

**HIV Consortium Meeting
July 9, 2009
Summary Minutes**

Brent Minor, Chair, called the meeting to order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Inova Juniper training sessions at their Springfield office include:
 - Cultural Competency – all day Aug. 12
 - Facts on AIDS Sept. 9
 - What's Up with STDs, Family Planning and Addictions Sept. 22, 2:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- Inova is recruiting for a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with a Mental Health focus for the new Arlington clinic
- Phillip Bailey of NAPWA attended the recent ACRIA (AIDS Community Research Initiative of America) workshop on Capacity Building for HIV & Aging.
- Phillip also distributed the NAPWA Consumer Advocacy Project Consent Form.
- Michelle Simmons reported that NVRC's session with HAB/HRSA staff as part of their site visit to DC HAA went very well.
- Tylee Smith attended an online training for Recruiting, Hiring & Supporting HIV Positive Peers in HIV Care & Treatment presented by the PEER Center at Boston University. They have training curricula for other trainers.
- Inova Juniper's grant from VDH (Virginia Dept. of Health) for HIV testing of all patients has begun at the Inova Alexandria Hospital Emergency Dept. The overall Inova Health System has adopted a policy for routine testing of all patients except those who decline.

OPEN MIKE

No one signed up to talk during open mike.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were approved as written.

NOMINATIONS PROCESS FOR UPCOMING CONSORTIUM ELECTIONS

Brent Minor, Chair, reminded those present that Northern Virginia HIV/AIDS Consortium elections occur in September. Carol Jameson, the Vice Chair ascends to the chairmanship; the nominations process seeks to identify one or more candidates for Vice Chair.

Duties of the Vice Chair include:

- presiding in the absence of the Chair;
- advising and assisting the Chair; and
- attending Executive Committee meetings.

Brent will appoint the Nominations Committee and send the list of members to Michelle Simmons. Procedures and qualifications for voting are found in the bylaws.

NOMINATIONS PROCESS FOR PLANNING COUNCIL SEATS

Michelle Simmons reminded Consortium members that the Membership Committee of the Metropolitan Washington Regional Health Services Planning Council is seeking names to send through the nominating process. Those who are interested and have the time to serve should contact Carol, Brent or Michelle. Planning Council members agreed to track down an application form. It was mentioned that at one time the Planning Council sought out Part B representation from Virginia; Steve Bailey from VDH was mentioned. The group decided someone familiar with Virginia Medicaid policies would be especially useful. Current members from Northern Virginia: Wade Menear, David Hoover and Robert Smith; have indicated that are willing to serve again.

VENDOR PROFILES:

Northern Virginia Area Health Education Center (AHEC)

Dent Farr explained Ryan White medical providers may schedule an in-person interpreter for many languages by calling AHEC. There is no charge to the client or the agency. In 2008-2009 AHEC translated for 209 individual Ryan White clients and this number has increased every year. They have a newly developed expertise in American

Sign Language (ASL). Dent was encouraged to keep the Case Management & Support Services Committee apprised of their Ryan White funding needs so these may be considered as reallocations are considered.

AHEC interpreters receive special training in medical terminology and confidentiality and interact directly with the client during the medical visit. They do some translation for VDH in other parts of the state and for other organizations that pay for the service. AHEC also offers training in how to work effectively through an interpreter.

While certification for medical translators is not currently required in most states, it is under consideration in Virginia. Additional areas of need that were identified were medication instructions for prescription bottles and patient information in various languages: i.e., viral loads, CD4 counts, etc. The Primary Medical Committee was asked to develop a list of needs in this area and to look for existing resources.

Inova Juniper Program (IJP), Arlington Clinic

Karen Berube thanked all those who participated in the open house June 17 and reported that all IJP services except Nutrition Counseling will eventually be available at this location. Presently they offer appointments with an MD once a month and a bilingual English/Spanish Eligibility Worker once a week. A nurse practitioner and a medical case manager are always available. Mental health counseling (individual and group) and substance abuse treatment are offered. IJP is looking for a psychiatrist who would see clients here. Now that the clinic is up and running, new patients who want this clinic to be their home clinic can be seen there from their first visit. About 20 clients a week from other IJP sites who want to be seen in Arlington are being transferred over (not just former Whitman-Walker clients).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Primary Care Committee

Debbie Bowers reported the committee will meet here on July 20 at 1 p.m.

Public Affairs

Bob Atkins reported that the committee is working on a presentation for the September Consortium meeting on educating office seekers on the needs of PWAs (People with HIV/AIDS). Both candidates for Governor will be invited. The presentation will include guidelines for 501.c.3 organizations to follow to engage in legislative education without violating the lobbying rules for non-profits. Beth Robinson has met with Virginia General Assembly reps.

Case Management & Support Services

Jane Beddoe announced that the committee is preparing for the September 15th Conference. It will include a presentation on a peer support program. The committee will meet here on July 14 at noon. Meetings now include a presentation describing the services of a member organization and a short program on a more general social service.

PEER ADVOCACY OF TREATMENT ADHERENCE

Motion #1:

David Hoover moved and Carol Jameson (?) seconded a motion that the chair appoint an Ad Hoc Committee on Peer Advocacy/System Navigators. The motion passed unanimously. Phillip Bailey and Susan Carr of VDH volunteered to serve.

VDH UPDATES

- Susan Carr reported that centralized eligibility determination for ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program) has begun in Prince William County. Issues are being identified and addressed.
- HRSA has awarded supplemental Part B funds to VDH to enhance the delivery of services.
- The Virginia Community Planning Group has new members and will focus on prevention and treatment policies. Elaine Martin and Rosalyn Cousar co-chair the group.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- August 6 Consortium – Meeting Cancelled.
- August 17 Executive Committee – Review of Nominations Received.
- September 3 Consortium – Public Affairs.

Minutes ___ Approved as Written ___ With Corrections

Tylee Smith

Date