

Virginia Community HIV Planning Group
Call Summary
December 10, 2020

Members Present: Yolanda Alexander, Maria Altonen, Keith Arendall, Antonia Bowman, Gennaro Brooks, Darryl Cannady, Robert Cheek, Doug Fogal, Beverly Franklin, Anthony Hayden, Rodney Lewis, Elaine Martin (VDH Co-Chair), Daniel Lopez, Gia Martinez, Shannon Meade, Anjeni' Moore, Doris Plant-Hill, Clay Porter, David Pintor, Bryan Price, Alexandria Robinson, Robert Rodney, Anthony Seymore, Jennifer Shiflett, Nechelle Terrell (Community Co-Chair), Thomas Villa, Kysha Washington,

Absent: Victor Claros, Russell Jones, Bobby Jones, Darryl Payne, Thomas Rodriguez-Schucker,

Others present: Kristen Donovan, Ashley Yocum, Sadie Adkins, Tim Agar, Robyn Wilson, Joesph Lyttle, Kaitlyn Hauter, Caroline Campbell, Christian Carr, Jason Watler, Julie Webster

Greetings and Introductions – Elaine Martin

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- Feedback from evaluations on engagement

Old and New Business-Elaine Martin

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Prevention and Care Updates

- **Prevention:**
 - Successfully submitted our Integrated Hepatitis surveillance and prevention grant
 - Starting to get ready for the General Assembly
 - Expecting a HIV decriminalization bill and a bill regarding pharmacist prescribing certain medications
 - Expecting a community lead bill regarding funding for syringes
- **Care:**
 - **VA MAP Updates**
 - **Open Enrollment Updates**
 - End of 11/28 – 525 Enrollments
 - 300 missing enrollment info:
 - Enrollment worksheet missing info
 - Premium Amount
 - Carrier info missing/incomplete
 - Document not legible (blurry, very dark)
 - Income document are illegible and income is still pending.
 - Deadline to submit ACA info is Dec. 18th.
 - **Benalytics:**
 - Benalytics will be assisting with Medicare and ACA enrollment, as they have for the past 2 years. Their toll free number is 855-483-4647.
 - Receiving large number of inbound calls.
 - Clients that have appts. – If client has not received their call within 5 minutes of appointment time, please reach out to Benalytics

- First set of payments for Jan. 2020 was sent on 12/4.
- If receiving calls from VA MAP/Benalytics staff requesting info, please respond as soon as possible to send info and get payments made.

TGA, EMA and Regional Updates-Regional Reps

- COHAH - Doug Fogal
 - **September 24, 2020**
 - CARES Act funds have been awarded with no major obstacles.
 - **Community Education and Engagement Committee (CEEC)**. A listening session for Maryland is scheduled and the committee is still seeking to create a session for Virginia.
 - Research and Evaluation Committee (REC). Discussion about the response from Assessment of the Efficiency of the Administrative Mechanism (AEAM). Since the launch 37 out of 30 providers have responded. Report the findings will be shared with the Recipient (HAHSTA). The committee continues to research and review journals, abstracts, and publication for the Needs Assessment. They hope to review a comparative analysis of services from 2019 and 2020 first quarter to see how COVID-19 has affected services.
 - Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPU). They have scheduled in September and November an EMA-Wide Data Presentation. There will be a report on the CARES Act funding and then in December and January the jurisdictional meetings.
 - Integrated Strategies Committee (ISC). The committee had a great discussion around racism and systemic biases. They are going to ask GWU (George Washington University) to create a position paper around this conversation.
 - The General Body of COHAH was shared by Ka'leef government co-chair a draft on Call for Justice for Victims of Systemic Racism and Violence. Commissioners take the next month to review the document and have discussion on Basecamp. At the next COHAH General Body meeting will have the final.
 - This was Ka'leef's last meeting with us as he will be leaving the position as government co-chair. We wish him the best in his new adventure. The community co-chairs Jennifer Zoerkler and Sarcia Adkins will be conducting the General Body Meetings until the mayor Bowser appoints a new Government Co-Chair.
 - **October 29, 2020**
 - Dr. Hodan Eyow of HAHSTA presented the 2019 Client Utilization and Outcome Data.
 - Community Education and Engagement Committee (CEEC). Continues to seek to create a listening session for Virginia.
 - Research and Evaluation Committee (REC). The committee continues to work on the Needs Assessment.
 - Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC). They are working on the jurisdictional PSRA meetings for December and January.

- Integrated Strategies Committee (ISC). The committee has chosen a new chair person to replace Ka'leef's vacancy as chair. It was brought up about English classes under Linguistics. It was reached out to HRSA Project Officer who thought it was a great idea but that it would fall under Health Education and Risk Reduction category. The committee will recommend this idea moving forward.
- Handout of the PSRA was given to the commissioners for a review in the PSRA process. PSRA will be coming up December 2020 - January 2021
- **November 19, 2020**
 - Presentation /update on the District of Columbia's Ending the Epidemic plan was given by Dr. Leah Varga HAHSTA. The new plan will be release on December 1 (Worlds AIDS Day). One of the key goals would be getting to only 130 new HIV diagnosis (annually) by the year 2030. A lot of variable and markers were considered to get down to that number. Also in addition to the 4 pillars of the national plan (Diagnose, Treat, Respond and Prevent) another pillar was added specific to DC and that would be Engage with the community. Some of the activities with each pillar include:
 - Diagnose – Testing. Increase the testing time availability
 - Prevent – Increase knowledge and access around PrEP and PeP
 - Knowledge and support of U=U
 - Harm Reduction – Support efforts around Opioid Programs and Substance Abuse
 - Respond – Molecular surveillance
 - Treat – Establishing a new Red Carpet Rapid ART Standard of Care.
 - Engage – Hearing from communities, establishing a one-year pilot program around Wellness Support Services.
 - There will be an interactive website launched on December 1
 - CEEC (Community Education and Engagement Committee) are working on creative ways to advertise the Community Listen Session in February 2021. Also compiling a database of community stakeholders
 - REC (Research and Evaluation Committee) the committee did not meet.
 - CPU (Comprehensive Planning Committee) the committee worked on providing a reprogramming suggestion to continue funding for Non-Medical Case Management with is currently overspent.
 - ISC (Integrated Strategies Committee) committee continue to work on the Immigration position paper in collaboration with the consultants from GWU (George Washington University).
 - There was a presentation of Ending the Epidemic Update from DC Health and Montgomery County Maryland Department of Health. A committee is being formed to recognize the untold stories of HIV history in the area. Demarcate HIV history landmarks. Honor those who laid the groundwork and connect the dots across the region.

- Presentation was given by George Washington University on Coordination of Services and Funding Streams
- Eastern TGA - Beverly Franklin
 - **Ryan White Part A Planning Council**
 - All committee meetings with the exception of the Community Access Committee Meetings have been canceled for November and December.
 - The Quality Improvement and Strategic Planning (QISP) and Community Access Committee (CAC) will be working together to develop and administer the TGA's upcoming triennial needs assessment. The needs assessment will provide data as to what services are needed in the TGA, as well as any additional needs or barriers that have occurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - The Community Access Committee is also continuing to plan for the statewide consumer retreat that is scheduled for May 29th and 30th 2021.
 - The Priorities, Allocations, and Policies Committee last met in October and approved the reallocation request from the recipient. The expenditures reviewed were below the target-spent percentage with the main reason being a reporting delay and the expenses are projected to increase. Though the PAP committee will not be meeting again until January, The Planning Council has a directive in place that allows the Recipient to reallocate service category allocations after October 30th.
 - The Membership and Nominations Committee will be resuming its recruitment efforts to gain more unaligned consumers in the TGA and fill the vacant spots of:
 - Hospital Planning Agencies or Health Care Planning Agencies
 - State Government – State Medicaid Agency
 - Representatives of Formerly Incarcerated.
- VACAC - Doris Plant-hill
 - No updates provided
- Southwest Region - Bobby Jones
 - No updates provided
- Northwest Region - Darryl Payne
 - ARE in Winchester are not having any special events for the holidays and the having the majority of their visits via telehealth.
 - Mary Washington will also not have any special holiday plans. They are having telehealth 50% and in clinic visits 50%.
 - UVA is having half of their consumer's telehealth and the other half in clinic visits. They are doing something special for some of the families for Christmas. UVA is also overhauling their Client Advisory Board with the help of their consumers.
 - HCHC in Harrisonburg presented 30 of their must in need consumers a bag of groceries and a frozen chicken for Thanksgiving. They presented the consumers with gift cards on World Aids Day and for Christmas, they are presenting them with gift cards.
 - FAHASS is having most of their clients participating through their telehealth system .They usually have a special get together for their consumers but because

of Covid they had a virtual event which included virtual bingo event with real products won by the consumers and delivered by an agency driver.

- Eastern Region - Gennaro Brooks
 - No updates provided
- Northern - Nechelle Terrell
 - NovaSalud
 - NovaSalud is still open regular hours from 9am to 5pm with (VIP SERVICE AND TREATMENT)
 - NovaSalud doing the end of the year SPANISH RISE, RISE AA & TSISTA Recruitment December 29
 - They are giving away Goody bags fill with wonderful information (condoms, face mask, personal hand sanitizer, & information about where to get tested for covid)
 - Also they are going to be giving personal items to Shelters (tooth brush, soap, toothpaste, socks & winter hats etc)
- Central - Rob Rodney
 - No central region updates submitted to Rob Rodney

Preliminary 2022 Plan Discussion

- Draft Plan Overview

Small Group Discussions on Draft Plan

- **Goal 1: Prevent new HIV infections**
- **Goal 2: Improve HIV-Related Health Outcomes of People with HIV**
- **Goal 3: Reduce HIV-Related Disparities and Health Inequities**
- **Goal 4: Achieve Integrated, Coordinated Efforts That Address the HIV Epidemic among All Partners and Stakeholders.**

Small Group Reporting- see attachment for small group discussion

Adjourn- 11:00

Next meeting – January 14, 2021