

**HIV Consortium Meeting
February 4, 2010
Summary Minutes**

Carol Jameson, Chair, called the meeting to order at the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) offices.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Michelle Simmons announced a Ryan White contractors meeting on quality improvement and reporting software transition planning for Thursday, Feb. 18, at 11:30 here at NVRC. Since it precedes the Consortium Executive Committee session at 1:00 p.m., lunch will be provided for those attending both meetings.
- David Hoover reported that the final quality assurance trainings will be held in Norfolk Feb. 11
- The All Grantees meeting will be in Richmond May 5. There will be financial assistance for lodging and transportation for several PWAs to attend.
- Jane Beddoe invited Consortium members to sign up as teams for NOVAM's bowling tournament NOVAM's 1st Annual Bowling Extravaganza! Sunday, March 7, 2010; 1-4:30pm.
- Ron Scheraga and Phillip Bailey reported that several people from Suburban Virginia spoke to legislators at AIDS Awareness Day at the Virginia General Assembly on Wednesday, Feb. 3. The event was organized by VORA, Virginia Organizations Responding to AIDS.
- Brinda Ross-Lee announced that Medicorp changed its name to Mary Washington Healthcare.
- Beth Robinson reported that the Loudoun AIDS Coalition will meet at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the Shenandoah Building in Leesburg.
- The Planning Council's Fiscal Oversight & Accountability Committee will meet Feb. 9.
- AIDS Watch will be April 26 and 27.

OPEN MIKE

No one asked to speak.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of January 7, 2010, were amended to show that Susan Carr reported for the Virginia Department of Health. The minutes were then approved.

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

Consumer Advocacy Project (CAP): An Update

Stephen Bailous, Vice President for Community Affairs for the National Association of People With AIDS (NAPWA), described how this national organization had a Ryan White contract to provide conflict resolution services throughout the DC, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia areas within the Greater Washington Eligible Metropolitan Area (DC EMA). This is the only part of the country where they are contracted to try to resolve disagreements over services between people with HIV/AIDS and service providers when the parties are unable to resolve issues on their own. The overwhelming majority of CAP work is consumer mediation where CAP remains a neutral party to ensure an honest discussion resolves the problem; the client remains in care (their primary goal); and the Client /Provider relationship is improved. Either a PWA or an agency may contact CAP through a 24-hour toll-free hotline: 1-866-846-9366 or www.napwa.org. CAP also conducts at least one consumer resolution process workshop annually for service providers in the DC EMA.

NAPWA will have a new report out this spring showing the types of complaints received and their outcomes. No national figures are available for comparison as other Planning Councils handle complaint resolution in other ways.

VENDOR PROFILES:

David Hoover, Education Program Manager of the Inova Juniper Program, described how their HIV education services began in the late 1980's. Clinical services were added later with Ryan White funds. Now serving over 1200 patients from 6 sites, they are the largest HIV services provider in Northern Virginia. Their Reston/Herndon and Route 1 clinics are co-located with Fairfax County Health Dept. Services include: primary medical care, mental health and addiction counseling, AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance, dental care, health education, medical case

management, nutrition counseling and their newest service: health insurance co-payment assistance. They take insurance and undertake research studies.

PLANNING COUNCIL REPORT

David Hoover reported that Laurence Smith is the new chair of the DM EMA Planning Council. The officers and new members were sworn in by the mayor of DC this morning. The Planning Council has decided to devote an additional year to studying the geographic allocation of its funds and will only make minor changes to next year's funding formula.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Primary Care Committee

Carol Jameson, Chair of the Consortium, recognized Debbie Bowers for her active roles as Vice Chair of the Consortium and Chair of the Primary Care Committee. Beth Robinson will be the new Chair of this committee. She will be contacting members by email to arrange the next meeting.

Prevention Committee

Nechelle Terrell announced that the two National Black AIDS Day events planned for Feb 7 had been postponed. The Committee will meet Feb. 12 at the Arlington Health Department's Walter Reed Drive offices.

Case Management and Support Services Committee

Jane Beddoe reported that the Committee will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at noon at NVRC to continue work on their 2010 Work Plan.

Charge to all Committees

Michelle Simmons of NVRC reminded all committees that one of their major responsibilities was to contribute their expertise to the annual Ryan White planning process, which will begin in April or May. Each committee is to submit a report outlining trends in clients served, gaps in services, and recommendations for changes to or continuation of services.

NVRC UPDATES

- Michelle Simmons announced that the CSCS (Care Strategy, Coordination & Standards) Committee of the Planning Council is planning to issue Primary Medical standards of care. They would like input from Infectious Disease physicians. Medicorp/Mary Washington Healthcare volunteered. They have issued Standards of Care for Medical Case Management. Our Case Management & Support Services Committee will try to recruit reviewers who can recommend next steps for Suburban Virginia Case Management services.
- NVRC has received next year's Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) from HAHSTA. It offers level funding for services in Suburban Virginia.

VDH UPDATES

- Rhonda Thissen, MSW, the contract monitor for Northern Virginia; reported that VDH is preparing to submit their application for next year's Part B funding on February 26.
- Arlington is the sixth and newest site for centralized eligibility for ADAP, the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. Clients deal with a Personal Services Representative from PSI by telephone, but continue to receive their medications from their local health department.
- House Bill 160, introduced in the Virginia General Assembly, would require the Department of Corrections to test for HIV in all their facilities. Prospects for passage are uncertain.

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

- February Executive Committee will meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb.18 as the 3rd Monday is a federal holiday
- March 4 at 10:00 a.m. Consortium. Rhonda Thissen will present an overview of changes to Advance Directives legislation that went into effect July 1, 2009.

Minutes Approved as Written With Corrections _____
Tylee Smith Date