

**NVH Consortium Meeting
October 1, 2015
Summary Minutes**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nechelle Terrell, Chair of the Education & Prevention Committee, invited everyone to their October 22 symposium on HIV and Aging and on Mental Health Issues with a presenter from HIV Medical Services. They are also planning a Hoops Tournament in Gum Springs that will feature HIV educational & preventive materials.
- Leigh Guarinello, Education and Prevention Manager at Inova Juniper, announced the second NovaPride family celebration at Bull Run Park on Saturday.
- Leigh Guarinello also announced that the Gay Men's Health Collaborative will hold a community session "PrEPed & Prepared" on October 16 at the Prosperity location. Additional educational events are planned.
- Hugo Delgado, Executive Director of NovaSalud, invited everyone to attend the Volunteers of America annual Harvest of Hope breakfast Oct. 15. NovaSalud will be one of the beneficiaries.
- Ondrea McIntyre-Hall of Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) reminded members that enrollment (OE3) in the 2016 Affordable Care Act health insurance plans would open November 1. She had information on training for Certified Application Counselors.
- Tim Agar with NVRC reported that the recent Mind, Body, & Soul Gay Men's Health Conference from September 25-27 in Virginia Beach was very informative. Over 60 men, primarily men of color, attended.
- Tim Agar also announced that Suicide Prevention Virginia has launched a statewide effort aimed at youth.
- Michelle Simmons invited everyone present to have refreshments in honor of the outgoing members of the Planning Council.

PLWH/A OPEN MIKE

Jan-Hendrik van Leeuwen reported that he had not made progress on finding how the policy on specialty medication prescriptions of the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services could be changed. Michelle Simmons noted that she would forward him several suggested resources for addressing this issue.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

The minutes of September 3, 2015 were approved as submitted

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING/FORMER MEMBERS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON REGIONAL RYAN WHITE PLANNING COUNCIL

Michelle Simons announced that the Mayor of the District of Columbia has decided to restructure the Planning Council. The terms of all current members ended September 30.

Nechelle Terrell, Chair, presented certificates of thanks to Martha Cameron, Phillip Bailey, Ron Scheraga, Brittney Nash (CHW), and Keith Callahan for the just-ended service, and Wade Menear for past service. All have been excellent representatives of Northern Virginia on this

regional body. She also recognized the past contributions of Robert Smith (deceased) and David Hoover of Inova.

From Virginia, Tom Decker, Martha Cameron, and Brittney Nash (CHW) have been appointed to the new Council to date. Meriam Mikre, HIV Services Planner will represent the Virginia Dept. of Health (VDH).

ENDORSEMENT OF REGIONAL PREVENTION PLAN

Suzanne Dorick, Public Health Nurse with HIV Unit of the Fairfax County Health Department, brought back for endorsement the recommendations of the plan that she presented last month. The plan was the result of work by the 27-member Prevention and Education Committee with Suzanne as the current editor. Discussion recognized the many developments in social media and in HIV care and prevention over the five years this plan has been in development. Jan-Hendrik van Leeuwen highlighted several of these developments and suggested that the plan was not complete since it lacked priorities among its recommendations or a budget. Michelle Simmons suggested that the Prevention Committee connect to groups in DC working in the same arena. Ron Scheraga recommended the Planning Council's Care Strategies Committee. The Consortium endorsed the regional prevention plan with the understanding that it is a living document to be continually updated.

UPDATE FROM THE RECENT AIDS CONFERENCES -- USCA AND NAHC

Several of our provider agencies had sent volunteer workers to the recent US Conference on AIDS who were then able to attend workshops. Gerald Padmore, Outreach Program Administrator at Inova Juniper, reported that many attendees at the recent US Conference on AIDS were passionate about prevention. Nechelle Terrell represented Northern Virginia at the Welcome reception. Over 1500 people attended, with over 3,000 attending some part of the conference. MaryBeth Benz, Executive Director of FAHASS, reported that the many workshops provided a wealth of information to someone relatively new to the field.

Julie Riddle of NVRC and several staff from HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS) contractors attended the National AIDS Housing Coalition conference in DC. Unfortunately they were all attending a mandatory HOPWA meeting today.

BRAINSTORMING –WHAT VIRGINIA ORGANIZATIONS ARE CRITICAL PARTICIPANTS IN THE PLANNING COUNCIL'S CLIENTS NOT IN CARE SURVEY

Nechelle Terrell, Chair, shared a request from the Planning Council to help identify organizations that would be in touch with PLWH/A not currently in care. They are seeking input for a new survey on the unmet needs of such persons. Resources suggested included IPHI's Community Health Workers and NovaSalud. Representative from VDH suggested that this effort might be able to piggyback on the out-of-care lists they were developing. Once the new Planning Council is appointed and this effort resumes, Michelle Simmons will pass along the suggestion that staff at Virginia provider agencies be allowed to administer the questionnaire to new clients as they come in.

PLANNING AND SCHEDULING UPCOMING CONSORTIUM DISCUSSION TOPICS

Michelle Simmons reported on the results of the recent poll on agenda topics and noted two administrative items still to be addressed:

- Review of the Regional Service Delivery Plan (possibly in December)

- Prioritization/Allocation for Part B (possibly in January)

Suggestions from the floor were:

- Matrix of housing service availability by jurisdiction
- Client knowledge of medication options and client satisfaction with overall medical or medication services comparing 2010 to 2015
- How to include women and youth consumers in client advocacy efforts
- Successful Prevention Strategies
- PrEP Promotion

VIRGINIA DEPT. OF HEALTH REPORTS

Logan A. Dickens, HIV Services Coordinator, reported that as of September 29, 2015 there are **1,615** Northern EMA clients enrolled in Virginia ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program):

- 451 Direct (traditional) ADAP;
- 106 in MPAP (Medicare Part D);
- 194 in ICAP (Insurance Continuation); and
- 861 in HIMAP (Health Insurance Marketplace Assistance Program aka ACA-- Affordable Care Act insurance paid for ADAP clients by VDH).

VDH is gearing up for 2016 ACA Open enrollment

- They have discovered approximately 600 clients on Direct ADAP for eligible for ACA and will be working on enrolling those clients into insurance plans
- The first client letter has been sent out and weekly stakeholder letters will be sent out once open enrollment officially begins
- VDH is currently reviewing insurance plans and Central Pharmacy is in the process of reviewing insurance formularies concluded on September 30th.

The new Case management standards are projected to be posted on the VDH website by October 5th. The train the trainers took place on September 28th in Richmond. The first staff training will take place on October 9th at UVA.

Hepatitis C (HCV)/HIV Treatment Assistance Program

- The VA ADAP Formulary was recently updated to include HCV treatment: sofosbuvir (Sovaldi), ledipasvir + sofosbuvir (Harvoni), ombitasvir + paritaprevir + ritonavir & dasabuvir (Viekira Pak), and ribavirin.
- VDH has received 12 applications and 4 persons have completed treatment.
- VDH is completing a flyer for this program to be distributed to providers and HIV/AIDS organizations and their clients.
- An HCV/HIV Treatment Assistance Program application is needed to access these medications and can be found on the ADAP website.
- For more details, please contact **Daniela Isayev**, ADAP Operations Specialist, at (804) 864-7646 or daniela.isayev@vdh.virginia.gov.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Prevention Committee: Nechelle Terrell, Co-Chair, referred to her announcements at the beginning of the meeting.

PLWH/A Committee: The committee will meet next Wednesday, October 14, from 12 – 2PM. Their regular meeting day is a national holiday.

Case Management & Support Services will meet Oct. 20. The new Part B Case Management standards will be the topic.

NVRC ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT REPORT

Michelle Simmons announced that VHO has again been retained to enroll PLWH/A in Affordable Care Act health insurance plans. They will be contacting agencies soon to schedule times to be available to their clients. The third annual Open Enrollment for these plans starts November 1.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Consortium November 5, 2015 at NVRC from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon.

Minutes Approved as Written With Corrections Tylee Smith 11/16/15
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