.

- Since Anthem is the only insurance plan available in some parts of Virginia, and Anthem excludes two vital HIV medications from its formulary, VDH is joining with several other organizations to ask Anthem to add these medications to its formulary prior to the next open enrollment period.
- For those areas of Prince William where the only two plans are Kaiser-Permanente and Anthem, clients may notify their provider and ADAP and ask for an exemption for insurance enrollment. If granted the client will still be assessed a non-enrollment penalty.

**NVRC ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT REPORT**

- NVRC received the paperwork for the Part A Supplemental award on February 26.
- NVRC received the Notice of Grant Award and Intergovernmental Agreement for Part A for the 2014-2015 grant year, starting March 1. They show a decrease of 2.2% from the current year.
- NVRC's Part B award for the 2014-2015 grant year, starting April 1, is half of what it was last year.
- One of NVRC's HOPWA Housing Case Management (HCM) providers has withdrawn from delivering services. NVRC is working with clients and other HCM providers to address client needs.

**SPEAKERS/PRESENTERS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

Participants raised several issues:

- Undertaking better planning in order to reduce then number of Consortium and committee meetings each year. Reductions in Part B funding mean less money to support Consortium meetings.
- Deciding on Needs Assessment activities
- Reporting from the HOPWA-Ryan White Linkages Committee
- Planning how to identify and respond quickly to needs to reallocate funds and perhaps reexamine service priorities several times throughout the 2014-2015 grant year.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

March Executive Committee	Monday, March 17, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.
April Consortium	Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
April Executive Committee	Monday, April 21, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes  Approved as Written  With Corrections

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