

Virginia Community HIV Planning Group
Four Points at Sheraton Hotel, 9901 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, VA
Meeting Summary
February 22, 2019

Members Present: Reed Bohn, Jerome Cuffee (Community Co-Chair), Doug Fogal, Bobby Jones, Elaine Martin, Eric Mayes, Victor Claros Outlaw, Bryan Price, Robyn Wilson, Gia Martinez, Gennaro Brooks, Sylvester Askins, Rashaad Banks, Shawn Buckner, Colin Dwyer, Earl Hamlet, Darryl Payne, Beverly Franklin, Russell Jones, Jasmine Johnson

Absent: Nechelle Terrell, John Humphries, Daisy Diaz, Pierre Diaz, Anthony Seymore, Stacie Vecchietti, Cristina Kincaid, Marquis Mapp, Joyce Turner,

Others present: Sadie Adkins, Latanya Crawford, Kristen Donovan, Ashley Yocum, Brenna Pevato, Nicole Barron, Rachel Stallings, Chris Barnett, Ted Heck, Diana Jordan (Virginia Department of Health), Misty Johnson (proxy for Rob Rodney)

Greetings and Introductions - Co-Chairs

- **Diana J. presenting Elaine with her award for being with VDH for 30 years.**

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

- **Approval of December Meeting Summary-** Motion passed to approve meeting summary

HIV Prevention Update – Elaine Martin

- Hepatitis team has joined the HIV Prevention team – new name Hepatitis and HIV Prevention (HHP)
- Continuing the racism trainings-
 - Undoing racism trainings
 - Racial Dialogue group
- PrEP update-
 - Adding LGBT life center
 - Clients enrolled in PrEP
 - 80%- Male
 - 18%-Female
 - 2%- Transgender
 - Syringe services
 - Mount Rogers have started Syringe services
 - Now a Harm Reduction Coalition for VA
 - Contact Bruce Taylor
 - A new HIV testing form was implemented in December

HIV Care Services Update – Ashley Yocum

- Working on client transitions from ADAP to Medicaid
 - Until clients are fully enrolled and transitioned to Medicaid, VDH will provide medication access through Direct ADAP and other RWHAP B services as needed and eligible. If clients had ACA insurance in 2018 and have other documented,

life threatening comorbidities that we cannot provide through RWHAP B, please contact Grace Nieves (804-864-8022) to discuss possibilities.

- VDH expects all RWHAP A and B providers to vigorously help clients pursue and enroll in Medicaid.
- New Drug - Trogarzo will be added to the ADAP formulary. VDH will send out communication and post information to the ADAP website when procedures are finalized
- VDH will release a RFP for Ryan White Part B Housing Services in Spring /Summer 2019 and will include funds for Emergency, Short-Term, and Transitional Housing services for up to 24 months.
- Quality Management Advisory Committee (QMAC) meeting- 02/21/19
 - Reviewed Regional Ryan White data and compared it to the Ryan White state data
 - Reviewed the recertification rates for ADAP

Updates –

- **EMA- Doug Fogal**
 - It was announced in December that the Administrative Agents in Virginia and Maryland will be let go of their responsibilities as grant monitors in the EMA. This will end at the end of the grant year. It has been stated by VDH that there will be no gap in services to the clients and all agencies in Northern Virginia receiving Part A funds will be fully funded by VDH with Part B funds starting March 1.
 - Tuesday 26th is a Retreat day for the COHAH. They will be meeting at Gallaudet in DC to do some work on needed tasks.
- **TGA- Jerome Cuffee**
 - Norfolk TGA has received a full grant award
 - In process of issuing contracts
 - Raised the Norfolk poverty from 400% to 500%
 - Quality Management committee- responsible for coming up with project for all TGA

Regional Updates:

Southwest – Bobby Jones

- **VCAC Regional consumer training**

Northwest –

- **Darryl**
 - Adult camp has been canceled due to funding
 - Family camp is in March, and it is usually in April
 - Instituting the Peer work program
 - QMAC in August
 - Greying of HIV conference in August
 - Power point presentation training in Lynchburg, VA

Eastern –

- **Robyn Wilson-**
 - Quarterly BRIDGES757 meeting in January
 - Medical mistrust in the African American community

- LGBT Life Center open as a PrEP site
 - 9 clients came in for PrEP and 7 walked out with PrEP in hand.

Northern—

- **Gia Martinez**
 - New volunteer helping trans individuals navigate name change

Trans Health-

- Presented on Transgender Health Basics and the resources that are and are not available in Virginia. *(See slides.)*

Lunch- 12:00-1:00

Website update- Christopher Barnett gave an overview of the DDP website

- Proposing a work group – Advisory group for the DDP website.
- Sign-up sheet passed. Please email Christopher.barnett@vdh.virginia.gov if you would like to participate. (Work will be completed remotely. This is a great opportunity to provide valuable feedback to benefit the community CHPG serves.)

Hepatitis team-

- Rachel Stallings, Brenna Pevato, and Nicole Barron presented on Hepatitis A,B,& C. They covered the Definition of each infection, Symptoms, Testing, Treatment, and Vaccinations. *(See slides.)*
- Number of ADAP Clients utilizing HCV Treatment in CY2018: 14

Legislative Update- Kristen Donovan

(See spreadsheet for all bills of interest this session.)

- Telemedicine bill- requires insurers to cover services that are in telemedicine.
 - Will be signed March25
- Naloxone
 - Gives School nurses and Health Department employees the ability to have and administer naloxone
 - Reduces the naloxone training to be able to administer naloxone.
- Drug Paraphernalia law- not classifying Fentanyl testing items as paraphernalia
- Pharmacies; Freedom of choice
 - Requires carriers that provide exclusive provider policies and contracts to allow consumers freedom of choice for pharmacy benefits.

Membership- Talked about membership needs for CHPG

- Need members from the far Southwest and Central region. Link: <http://j.mp/2tvQmub>

Meeting Wrap-Up – Elaine Martin

Adjourn- 3:54