

Virginia Community HIV Planning Group
Four Points at Sheraton Hotel, 9901 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, VA
Meeting Summary
October 19, 2018

Members Present: Tim Agar, Sylvester Askins, Rashaad Banks, Roy Berkowitz, Reed Bohn, Shawn Buckner- driving county car from Arlington, Jerome Cuffee (Community Co-Chair), Colin Dwyer, Doug Fogal, Beverly Franklin, Earl Hamlet, John Humphries, Bobby Jones, Russell Jones, Elaine Martin, Eric Mayes, Victor Claros Outlaw, Darryl Payne, Bryan Price, Anthony Seymore, Stanley Taylor, Nechelle Terrell, Robyn Wilson, Gia Martinez,

Absent: Pierre Diaz, Cristina Kincaid, Marquis Mapp, Daisy Diaz, Sylvester Askins, Earl Hamelt, Russel Jones, Joyce Turner, Stacie Vecchiatti,

Others present: Sadie Adkins, Latanya Crawford, Kristin Donovan, Bruce Taylor (Virginia Department of Health)

Greetings and Introductions - Co-Chairs- Elaine Martin and Jerome Cuffee

- Kristin Donovan- New HIV Prevention Planner

Old and New CHPG Business - Planner/Co-Chairs- Kristin Donovan, Elaine Martin, & Jerome Cuffee

- **Approval of August Meeting Summary-** Motion passed to approve the minutes.
- **Co-chair nomination-**
 - Robin Wilson
 - Reed Bohn
 - Nechelle Terrell
- Working on filling all vacancies from VDH
 - Kathleen's old position will be

HIV Prevention Update – Elaine Martin

- No cost extension for 1506 has been granted
- Two Comprehensive Harm reduction running sites
 - Wise county
 - Health Brigade
- Department of Behavioral Health is giving HIV Prevention money to purchase vans
- City council meeting regarding CHR in Roanoke, VA
- VDH submitted a legislative proposal to extend the Sunset clause
- PreP- Eric
 - Currently have 21 PreP sites
 - Added two new sites
 - Added a site in Petersburg
 - Added a site in Fredericksburg
 - 61% of the clients on PreP will be included with Medicaid expansion
 - Trainings-
 - Undoing Racism Training- 1 more for this year and will start more at the beginning on 2019

- Had the Mind, Body, Soul conference
- Had the DIS training
- Social network strategies training planned
- STI clinic training has been planned
- New HIV Testing form will be coming out soon and by January 1 everyone should using the new form.

HIV Care Services Update – Safere Diawara

- Ryan White -
 - The grant application used to be an annual application but now it will be every 5 years
- The New HIV Care Services planner- Ashley Yocum
- Grant Manager position- in the advertising process
- Two Contract monitors will be start on 10/25
- Site Visits are currently being completed
- HCS is currently getting prepared for ACA open enrollment and Medicaid expansion in 2019

DC EMA Update –

- **EMA-**
 - August 2018
 - Motion was passed for the Resource Allocations
 - Motion was passed to accept the entire slate of the PSRA.
 - September 2018
 - September 17th Swearing in of the new body COHAH (Washington DC Regional Commission on Health and HIV)
 - COHAH is the Mayor’s biggest commission. 30+ Commissioners were sworn in.
 - Seven slots available for unaligned Consumers. Need three from the EMA portion of Virginia.
 - Presentation of the Molecular HIV surveillance
 - Explanation of the toolkit. What is Molecular Surveillance?
 - How it is collected
 - How the transmission networks work
 - How the information will be used and how it is protected
 - Next Steps
 - Feedback on how to ensure public has a good understanding
 - Reduce barriers to people seeking and receiving services
- **TGA- Jerome Cuffee**
 - The planning council has struggled the last couple of years of spending the amount of funds given from HRSA. This is the first year in many years that they will not be requesting a carry over.

Regional Updates:

Southwest – Bobby Jones

- Consumer training in southwest
- Continue to follow up with CHR

- Clients in Roanoke and west- now are referred to CCS for services
- Clients around Danville and Martinsville- used to receive services at Sentra now referred to CCS for services
- Wise County Health Department is doing telemedicine with UVA

Northwest – Darryl Payne

- Darryl attended the Mind, Body, soul conference
- There was a QMAC Summit in Charlottesville
- there was a pool party in Charlottesville for the consumers of the client advisory board
- There were two other events that Northwest Consumers attended
 - There was a Mind Body and Soul Conference and 11 consumers attended
 - There was a Consumer Training in Fredericksburg, VA and 45 Consumers attended
 - The topics that were covered were the ACA Ryan White Eligibility Medicaid Expansion and Back to Work and Housing in the Northwest Region.

Northern-

- **Gia Martinez**
 - Trying to find resources for transgender men and women in northern Virginia- asking for resources
 - There is a survey of needs from UVA that will be statewide- hoping this survey will determine the exact needs on the transgender community.
- **Shawn Buckner-**
 - Arlington County has been experiencing budget cuts due to the Medicaid expansion and decrease in funds from the State
 - MOU has been approved and the BHD will be providing HIV testing at offsite locations, such as treatment facilities, Detox, and community events
 - Received a grant to hire 2 part-time Peer Recovery Specialist for 2 years
 - Funds available for individuals living with HIV/AIDS to assist with transportation, housing, etc. Contact person: Kaydian Jones @knjones@arlingtonva.us or 703-228-5237

Eastern – Robyn Wilson

- Mind, Body, and Soul happened last weekend- 90 to 100 people attended
- LGBT life center- in the process of opening up a wellness center (currently in construction)

Central – Robert Rodney

- Oct 25th from 11am-1pm, Daily Planet will be hosting an Open House at their Safe Haven shelter.
- VCU will be holding ACA enrollment events on the following dates
 - Nov 16th from 12p-5p at Diversity Thrift
 - Dec 8 from 10a-2p
- Dec 7 Mental Health First Aid training is being offered through the MA AETC partner site at VCU. Training will run from 8a-5pm at Twin Hickory Library in Glen Allen. CPG's own Marquis Mapp is the trainer. For questions call 804.828.2475 or email Robert.rodney@vcuhealth.org.

- The VHARCC/ MA AETC RP at VCU held Benefits 101 training in Glen Allen Oct 9-10. Partners from DBDHS, DMAS, DSS, Disability Determination office, SSA, and SOAR provided training on Medicare, Medicaid, SSI/SSDI/SOAR, SNAP, TANF, WIC and other social welfare programs. Over 30 medical and non-medical case managers attended. VCU is hoping to offer the course again in March.
- The MA AETC is completing its application for continued funding through Ryan White Part F. As a part of this application process, we are seeking Letters of Support from community partners to submit with the application. Our application is due Nov 18th. If your agency has benefited from the services provided by the AETC and would like to submit a letter, please email Robert.rodney@vcuhealth.org.
- Motivational Interviewing is close to being complete for case managers statewide. VDH has requested the program be expanded and offered to CHARLI case managers. That course will be coming after the New Year.

Medicaid Expansion-

- Safere Presented on the 2019 Medicaid Expansion and the eligibility requirements
 - Care will be available to an additional 400,000 people
 - There is no work requirement for first year of expansion according to DMAS. VDH will be seeking exemption for People living with HIV and TB.
 - ACA Open Enrolment – November 11th through December 15th
 - Medicaid Enrollment- October 15th through December 7th

Discussion of Workgroup effectiveness-

- Wanting Health Disparities to touch base on the transgender community
- Have more subgroup meetings- every meeting
- People are more involved in small groups vs. the quarterly meeting
- Overall purpose to be stated
- Have set chairs for each workgroup
- Subcommittees
 - Drug user health
 - PreP
 - Health Disparities
 - Monitoring and evaluation
- Transportation can be provided with Ryan White funds to get clients to support groups
- Wanting to do an assessment with partner agencies to determine what support groups are offered, needs and the challenges they are having

Working Lunch Topic – *What changes would you like to see within CHPG, especially the work groups to better carry out the mission?*

Working Lunch report- Discussed better strategies for the CHPG Workgroups.

Review and Approval of By-laws - Elaine Martin

- Edit the bylaws that refer to Executive directors not being able to hold a membership.
 - Executive directors can hold a membership if the agency has 5 or less full time (40 hours) employees
 - Case by case situation
 - Based upon demographic or geographical

Membership overview and vacancies

- Kristin presented on 2018 membership recruitment

PreP Adherence

- Marybeth Cox, Robyn Wilson, & Eric reviewed four different case studies to get everyone's opinions and comments.

Meeting Wrap-Up – Elaine Martin**Adjourn- 3:52 PM**