

**NVH Consortium Meeting  
October 6, 2016  
Summary Minutes**

Nechelle Terrell, Chair, opened the meeting in the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) main conference room.

**MINUTES OF JULY 18, 2016**

The minutes of July 18, 2016 were approved with one correction, the spelling of Hughes in Open Mike.

**PRESENTATIONS: PREVENTION PROGRAMS IN SUBURBAN VIRGINIA**

ARE: Laura Arellano, Education & Outreach Coordinator, reported that they now offer rapid syphilis testing along with HIV testing. Their CLEAR program helps clients learn skills to make healthy choices. ARE plans to offer Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) referrals and Hepatitis C testing soon.

Fairfax Health Department: Suzanne Dorick, RN, BSN, HIV Unit, stated that two events reach many at risk of contracting HIV: the HOOPS 3 on 3 basketball tournament Nov. 7 and Northern Virginia Pride Festival. The Fairfax Health Dept. is developing a curriculum called "Rooting Out HIV" with three coordinated workbooks/study guides for pastors, faith leaders, and faith communities.

FAHASS: Donna Powell, Prevention Services Manager, reminded those present that FAHASS offers HIV & syphilis testing at the Orange and Fauquier County free clinics, the Quantico Marine substance abuse program, the Fredericksburg Probation and Parole office, the University of Mary Washington, and Spotsylvania County high school health classes.

Inova Juniper Program: Mina Yun, HIV Health Educator, noted the testing they offer at four Inova hospital emergency departments. Their Gay Men's Health Collaborative promotes social, mental, and sexual health of gay, bisexual, same-gender-loving men of color and funds rapid HIV testing at all Inova Juniper sites. Inova anticipates funds to provide PrEP to uninsured persons.

Alexandria Health Department: Nechelle Terrell, HIV/AIDS Prevention Coordinator, highlighted the work of the Rainbow Tuesday Clinic. It provides confidential free STD/HIV screening and treatment every Tuesday from 5-6:30 p.m. They also offer Hepatitis B vaccination.

NovaSalud: Karen Vallejos, Program Administrator, told us that they focus on Latinos and blacks/African Americans and men who have sex with men (MSM), substance abusers, and high-risk heterosexuals but serve everyone. Two of their unique programs are RISE (Rewriting Inner Scripts), which raises participants' awareness of self and the importance of mental, emotional, and physical health; and Face-To-Face, the only program in Northern Virginia providing comprehensive, targeted and professional HIV/STI prevention education to youth.

**DISCUSSION OF REGIONAL CHANGES IN PREVENTION NEEDS, TRENDS, AND FUNDING**

Michelle Simmons, Director of the Human Services Division at NVRC, summarized some recent developments that will influence the revision of the No. Virginia Regional Prevention Plan:

- Increasing emphasis having all prevention and care activities follow the National HIV/AIDS Strategy: Updated to 2020 (in 2015)

