Virginia Community HIV Planning Group Call Summary October 14, 2021

Members Present: Tim Agar Yolanda Alexander, Darryl Cannady, Stephen Clark, Doug Fogal, Beverly Franklin, Leah Gregory, Shauntelle Hammonds, Deidre Johnson, Russell Jones, Daniel Lopez, Elaine Martin (VDH Co-Chair), Shannon Meade, Anjeni' Moore, Darryl Payne, David Pintor, Doris Plant-Hill, Clay Porter, Bryan Price, Michelle Reed, Alexandria Robinson, Robert Rodney, Thomas Rodriguez-Schucker, Jennifer Shiflett, Vanessa Slaughter, Nechelle Terrell (Community Co-Chair), Thomas Villa

Absent: Maria Altonen, Antonia Bowman, Gennaro Brooks, Robert Cheek, Victor Claros, Julianna Flesher, Anthony Hayden, Bobby Jones, Rodney Lewis (proxy: Anthony Rodriquez), Joseph Lyttle, Gia Martinez

Others present: Kristen Donovan, Ashley Yocum, Sadie Adkins, Cameron Rose, Felencia McGee, Deryk Jackson, Eric Mayes, Christian Ryan, Lori Beck, Marquietta Alston, Dwight Rackley, Jason Watler

Greetings and Introductions – Elaine Martin

- Attendance
- Approved September minutes- Approved VIA email

Prevention and Care Updates

- Prevention:
 - Living Beyond Our Status Second Zoom Session
 - The Living Beyond Our Status program designed for and by persons living with HIV/AIDS for 15 years or more will host its second zoom session on October 22nd from 6:00PM until 7:30PM. The interactive session *Healthy Living/Healthy Weight* will focus on living your best life, good nutrition, importance of food safety, maintaining a healthy weight for you and fun exercises. As an added bonus you will receive tips on how to take care of your mind and overall wellbeing including practicing mindful movement, relaxation techniques and breathing exercises.
 - The event will be full of energy and excitement! You don't want to miss it!
 - Register as soon as possible, but no later than October 12th, at https://redcap.link/LBOSHealthyLiving. For questions about registration, contact Marquietta Alston at marquietta.alston@vdh.virginia.gov
 - o CHARLI is now CHARLII
 - CHARLI is changing its acronym to CHARLII (Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Resources and Linkages for Individuals experiencing Incarceration). This subtle but progressive change aligns with our efforts to consistently ensure that we recognize people as human beings first rather than by their circumstance(s), conditions, or illnesses. For questions about the CHARLII program contact Susan Carr at

susan.carr@vdh.virginia.gov

o CHR Data Updated

- DDP's CHR page now includes updated data for January-June 2021 and can be viewed at https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/disease-prevention/chrdata/. For additional information or data on the program, please contact Bruce Taylor, Drug User Health Coordinator, at bruce.taylor@vdh.virginia.gov.
- CDC Notice of Funding Opportunity PS22-2203
 - On September 21, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced the publication of Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) PS22-2203: Comprehensive High-Impact HIV Prevention Programs for Young Men of Color Who Have Sex with Men and Young Transgender Persons of Color. To access the Announcement and Application Package:
 - 1. Go to: http://www.grants.gov
 - 2. Select: "Applicants" from the top menu
 - 3. Select: "Apply for Grants"
 - 4. Select: "Download a Grant Application Package"
 - 5. In the "Funding Opportunity Number" box, type the number formatted as: CDC-RFA-PS22-2203
 - The application deadline is <u>November 19, 2021, 11:59 p.m. Eastern</u> Standard Time.
 - For additional information, please visit the PS22-2203 website
 http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/funding/announcements/ps22-2203/index.html.
 http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/fun

• Care:

- o New Updates:
 - VA MAP Updates:
 - 1. VA MAP recommends visiting the website at least once a week to remain current on all changes, additions, and other important programmatic information.
 - 2. The following updates have been posted to the VA MAP website (www.vdh.virginia.gov/disease-prevention/vamap/):
 - o The Virginia Medication Assistance Program (VA MAP) has updated its policies regarding applicants with Low Income Subsidy (LIS) assistance. Applicants with LIS who meet VA MAP eligibility criteria will be provided cost sharing assistance, regardless of the amount of their subsidy (i.e., partial or full). Please read the policy located on the VA MAP website under the Recent Announcements tab (www.vdh.virginia.gov/disease-prevention/vamap/).
 - Per the Health Resources & Services Administration
 (HRSA) guidelines, clients must recertify every six months
 (6-month & annual recertification) to maintain eligibility
 for services. As the Virginia Medication Assistance
 Program (VA MAP) transitions to a new data system,
 Provide, VA MAP wants to ensure all client eligibility is
 current. Clients without a current eligibility date will
 receive notification to complete a full eligibility assessment
 (i.e. recertification) using the Provide web portal

(vacare.providecm.net). Self-attestations will not be accepted in this eligibility initiative. As always, case managers, providers or other helpful individuals can assist clients in completing the assessments. VA MAP is sending reminder letters to clients based on a monthly distribution schedule over the next six months. Letters will provide a due date for the clients to submit their eligibility documents to the program. Clients will be removed from the VA MAP list of eligible clients and will not be able to use VA MAP services if their documents are not received by the due date. Subrecipients can obtain a list of their clients that need recertifications completed for each month. Please follow the process used during the Special Enrollment Period (SEP) and submit your agency's client list through the Cerberus (SFTP) folders. The VA MAP data manager will match your list to the monthly recertification master list and provide the results through the Cerberus folders. VA MAP requests that case managers and providers do not submit recertifications for clients already known to not be utilizing VA MAP services. These clients do not need to recertify; their needless recertifications will strain the processing time and may negatively affect clients that truly need assistance from VA MAP. Also, do not submit recertifications early for clients. Recertifications submitted more than 30 days before the VA MAP due date will not be counted as their official recertification. A template of the standard client letter used in this initiative is on the VA MAP website (www.vdh.virginia.gov/diseaseprevention/vamap/) under Recent Announcements. Please call the VA MAP Call Center (855-362-0658) if you have questions about the process.

- 3. On Monday, August 30, the Virginia Medication Assistance Program (VA MAP) and Groupware Technologies (GTI) launched the Phase 1 implementation of the PROVIDE system.
 - O Phase 1 implementation focuses on VA MAP services (i.e., medication services). VA MAP eligibility assessments (i.e., new applications and recertifications) can be entered into PROVIDE using the new web portal, vacare.providecm.net. A user guide illustrating how to complete an assessment is available on the web portal.
 - VA MAP highly encourages clients, case managers, and providers to use this electronic method for submission of VA MAP eligibility assessments and supporting documentation. Paper documents will still be accepted for a 30-day period. As of October 1, 2021 all eligibility assessments should be submitted electronically.

- 4. Open enrollment season is quickly approaching:
 - Open Enrollment period for 2022 Medicare coverage is from October 15, 2021 to December 7, 2021.
 - Open Enrollment period for 2022 ACA coverage is from November 1, 2021 to December 15, 2021.
 - VA MAP will provide specific communications to both our clients and community partners in the upcoming weeks.

5. VA MAP Recertifications

- According to HRSA standards, all clients must recertify twice a year in order to remain eligible for VA MAP (ADAP) services.
- VA MAP will be sending all clients communications regarding recertification for the Program.
- More information regarding Recertifications will be posted to the website.

Ongoing-Updates:

- HIPPA Reminder: VDH has been receiving non-secure emails that contain PHI and PII. As a reminder, VDH cannot accept any client information through email unless it is encrypted and sent through secure email.
 - 1. This includes Client level data, Personal Health Information (PHI), and/or Personal Identifiable Information (PII)
 - 2. If you need to communicate information that includes any PHI or 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.
 - 3. If you are a client, please do not send your personal information through email to VDH. Please call VDH to discuss your needs.

Elections

- Community Co-Chair
 - o Thomas Villa
 - o Clay Porter
 - o Darryl Cannady
 - o Bryan Price
- Bylaws Committee
 - o Tim Agar
 - o Thomas Rodriguez- Schucker
 - o Clay Porter
 - o Darryl Cannady
 - o Deirdre Johnson
 - Elaine Martin
- Membership Committee
 - o Beverly Franklin
 - o Thomas Rodriguez-Schucker

- Shannon Meade
- o Michelle Reed
- o Rodney Lewis
- o Deirdre Johnson
- David Pintor
- Elaine Martin
- Regional Reps
- Finalize 2022 Dates
 - o January 13
 - o February 14
 - o March 18
 - o April 15
 - o Maay19
 - o June 16
 - o July 15
 - o August 19
 - o September 15
 - o October 13
 - o November 18
 - o December 9

Special Thanks to members cycling off

- Russell Jones
- Robert Rodney

Adjourn-10:52

Upcoming topics:

Next scheduled meeting: Thursday, November 19th, 2021 9 AM-11 AM