

**Virginia Community HIV Planning Group**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**February 20, 2020**

**Members Present:** Yolanda Alexander, Maria Altonen, Keith Arendall, Sylvester Askins, Reed Bohn, Gennaro Brooks, Shawn Buckner, Robert Cheek, Victor Claros, Ernest Cleveland, Daisy Diaz, Beverly Franklin, Doug Fogal, Earl Hamlet, Bobby Jones, Russell Jones, Rodney Lewis, Daniel Lopez, Elaine Martin (VDH Co-Chair), Gia Martinez, Eric Mayes, Darryl Payne, Doris Plant-Hill, Bryan Price, Alexandria Robinson, Jennifer Shiflett, Anthony Seymore, Nechelle Terrell (Community Co-Chair), Thomas Villa, Robyn Wilson, Marquis Mapp,

**Absent:** Robert Rodney, Pierre Diaz,

**Others present:** Sadie Adkins, Kristen Donovan, Ashley Yocum, Latanya Crawford, Brad Williams (for Rob Rodney), Andre L, Elizabeth Martinez, Larry

**Greetings and Introductions - Co-Chairs**

**Old and New Business-Co-Chairs**

- **Approval of December Minutes- Motion passed to approve the minutes**
- **Update on NHBS IDU Cycle** – Elaine shared that CDC will allow Transgender persons to be seeds in the next IDU cycle.
- **Review of recruitment one pager**
- **Review of Administrative Policies-**
  - Addressed CHPG not responding to email.
  - Reviewed travel regulations
    - Members signed regulations and received copy.
- **General Assembly update**

**Prevention and Care Updates**

- **Prevention –**
  - CHR services started at CCS
  - 12 awarded contracts for the Status Neutral Services Navigation
    - Fredericksburg Area HIV/AIDS Support Services (FAHASS)
    - Strength In Peers
    - Community In Development (CID)
    - Nia Community Development Corporation
    - Minority Health Consortium
    - Minority AIDS Support Services, Inc
    - LGBT Life Center
    - Council of Community Service (CCS)
    - The International Black Women’s Congress
    - NovaSalud
    - Serenity
  - DC, Maryland, VA meeting
    - Discussed regional collaboration for HIV and STD home test kits.

- Discussed PrEP communications- Urging Clinicians not to switch client to Discovy from Truvada immediately. The decision should be made on a case by case basis based.
  - PrEP
    - 200 people on PrEP
    - Started billing in January
    - Added Neighborhood Health as a PrEP site
    - Working on details with Nationz for them to provide sometime of PrEP service.
  - 1509 Bridges757-
    - Ending service delivery in September.
  - 1506 PrEP-
    - Completely closed out
- **HIV Care Services –**
  - Virginia Medication Assistance Program (VA MAP)
    - VA MAP Update as of January 8, 2020

<b>Program Type</b>	<b>Number of Clients</b>
Direct ADAP	2,332
ACA	6,853
Private Insurance	960
Medicare	824
Medicaid Eligible	1,145
Medicaid Enrolled (Confirmed Med Pickup)	295

- According to VDH data, approximately 3000 individuals enrolled in ADAP are Medicaid eligible, but not enrolled. VDH will provide subrecipients with the names of individuals who are eligible but not enrolled and request that case managers work with clients to get enrolled. VDH request that all RWHAP A and B providers continue to vigorously assist clients in pursuing enrollment in Medicaid.
- Regional Clinical Capacity update (Central & Eastern)
  - CAHN recently opened new clinic in Chesterfield that is also serving Petersburg clients.
  - Daily Planet and Crossover are both planning to expand Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services in the Central Region in Grant Year 2020.
  - Exploring the idea of a traveling practitioner.
- VDH is interested in partnering with stakeholders on Rapid Start of Antiretroviral Therapy (or Test & Treat). We are revising/adapting clinical protocols from DC Wellness Clinic to use in Virginia. We would like to partner with providers in the all regions – our goal is to have one Rapid ART provider in each health region (including providers that may not currently have a contract with Ryan White; we are willing to explore new contracts).
  - VDH has some State funds that must be spent by June 30, 2020 that can be utilized to pay for labs, clinician time, and activities that support

adherence counseling for newly diagnosed individuals who are engaged in Rapid Start.

- The next Case Management Summit will take place March 6-7, 2020 at the Hotel Roanoke & Center in Roanoke, Virginia.
- HIPPA Reminder: VDH cannot accept any client information through email.
  - This includes Client level data, PHI, PII. Please use SFTP to share that information or fax info to VDH. If fax, please inform VDH know so they can pick it up and it's not sitting on fax machine.
- VDH will host a Public Hearing in Roanoke, Virginia on Thursday, March 5, 2020 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm at the Roanoke Higher Education Center. A flyer will be sent out with all the information. A focal point will be the Southwest region, but is open to all and we encourage everyone who can to participate.
- VA MAP is asking:
  - Please ensure the supporting documents submitted with an application or recertification are legible. Please ensure submitted documents are appropriate and relevant to the submitted application.
  - Please continue to identify and enroll Medicaid eligible clients into Medicaid. Benalytics is available to assist clients with contacting Cover Virginia to complete the enrollment process.
- Department of Health and Human Services updated the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) effective January 27, 2020. For as a household of one (1) the FPL is now \$12,760. This impacts Medicaid and Ryan White eligibility income requirements and thresholds have increased (see example below).

Medicaid Eligibility	Ryan White Eligibility
<i>Examples of Household Size &amp; Income</i>	<i>Examples of Household Size &amp; Income</i>
Household size of <u>1</u> \$17,628 annually or \$1,469 per month	Household size of <u>1</u> \$63,800 annually
Household of size of <u>4</u> \$36,168 annually or \$3, 012 per month	Household of size of <u>4</u> \$131,000

**TGA, EMA and Regional Updates- Regional Reps**

- **COHAH- Doug Fogal**
  - Committee Reports
    - Research and Evaluation Committee (REC) – have completed a draft of the unmet needs consumer survey (Needs Assessment). Will be submitting a draft to the DC Internal Review Board next month (February 2020). Will be working with the DC DIS to see how they can assist in reaching the focus population.
    - Integrated Strategies Committee (ISC) – The ISC is actively working on the U=U and Trauma informed Care position papers with George Washington University. Drafts should be ready for the COHAH body to review by next month (February 2020). They are also working on an

outline for a draft paper on Immigrants and the services they receive. That paper should be in draft form in the next three or so months.

- Community Engagement and Education Committee (CEEC) – Committee continues to work on their work plan for the year. The Listening Sessions are put on hold at the moment as they are looking at other entities who are doing the same thing and they decide how they can collaborate and support those entities.
- Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) – The committee has met and reviewed financial reports. They also will begin to plan for PSRA 2020.
- COHAH Retreat will take place February 27, 2020 at Gallaudet University as well the General COHAH Body meeting will also take place at Gallaudet University that evening at the meeting time.
- **Eastern TGA-** Beverly Franklin
  - Planning council met on Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.
    - We first accepted all minutes from our two previous meeting due to no having quorum in our October meeting.
    - Membership and nomination reported out they need help with recruitment on members, especially consumers.
    - Ask the committee if they had any suggestion on what we could do more of to boost our consumers. We will be hosting a one-day retreat for our consumers to revitalize and energize them for new membership and thought for projects in the New Year. This will be held in March and we will have a larger retreat in August which Part B has state they would help us in making it a statewide retreat other than just for Eastern. Still working that out with the power that be. This is coming out of our Consumer Advisory Committee.
    - Discussed the outcome of the budget and how the spending went for 2019-2020 calendar and that Quality Improvement & Strategic Planning committee would set up a proposal to come up for vote in next planning council meeting on raising some caps in categories, so we can use the money in these categories more efficiently. That decision was made after we reviewed our expenditure report from Priorities, Allocation and Policies Committee and look at the categories that could benefit from raising the caps and allocating more money in those categories. The committee had great conversation on these topics and we adjourn 30 minutes later than our normal time. We also had our HOPWA report new up incoming projects for YR2020-2021 and the projects are going to be for our younger adults. We are eager to see this roll out and how our consumers use the program.
- **VACAC-** Sylvester Askins
  - The members of the VACAC Executive committee attended a Building Leaders of Color (BLOC) training in Charlottesville, VA January 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. It was a collaboration between VDH, VCU, and NMAC.
  - Our first regional training for 2020 will be held in Norfolk, in June. A specific date and list of topics is not available yet.
- **Southwest Region-** Bobby Jones

- **Northwest Region-** Darryl Payne
  - Brutha to Brutha Series- for gay and bisexual men
    - Feb 13th Love, Sex, and Play (Healthy Intimacy)
    - Feb 20th Reality Check (Mind ,Body and Soul )
    - Feb. 27th Secure that Coin (Money Matt)
      - Location: 1115 Cool Nest Fredericksburg, Va.
      - Time : 6pm-9pm
  - Teas and Tiaras
    - Conversation on girls and women's issues Please come dressed to impress with your most glamorous Tiaras
      - On Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> , 2020 at from 1:00 – 4:00pm
      - Location: University of Mary Washington, Lee Hall College Ave.
      - In honor of National Women’s and Girls HIV/Aids Awareness Day
  - Wednesday Wellness Women's
    - March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:00pm
  - Self Support Group
    - 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:00pm
  - Client Advisory Board
    - March 17, 2020 at 5:00pm
  - UVA ID CLINIC
    - Men's Support on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm
    - Annual Family Camp on April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>
    - Client Advisory Board Meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00pm
    - TBA Women's Support Group in the Pipeline
- **Eastern Region-**
  - Working on the new SNSN contracts
- **Northern Region-**
  - Alexandria Commission on HIV/AIDS (ACOHA) submitted a letter to Alexandria City Council in regards to HB 864 HIV Decriminalization Bill. ACOHA Commissioner Andrew Torre (also a Case Manager at Neighborhood Health Services/NHS) along with Sarah Taylor, Alexandria Legislative Director, attended the hearings.
  - The Getting to Zero Alexandria grant ended on 12/31/19. During the course of the grant, 16,476 HIV were provided with about 60% of those test from NHS universal testing, 13 new HIV+ results, 13 HIV+ were linked to care and 82 **[note: Nechelle incorrectly stated 42 at the meeting, the correct number is 82]** partners initiated from new and lost HIV+ cases. **[Note: these numbers are through 12/26/2019. Final numbers can be obtained by request]** Additional stats can be provided upon request.
  - Inova Juniper Staff Changes - Leigh Guarinello, former Education and Prevention Manager, has been promoted to a different department within Inova Health Services. Rodney Lewis is serving at Interim/Acting manager at this time.
  - NOVASalud, Inc is offering a free legal clinic on Name and Gender Marker Change to be held Feb. 22, 2-5 p.m.
- **Central-** Rob Rodney

- **Exhibit: Voices form Richmond’s Hidden Epidemic at the Valentine.** Now – May 25. Richmond’s rate of HIV infection, currently ranked 19th nationally, is exacerbated by high concentrations of poverty, lack of sex education in public schools and the continuing opioid epidemic. Featuring oral histories collected by Laura Browder and Patricia Herrera with accompanying photographic portraits by Michael Simon, *Voices from Richmond’s Hidden Epidemic* offers a nuanced look at the HIV/AIDS crisis through the stories of survivors, caregivers, activists and health care workers on the front lines.
- **Health Brigade Event: Cocktails for a Cause.** May 27<sup>th</sup> 4-8pm., join us for our charitable happy hour to support [Health Brigade](#) at Byrd House. Enjoy drinks specials during our monthly Cocktails for a Cause happy hour where 15% of the proceeds are donated to this local charity.
- **Nationz Foundation Program:** How to Master Your Coinz \$: How to Raise Your Credit Score. Tuesday, Feb 25 6-8pm
- **Nationz Foundation Food Pantry:** Nationz has now partnered with Panera Bread to add baked breads and pastries to their food pantry for more details contact Nationz.
- **QMAC Quarterly-** Ashley Yocum
  - VDH’s Quality Management Advisory Group met on Wednesday, February 19. The topics were:
    - HIPAA Training
    - Preliminary review of the Statewide GY19 Quality Improvement Project (QIP) related to Viral Suppression
    - Breakout session on Stigma from the provider’s perspective
    - HIV Continuum of Care update
    - Review of GY2020 QMAC Event dates and locations (See schedule below), Proposed QIP Topics

**GRANT YEAR 2020 RYAN WHITE PART B QUALITY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES CALENDAR**

EVENT	DATES	LOCATIONS	NOTES
<b>VACAC Regional Trainings</b>	<b>June 2020</b>	<b>East</b>	
	<b>July 15, 2020</b>	<b>Southwest</b>	
	<b>August 25, 2020</b>	<b>Charlottesville</b>	*Same week of Aug. QMAC
	<b>September 23, 2019</b>	<b>(Northern)</b>	DC COHA Meeting 9/24
	<b>October 20, 2020</b>	<b>Short Pump</b>	*Same week of QM Summit
<b>QMAC Quarterly Meetings*</b>	<b>May 20, 2020</b>	<b>Southwest</b>	
	<b>August 26, 2020</b>	<b>Charlottesville</b>	RW Conference August 11 – 14th
	<b>February 24, 2021</b>	<b>Eastern</b>	
<b>QM Summit</b>	<b>October 21, 2020</b>	<b>Short Pump</b>	

<b>Case Management Summit</b>	<b>February 26-27,2021</b>	<b>Newport News</b>	
<b>Other Scheduled Dates Affecting Ryan White Stakeholders</b>			
<b>CPHG</b>	4/16/2020 6/19/2020 8/13/2020* 10/14-16/2020^ 12/10/2020		<i>*Week of Ryan White Conference ^New Members Orientation &amp; Retreat</i>
<b>Quarterly Contractors Meeting</b>	3/4/2020 6/3/2020 09/02/2020 12/2/2020*		<i>*Teleconference</i>

**Reviewed Goal One of Integrated Plan – Kristen**

**Agency Spot light- Inova**

**Recruit volunteers for energizer- Beverly Franklin**

**Recruit volunteers for agency spotlights/member spotlights- Sylvester Askins**

**Housing individual presentations**

- **DBHDS Permanent Supportive Housing**
- **HOPWA**
- **Northern Virginia Family Service**
- **Council of Community Services**
- **Nationz Foundation**
- **Safe Haven – Daily Planet**
- **Hanover Safe Harbor**

**Meeting Wrap up – Co- Chairs**

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- **Evaluation**

**Adjourn – 3:15**