

NVH Consortium Meeting
July 18, 2016
Summary Minutes

Wade Menear , Co-Chair, opened the meeting at Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC).

A moment of silence was observed for the Orlando shooting victims and police officers in recent attacks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PLWH/A OPEN MIKE

Mike Hughes, Co-Chair of the PWA committee, announced the committee will meet every other month. The next meeting will be in August.

MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2016

The minutes of June 2, 2016 were approved as presented.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA) Services Finalization Discussion

Julie Riddle, HOPWA Contract Monitor & Resource Specialist at NVRC, recapped information covered during the June 2, 2016 HOPWA Priorities and Allocation meeting.

- Current HOPWA services include TBRA, STRMU, PHP, Housing Case Management, Employment Readiness Placement and Retention, and Transportation.
- The Consortium reviewed a list of eligible services, prioritized services, and approved an allocation plan.
- NVRC staff discussed a plan to apply a preference system to the waitlist in order to serve the most vulnerable PLWHA which have been defined as disabled, elderly, homeless, or victims of domestic violence, and the Consortium agreed to this plan.
- An opportunity for public comment was made available on the website and mailed to all on the waitlist.
- An application update was also mailed to waitlist clients. Clients who do not respond will be removed from the list. This is one way to purge the list and ensure NVRC has accurate information when names are called.

Michelle Simmons, Director of Human Services reiterated key points from Julie's recap.

- Allowable services have been discussed and prioritized.
- A preference system to prioritize TBRA for access by a subset of PLWHA currently on the waitlist has been proposed.
- The Consortium needs to formally approve this plan to incorporate preferences into TBRA.

Public Comment Summary

- One comment was received via email in support of the plan to apply preferences to the waitlist.
- Julie Riddle spoke with some clients and case managers over the phone to further discuss the opportunity for public comment re: implementation of preferences. These clients felt they would qualify for one of the preferences and did not want to submit comments.
- No one signed up to provide public comments at the meeting today.
- One provider shared that as they assisted clients with the waitlist update applications clients did not have negative comments to share about proposed preferences.
- Another provider stated that most clients currently receiving TBRA fall into one of the preference categories.

