

NVH Consortium Meeting - December 1, 2016 - Summary Minutes

Sandra Gallegos, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order in the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) main conference room. Wade Menear, Chair, who had been delayed by a traffic accident, arrived soon thereafter and assumed leadership of the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nechelle Terrell announced that Hugo Delgado, Executive Director of NovaSalud, would be honored tonight by the Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS Safe Space at a reception.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2016

The minutes of November 3, 2016 were approved as submitted.

VENDOR PRESENTATION:

Lewis Gelobter, attorney at the Leesburg Office of Legal Services of Northern Virginia (LSNV), described their widespread work with Ryan White clients. LSNV serves low-income persons and addresses family law including domestic violence; landlord-tenant and employment issues, foreclosures, and public benefits. As an affiliate of Legal Services Corporation, a federally chartered organization, LSNV is restricted to assisting persons legally in the U.S. (e.g. non-US citizens who are here legally), unless the undocumented client is a victim of domestic violence. Undocumented persons with other legal needs are referred to the Legal Aid Justice Center in Falls Church. LSNV is also prohibited from handling criminal or contingency-fee cases. Offices are located in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax (3 sites), Fredericksburg, Leesburg, and Manassas.

Lewis also introduced Henson Morino new grant funded new staff attorney for LGBTQ issues.

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL REPORT

Betlehem McKonnen and Tim Agar reported that the Care Strategies, Coordination and Standards Committee would meet on December 7 to continue defining service standards. They will consider Outpatient Ambulatory Health Care and Medical Case Management.

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH UPDATES

Ashley Yocum, HIV Services Coordinator (contract monitor) for Northern Virginia, reported that VDH had published the list of 2017 Health Insurance Marketplace plans approved for ADAP payments. They are available on the VDH ADAP webpage, <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/adap>.

She also reported that as of November 30, 2016 there were 6,027 clients enrolled statewide in Virginia ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program):

3,221 in Health Insurance Marketplace Assistance Program (HIMAP);
1,745 in Direct ADAP;
549 in Medicare Part D Assistance Program (MPAP); and
512 in Insurance Continuation Assistance Program (ICAP)

The breakdown for Northern Virginia will be available for the January 5 meeting. She also informed us that while Cigna is listed on the www.healthcare.gov website, it is not available for ADAP benefits, including monthly premiums and medical cost-sharing.

A premium payment for a client cannot be made until the following information is received at VDH.

- Name of insurance carrier
- Name of insurance plan
- Insurance plan member ID (not the Marketplace application ID)
- Premium amount, noting any tax credits
- Effective date of insurance coverage
- Maximum out of Pocket (MOOP) amount for that policy

This information can be obtained verbally from the Marketplace and faxed to VDH at 804-864-8050.

Ashley reiterated the strict new VDH policies on eligibility screening for all ADAP and Part B clients.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA) UPDATES

Jennifer Zoerkler, Executive Director of Virginia Health Options, reported that as of last week, VHO had enrolled or re-enrolled about 200 clients in ACA health insurance. Clients must complete enrollment or reenrollment AND submit their 2017 plan and premium information to VDH by December 15, 2016, in order to have coverage beginning January 1, 2017. VHO will be seeing applicants at a new Rt. One location (3 Saturdays) and at Boat People SOS in Falls Church. VHO also has hired a new Certified Application Counselor.

PART B ALLOCATIONS

Michelle Simmons presented the staff proposal for the allocation of Ryan White Part B funds anticipated to be received from the Virginia Dept. of Health in April 2017. This plan proposes funding by service category. John Nagley moved adoption of the plan and Leigh Guarinello seconded. Michelle explained that the traditional three funding scenarios were not provided for Consortium consideration due to all the complexities anticipated in 2017 with the partial move to fee-for-service. No additional funds are expected from VDH in 2017 and funding from Part A has been significantly reduced by the very large proportion taken off-the-top for the several services moving to fee-for-service in 2017. The proposed Part B Allocations Plan reduced service categories underspent in the current year and those where food and transportation vouchers could be stockpiled with remaining 2016 funds. After some discussion and with the assurance that spending will be closely monitored and reallocated as needed, the proposed plan was adopted without dissent or abstentions.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT REPORT

Michelle Simmons reported that NVRC had released a Unified RFA (Request for Applications) for RW Part A, B, and MAI services not part of the new fee-for-service delivery model. Proposals are due December 30, 2017 and the Pre-Proposal Conference will begin at 12:30 p.m. following this meeting. The application process will involve a short site visit for the first time.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Consortium January 5, 2017 at NVRC from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon.

Minutes Approved as Written With Corrections

Tylee Smith

Date