

**HIV Consortium Meeting  
September 2, 2010  
Summary Minutes**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

David Hoover announced that Valerie Bampoe, Community Health Educator, is the new registrar for Inova Juniper Program (IJP) workshops and training opportunities. The next "The FACTS" HIV/AIDS overview training will be held at IJP on Sept. 21 and the next "Fundamentals of HIV/AIDS" training will be Sept. 19 and 20. The IJP fall conference will be downstairs at the IJP offices in Springfield Nov. 16.

Jan-Hendrik Van Leeuwen announced that VORA, the Virginia Organizations Responding to AIDS, will be having its annual meeting September 21 at Inova Juniper. Chuck Panozzo of the band STYX, a PLWH, will be speaking. Everyone is invited.

Alexandria Health Department is relocating and expanding its Adolescent Health Center to the T.C. Williams High School campus, where it will be called the Teen Wellness Center.

**OPEN MIKE**

No one indicated a desire to use the Open Mike comment period.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes of April 2010 minutes, were approved as submitted.

**DEVELOPMENTS WITH MEDICATIONS FOR HIV/AIDS AND RELATED CONDITIONS**

Stephanie J. Spence, PharmD Clinical Pharmacy Specialist with Prosperity Specialty Pharmacy, reviewed many medications with their uses and side effects. She designs adherence programs for many different medical conditions including HIV/AIDS. She talked about clinical insights into HIV/AIDS including barriers to medication adherence, side effects and drug interactions. Dr. Spence stressed that prescription drugs may be affected not only by other prescription medications, but also antacids, histamine blockers, anti-fungals, anticonvulsants, anxiety medications, herbals, oral contraceptives, statins, and anti-depressives. Any patient can ask their medical provider to arrange for a Medication Therapy Management or pharmaceutical consultation around their individual regimen. She also mentioned the American Academy of HIV Medicine (AAHIVM), an independent organization dedicated to promoting excellence in HIV/AIDS care. AAHIVM offers HIV Specialist™ (AAHIVS) or HIV Expert (AAHIVE) certifications, credentials which may be used to assess the knowledge and experience of medical providers.

**INVOLVEMENT WITH THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA CLERGY COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF HIV/AIDS**

Gloria Addo-Ayensu, M.D., M.P.H., Director of the Fairfax County Health Department spoke of their efforts to engage faith communities in fighting HIV/AIDS and AIDS. African American congregations were the first to respond. One result is a 14-minute locally-developed video promoting HIV/AIDS prevention in the African American community, which is disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS. *Break the Silence* illustrates the gravity of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and addresses some of the complex barrier issues, such as denial and stigma. View *Break the Silence* online from [Channel 16](#) or on [You Tube](#). The umbrella group for this effort, the Clergy Council, is now reaching out to the Muslim and Latino communities. Read more at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/breakthesilence](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/breakthesilence). Other local Health Departments are invited to join this initiative and are sent monthly reports.

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR (CHAIR ELECT)**

David Hoover, Chair of the Nominations Committee, presented their nomination of Keith Callahan for this post. Keith addressed the group and spoke of his readiness to serve. There were no nominations from the floor and he was elected unanimously.

**PLANNING COUNCIL REPORT**

David Hoover reported for the Planning Council that the Administrative Agent for West Virginia has withdrawn. The DC Dept. of Health will administer their funds directly, at least temporarily.

The federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has issued the Part A guidance, instructions for applying for the FY 2012-13 EMA grant from HRSA. Grantee and Administrative Agent staff will put together the application that is due in mid-October. HRSA has also issued Part B guidance to the states. The RFA for FY 2011-12 has been released for the metro area.

Part A Allocations including all Virginia's requests were formally approved at the August meeting of the Planning Council.

Anthony Harbour, Planning Council member, has moved out of state and left his position at Food and Friends.

#### **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

##### ***Mental Health and Substance Abuse***

Renee Pryor-Johnson, Co-Chair, reported that the committee will no longer meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Instead, they will now meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, still at 11:00 a.m. at Inova.

##### ***Public Affairs***

David Hoover and Bob Atkins encouraged people to be sure they are registered to vote, but to also attend candidate forums and ask questions about HIV/AIDS care and issues.

#### **VDH UPDATES**

- Pamela D. Whitaker, HIV Services Coordinator and Part B contract Manager, introduced herself, as did Rachel Rees, ADAP Coordinator.
- Susan Carr has left the contracting section and returned to prevention programs within the Virginia Department of Health.
- VDH will be contacting Virginia Consortium administrators individually to finalize Part B awards for the current year.
- Rachel Rees, ADAP program representative, announced that centralized eligibility for ADAP will be starting in Fairfax County in October. ADAP enrollment and costs (\$250,000 per week) are rising steadily and the staff is consulting stakeholders about possible cost containment policies. There will soon be a new website to show trends and possible actions. In response to a question on health care reform, she encouraged all those eligible for Medicare Part D to apply for ADAP which can fund their "donut hole" costs.

#### **NVRC ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT UPDATES**

- Amelia Khalil was introduced as NVRC's new Senior Contract Officer/Quality Manager. Amelia has participated in Virginia's Cross-Part Collaborative on HIV Quality Management with several Northern Virginia Ryan White vendors.
- The Virginia Department of Health and NVRC's joint application for a SPNS capacity building grant for \$100,000 to develop a Standard Electronic Client Information Data System throughout Suburban Virginia was approved by HRSA. It will expedite and simplify the transition to CAREWare by NVRC and its HIV services contractors.
- A small contingent of metro Washington Ryan White administrators, including staff from NVRC, met at the All-Grantees Meeting with the new federal Part A Project Officer from HRSA. He is Benji Hair who is also the Part B Project Officer for Virginia.
- Shelley Taylor-Donahue, HIV Services Planner with the Virginia Department of Health, asked for two representatives from Suburban Virginia to participate in a brain-storming conference call the week of Sept. 20. They will be suggesting possible collaboration/linkage activities in Virginia between community-based organizations (CBOs) and clinical sites funded by the different parts of the Ryan White grant program. Phillip Bailey, David Hoover, and Paulette Johnson (KI Services) will participate.
- The formal Suburban Virginia RFA for 2011-2010 Ryan White Part A and MAI will be available from the Commission's office or on the Commission's website by the close of business Friday, Sept. 3. Interested parties are invited to visit [www.novaregion.org](http://www.novaregion.org). A pre-application conference will be held at NVRC on Wednesday, September 15, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM.

**THANK YOU TO OUTGOING CHAIR**

On behalf of the entire membership, Debbie Bowers, the incoming chair, thanked Carol Jameson for her year of leadership and presented her with a small gift.

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES**

- September 20, 2010 Executive Committee meeting
- October 7, 2010 Consortium

Minutes \_\_\_ Approved as Written \_\_\_ With Corrections

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Date