

**NVH Consortium Meeting
August 6, 2015
Summary Minutes**

Nechelle Terrell, Chair, called the meeting to order at the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Valarie Rochester, a member of the Host Committee for the US Conference on AIDS 2015, asked for volunteers for the conference, to be held in Washington, DC, September 10-13, 2015, at the new Washington Marriott Marquis hotel. She briefly reviewed the role of the Host Committee.
- Martha Cameron, also part of the Host Committee, asked for help in recruiting a Virginia leader to welcome participants at the opening reception at 7:00 p.m. September 10. Gerald Padmore, Outreach Program Administrator at Inova Juniper, agreed to assist. Ms. Cameron also outlined the benefits of being a volunteer, including free admission to the conference for the day following his/her day of work.

PLWH/A OPEN MIKE

No one asked to speak.

MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2015

The minutes of June 4, 2015 were approved as submitted

STATUS OF NEW PART B AWARDS AND REPROGRAMMED PART A AWARDS

Rashmi Puranik, Federal Grants Analyst, announced that all contract award letters have been sent. The new awards and changes in award amounts were summarized on a spreadsheet distributed to attendees. Part A awards were reduced for Primary and Specialty Medical Care (OAMC), Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing (HIP), and Substance Abuse Services (red text on the spreadsheet). Funds for the core services of Oral Health, Mental Health, and Medical Case Management were increased (green text), as were funds for every support service. Case Management – Non Medical; Emergency Financial Assistance; Outreach, and Referral for Health were support services funded for the first time this year. \$69,097 remains to be awarded.

Part B received an additional \$609,386 from the Virginia Dept. of Health. Services added were Oral Health Education & Specialty Visits; Case Management – Non Medical for enrolling and reenrolling clients in insurance; and OAMC Ophthalmology & Colonoscopies. Funds were also increased for Mental Health and Transportation. \$42,840 remains to be awarded.

Tim Agar, Federal Grants Manager for Ryan White, and Ms. Puranik thanked the Virginia Dept. of Health for making these new funds available.

DC HAHSTA PLANS TO MOVE CERTAIN SERVICES TO “FEE FOR SERVICE” REIMBURSEMENT

Tim Agar summarized information on our Part A grantee’s major planned transition in paying for some Ryan White services. This was shared at June’s Administrative Agents and All Grantee meetings, but no detailed guidance is available yet. HAHSTA intends to change funding for some Ryan White services from the current contract for services to an insurance-like fee per service model.

Providers will negotiate a per-service rate and bill per service unit as services are provided. Not all service categories will be affected, but it is expected that the initial ones will be selected from the ten essential services under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Primary and Specialty Medical Care, Mental Health, Oral Health are the most likely. No one is proposing changing reimbursement for medical case management.

Even with fee-for-service models available from other parts of the US, the projected roll-out by grant year 27, March 2017, seems ambitious. There have not been activities since June meetings.

HAHSTA's rationale for the change includes:

1. More transparency on how Ryan White funds are spent
2. More consistency with newer health care models
3. Better provision of services
4. Parity throughout the EMA
5. Emphasized RW as last resort
6. Rewards quality care

Michelle Simmons emphasized that providers who do not currently bill for services or use an electronic medical record should contact NVRC for potential sources of training.

Ron Scheraga offered three possible objections to this new approach

1. Future trend is fee for outcome, not fee for service
2. Parity not well-thought out in an area that encompasses 3 states & federal district.
3. Staff jobs are put in jeopardy

PLANNING COUNCIL UPDATES

Tim Agar placed on the table for any interested parties new member nomination forms for the Metropolitan Washington Regional Ryan White Planning Council.

VIRGINIA DEPT. OF HEALTH REPORTS

Logan A. Dickens, HIV Services Coordinator, reported that 559 Northern EMA ADAP clients have submitted new financial verification and been reenrolled into covered plans. With 873 in HIMAP (Health Insurance Marketplace Assistance Program aka ACA--Affordable Care Act insurance paid for ADAP clients by VDH). Enrollment in HIMAP by insurance carrier in the Northern EMA is currently:

- 5 in Aetna,
- 262 in CareFirst,
- 0 in Coventry
- 338 in Innovation,
- 59 in Kaiser-Permanente;
- 91 in Optima; and
- 117 in HealthKeepers
- 0 in Piedmont

As of July 17th, Steve Bailey no longer works at the Virginia Department of Health. Management of HCS will be split between Lenore Lombardi and Kimberly Scott, with Kimberly S. being the head of services.

Most modifications for the increased funds went out this week and the last ones should be out in the next week.

VDH is finalizing the new invoicing procedure which will no longer require provide proof of payment to accompany invoices. Contractors must keep such proof in case of an audit.

HCS management is currently working on two legislative proposals: expedited partner therapy (EPT) & sterile syringe access (decriminalization). EPT is the clinical practice of treating the sex partners of patients diagnosed with chlamydia or gonorrhea by providing prescriptions or medications to the patient to take to his/her partner without the health care provider first examining the partner.

A consultant is working on completing the training plan for the case management standards. The standards are scheduled for release Sept. 1. The Southwest region will pilot the training and provide feedback prior to their release.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Prevention Committee: Nechelle Terrell, Co-Chair, reported they are planning symposium for the end of September. It will feature information on HIV and Aging and on Mental Health Issues. The timing will coincide with National HIV and Aging Awareness Day.

Clinical Care Committee: Michelle Simmons circulated a new list the any interesting in serving on this committee. She hopes to convene the re-constituted committee in September as it is critical that Northern Virginia be part of the current HIV-Relatedness conversation.

NVRC ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT REPORT

Michelle Simmons announced that NRVC has signed and sent back to VDH the paperwork for our additional Part B funds.

Next year contractors can expect continuation awards. A new formal Request for Proposals (RFP) process will not be issued until the details of the new Part A Fee for Service reimbursement process are final.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Consortium Sept. 3, 2015 at NVRC from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon.

Minutes Approved as Written With Corrections

Tylee Smith 9/3/15
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