

**Virginia Community HIV Planning Group
Hilton Garden Inn Richmond Airport
Meeting Summary**

Members Present: Tim Agar, Odile Attiglah, Chris Barnett, Shimeles Bekele, Roy Berkowitz, Jerome Cuffee, Ruth Fordham (Community Co-Chair), Gregg Fordham, Janet Hall, Robert Hewitt, Cheryl Hoffman, Martha Lees, Elaine Martin (Health Department Co-Chair), Nick Mattsson, Donte' McCutchen, Edward Strickler, Stanley Taylor, Rhonda Turner, Kenieffer Vargas, Chris Widner, Rick Zimmerman

Members Absent: Susan Clinton, Marilyn Freeman, Cristina Kincaid, Mike King (represented), Jenny Kienzle, Diane Oehl, Dorothy Shellman, Adam Thompson, Donald Walker

Other Attendees: Ashley Carter, Kathleen Carter, Cat Hulburt, and Hunter Robertson of the Virginia Department of Health; Donna Cantrell of the Virginia HIV/AIDS Resource and Consultation Center; Bob Martin of Fredericksburg Area HIV/AIDS Support Services (for Mike King); Mauricio Ticus (guest of Martha Lees); George Miller of ViiV Healthcare; Sue Rowland of Virginia Organizations Responding to AIDS (VORA)

Welcome and Introductions

Elaine Martin called the meeting to order at 9AM.

Review of October Meeting Summary

Motion was made and passed to approve the minutes as written.

Old Business: None

New Business

- ∇ *Community Planner* – Elaine is currently screening applications for this position; staff person should be on board by the February 2013 meeting.
- ∇ *Membership* – Today is Keneiffer Vargas' last meeting; she is relocating to the San Francisco area. Concerning recruitment needs, Elaine is looking to fill 5-6 slots for youth (under age 30), Central region reps, Asian/Pacific Islanders, Hispanics, Blacks, and African Americans. Cat encouraged members to use social networking to find potential applicants.

HIV Prevention Update - Elaine Martin

- Elaine stated that she is waiting for the 2013 Notice of Grant Award; we can't move forward until we know what our funding will be.

- VDH is looking to purchase home HIV OraQuick test kits from OraSure Technologies and will be piloting with CBOs to distribute them. These can currently be purchased at Walgreens and CVS for \$39.99.
- Elaine, Heather Bronson, and Ayana Andrews-Joseph attended a CAPUS grantee meeting in Atlanta in November.
- VDH is buying rapid hepatitis C test kits and a one-year hepatitis grant was awarded in the Southwest region.
- The new Adult Viral Hepatitis Coordinator, Laura Walser, starts on December 10.
- Kendra Weindling started as the new Expanded HIV Testing Coordinator on November 25. Sharron Goode-Grant's position will be recruited in January.
- George Miller of ViiV Healthcare talked about attending a PreP meeting in Pennsylvania and about how that state regulates insurance coverage concerning fee for service-managed Medicaid.
- Sue Rowland of VORA announced that AIDS Legislator Awareness Day is Wednesday, January 30th.

HIV Care Update - Hunter Robertson

Financial eligibility has been increased to 400% across the board and this will mean approximately 100 more clients statewide each month (currently 3,800 on ADAP right now). Public hearings begin tonight in Charlottesville, with two others later in the month in Fredericksburg (Dec. 12) and Norfolk (Dec. 18). Rick Zimmerman inquired about whether a live chat session could be added to the hearings to boost attendance, and Hunter stated he would take that into consideration. PCIP applications are being mailed and HIV Care Services is hoping a slow regional process will get the most sound information from clients as the application is lengthy. Hunter asked members to contact eligible clients or their case managers to call the ADAP hotline to get the PCIP process moving. Ramsell Corporation, based in California, has been awarded to provide pharmaceutical benefits management for ADAP's health continuation program. Hunter then announced that there will be a meeting in 2013 to re-examine state case management standards; case management at the state level is the 2nd most used service, serving about 4,100 people a year. HCS staff will present the findings at a future CHPG meeting. Concerning health care reform, Hunter stated that it includes "patient navigators" specific to helping people with insurance measures, but he is not sure at this point how those will function at the state level.

National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) progress in 2012 - Group Discussion

Objective: This discussion will center on accomplishments related to the National HIV/AIDS Strategy thus far, and plans for 2013 achievements.

Cat distributed two handouts – one on relevant goals and timelines and the other on progress made toward the NHAS goals. Concerning Virginia's strategies, the members broke into four small groups to address the four following questions:

- 1) Re: incorporating more services for injection drug users: What are some ideas/thoughts you have about the best way to do this in Virginia?
- 2) What do you feel are the best ways to assess progress towards our goals?

- 3) What still needs to be strengthened in terms of the services we are providing in Virginia?
- 4) What do you see as the potential unintended or negative consequences of Virginia's plan for HIV prevention and care in Virginia?

Each group's facilitator presented his/her group's recommendations. Cat will write up the notes and incorporate them into the update for the Comprehensive Plan.

VDH Policy Re: Service Provision to Minors - Elaine Martin

Objective: Members will become familiar with the VDH policy regarding service provision to minors. Small Group Breakout Discussion: How with this policy impact services?

Minors (under 18) can currently get a variety of services from VDH without parental consent. If parents ask for their child's medical records, however, the file is turned over (does not apply to substance abuse). Minors are asked to sign a disclosure before they get services. There is mandatory reporting for abuse, and a new VDH policy requires that reporting be expanded to health educators and VDH contractors (including VDH staff). VDH currently has five days to provide information. The minor is contacted and if at risk, the case will be "kicked up" to the district director, then to the deputy commissioner before the parent/guardian is notified. VDH contractors were notified of the new policy yesterday at the quarterly meeting. Discussion followed about the new policy and how it will affect counseling in STD and family planning clinics. Elaine talked about "mandated reporters", whether or not they are VDH employees/contractors, concerning the reporting of suspected abuse. She concluded by stating that this is VDH policy; there is no change in the current state law.

Staying in Touch – Keeping the Conversation Going From Afar - Cat Hulburt

Objective: Members will discuss the benefits of different types of discussion boards, listservs etc. to determine the best way to stay in touch between meetings

Cat developed a practice Facebook page for the group. The group discussed how the page could be used for members to stay in touch and stay abreast about what happens at meetings and afterwards. Cat indicated that members would need to open a Facebook account if they don't already have one. Cat urged members to contact Mylam Ly, Social Media Coordinator, at mylam.ly@vdh.virginia.gov for posting testing events and other information on DDP's Facebook page.

Planning for February meeting

Revisit what we want to add to the jurisdictional plan

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3PM.

Elaine Martin, Health Department Co-Chair

Date

