

**NVH Consortium Conference Call
September 30, 2014
Summary Minutes**

In the absence of the incoming Chair and with the consent of the incoming Vice Chair, Michelle Smith of NVRC convened the conference call at 1:00 p.m. from the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) offices.

HIGHLIGHTS OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS FUNDING FOR THE YEAR STARTING OCTOBER 1, 2014

Prior to the call, members of the Consortium were sent two background documents via email:

- *Principles behind NVRC staff recommendations for Revising the HOPWA 2014-15 Allocations Plan*; and
- *2014-2015 HOPWA 2014-2015 Possible Funding Plans*

These two documents are attached and incorporated into these minutes.

Michelle explained that two trends were reflected in the above documents:

- The 20% reduction in HOPWA funds for the coming year was greater than anticipated.
- Recent meetings with HOPWA Technical Assistance reinforced the national movement toward updating the HOPWA program, such as using STRMU funds to meet housing needs arising from medical situations only.

Discussion added the following points:

- Participants regretted the necessity of making reductions in funding
- Rough estimates of STRMU (Short-Term Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance) clients without a medical reason for needing assistance ranged from 50% to unknown
- Often there is no way to assist the most needy clients as they may sublet part of a unit and lack a lease or cannot obtain a W-9
- A cap of \$3,000 in annual STRMU assistance will typically be depleted within 8-12 weeks (vs. the 21 weeks allowed by regulation.)

REVISED HOPWA FUNDING PLAN

The Staff Suggestions, Revised Spending Plan Current Award Amount column in the amount of \$2,028,019 was adopted as the revised HOPWA Allocations Plan without opposition and with four abstentions.

NEXT MEETING

October Consortium Meeting Monday, October 20, 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon

The October 2, 2014 Consortium meeting was cancelled.

Note: The October 20 meeting has since been cancelled.

Minutes Approved as Written

With Corrections

Tylee Smith 11/6/14
Tylee Smith Date