

Virginia Community HIV Planning Group
Call Summary
January 14, 2021

Members Present: Maria Altonen, Antonia Bowman, Darryl Cannady, Robert Cheek, Doug Fogal, Beverly Franklin, Bobby Jones, Russell Jones, Rodney Lewis, Daniel Lopez, Joseph Lyttle, Elaine Martin (VDH Co-Chair), Gia Martinez, Shannon Meade, Anjeni' Moore, Darryl Payne, Doris Plant-Hill, Clay Porter, David Pintor, Bryan Price, Alexandria Robinson, Robert Rodney, Thomas Rodriguez-Schucker, Jennifer Shiflett, Nechelle Terrell (Community Co-Chair), Thomas Villa, Kysha Washington,

Absent: Yolanda Alexander, Keith Arendall, Gennaro Brooks, Victor Claros, Anthony Hayden, Anthony Seymore

Others present: Kristen Donovan, Ashley Yocum, Sadie Adkins, Robyn Wilson, Oana Vasiliu, Dwight Rackley, Tammy Sowards (Merck), Maureen Nevins

Greetings and Introductions – Elaine Martin

- Introductions
- Approved December minutes- Approved VIA email

Old and New Business-Elaine Martin

- Feedback on evaluation (timing on sending out docs for breakout)
- Attendance/presence/ending on time
- Update on General Assembly
 - [Senate Bill 1138](#) Repealing Infected Sexual Battery
 - Referred to committee on Judiciary
 - Repeals Infected Sexual Battery
 - Repeals code mandated testing
 - Removes code specific to HIV regarding organ/tissue donation/sale
 - [House Bill 2079](#) Pharmacy based PrEP
 - Committee referral pending
- The Madison building and other state office buildings will be closed beginning this Saturday, January 16th. Monday the 18th is a holiday and the buildings will remain closed through January 21st. Only the building will be closed. VDH will be open for business.

Prevention and Care Updates

- **Prevention:**
 - Closed out the 1509 grant
 - Wanting to put out a summary within the next few months
 - Strength in Peers (SIP) has been approved by committee to be a CHR site and the authorization letter has been sent to the Health Commissioner.
 - Chris Atwood Foundation has been approved by committee to become a CHR site and we are working on the letter of authorization for the Health Commissioner
 - Health Equity position being created for the Division of Disease prevention
- **Care:**

- Access to all DGS- controlled buildings, including VDH, will be restricted from Saturday, Jan. 16 through Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021. Employees will not be able to enter buildings during this time. In addition, Monday, January 18, 2021 is a state-observed holiday.
 - If you are submitting documents for VA MAP, we ask the following: **Use your secure folders set up for VA MAP to submit all documents!** The VA MAP team can check these folders remotely. Many are still faxing documents to VA MAP, even when you have secure folders established. The program has been requesting, since summer 2019, that you use secure VA MAP folders. We are not only moving towards an all-electronic system with our new client level data system that is being tailored for VDH programs, but this is also a good time to practice electronic submission to make it more of a habit by the time the system is implemented. Circumstances such as the one described above also reinforce the need to use secure folders as your business practice for VA MAP to assure there is not a disruption to medication access for our shared VA MAP clients. **If you need to change staff access to your secure VA MAP folders or to set up a new folder by Friday, 1/15/2021, please contact Tina Gorman, the VA MAP Data Manager at Cristina.Gorman@vdh.virginia.gov or 804-864-7381.**
 - It is possible that VDH's Division of Pharmacy will close during this time and be unable to ship medications to local health departments. If this happens and your clients in **Direct MAP** are in danger of HIV medication therapy interruption, agencies may use the RWHAP B formulary to provide HIV medications by following the policy. "RWPB funds will not pay for medications available through the VA Medication Assistance Program (VA MAP) **unless the delay in treatment would endanger the individual's health (for example, a client needs immediate access to medications to treat an opportunistic infection or access to ARVs are disrupted and clients need refills on these medications). Coverage is limited to no more than a 5-day supply and access would switch back to the ADAP formulary.**"
 - To access the Ryan White Part B formulary policy and forms for reimbursement please go to the HIV Care Services website <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/disease-prevention/disease-prevention/hiv-care-services/> and look under "Standards/Policies and Procedures" for Ryan White Part B Formulary documents. To see what medications listed on the VA MAP formulary, please the VA MAP website <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/disease-prevention/vamap/>.
- VA MAP Updates
 - **SFTP Folders**
 - Sub-recipients need to use their SFTP folders to send documents to VA MAP (new applications, re-certifications, supporting documents, etc...).
 - Exchanging Medicaid-eligible client data with subrecipients to identify and assist eligible clients with enrollment into Medicaid.

This effort is necessary to ensure the program is meeting the payer of last resort requirement under the RW grant.

- Use of these folders will also be critical as the 2021 open enrollment season begins for Medicare and ACA. There will be specific instructions shared later this month regarding what documents will be required and how to submit those documents to ensure they are forwarded to the appropriate staff for processing.
- QM Summit is scheduled for February 17-18, 2021 (Virtual)
- CM Summit is scheduled for March 4-5 (Virtual)
- Rapid Start Update
 - VDH is working with 5 sites current
 - Mary Washington (NW), Crossover (C), LGBT Life Center (E), Neighborhood Health (N), Community Access Network (SW), University of Virginia (NW)
 - \$140k of state funds to cover clinical/staff time and lab costs.
 - Contracts have gone out
 - Currently testing RedCap Performance Measures data. Policies/Procedures form agencies are being reviewed and finalized over the next week.
 - For more information, please contact either Safere Diawara (Safere.Diawara@vdh.virginia.gov) or Jonathan Albright-Williams (Jonathan.Albright@vdh.virginia.gov).
- Ryan White Part B Contract Renewals
 - VDH is currently working on Ryan White Part B Contract Renewals.
 - If you are a RW agency, please work with your Services Coordinator to ensure that budgets and work plans are submitted timely.
 - All contracts must be fully executed (both by the agency and VDH) by March 31, 2021 to be in place by the beginning of the new grant year, which begins April 1, 2021.
- Virginia Consumer Advisory Committee (VACAC), VDH is proud to announce the next Statewide Consumer Call on the 4th Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 2:00pm. This call for consumers will be on Advocacy and HIV. Registration is required. As requested by the consumers on the previous call, this call will be held on the virtual platform Zoom and it is free for consumers to participate. A Zoom account is not needed to join the call.

TGA, EMA and Regional Updates-Regional Reps

- COHAH - Doug Fogal
 - Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (PSRA) NOVA Jurisdiction Meeting January 11, 2021
 - GY'31/FY'21 PSRA Process Review Clarifying information, expectation and outcomes.
 - Epidemiological Overview by Carrie Walker, HIV Service Analyst – Virginia Department of Health.
 - Service Utilization and Spending Data by Dr. Hodan Lyow, Data Manager – DC Health
 - Overview of Part B in the Jurisdiction: Ashley Yocum, HIV Care Services Manager- Virginia Department of Health.

- Overview of Service System for GY'30 (March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021)
 - A motion was made and second to accept the GY'30 Priority Setting rankings for the GY'31 Priority Settings rankings. The motion was approved by the Virginia seating Commissioners of the COHAH.
 - A motion was made and second to accept the GY'30 VA MAI Youth outreach funded by Part A for GY'31. The motion was approved by the Virginia seating Commissioners of the COHAH.
 - A motion was made and second to accept the Part B Allocations. The motion was approved by the Virginia seating Commissioners of the COHAH.
 - Throughout the GY'31 grant year if changes need to be made it will be brought up in the General Body Meetings of the COHAH.
 - New HRSA guidelines the COHAH will have a PSRA Session every 3 years. COHAH will have a have a big Priority Setting Meeting in Summer 2021. An update will be performed on the off years.
 - Maryland PSRA was 1/11/21 and the DC PSRA was 1/12/2021
 - The EMA wide PSRA will be conducted on 1/28/2021 at our regular General Body Meeting from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.
- Eastern TGA - Beverly Franklin
 - No updates provided
- VACAC - Doris Plant-hill
 - VACAC is having a Consumer zoom call on VACAC and Advocacy.
 - Date is January 26, 2pm and there will be a professional Spanish interpreter on the zoom call.
 - Chair- Mark Baker to Tom Salyer
 - Co-Chair- Sylvester Adkins to Lynea Hogan.
- Southwest Region - Bobby Jones
 - No updates provided
- Northwest Region - Darryl Payne
 - UVA- They have initiated there monthly newsletter and they are reorganizing there CAB. UVA has installed a monthly call into PL (Positive Links) Social. They also have started a women's group on January 12th with the men's group held twice a month by zoom telehealth component of Positive Links.
 - HCHC- Harrisonburg they have no outside activities plan right now but they have some planned in the future. They also are having 50% in person appointments with consumers and 50% by telehealth.
 - Mary Washington- At this point they are allowing their consumers to choose whether to do an in-person medical visit or to do their medical visit by telehealth.
 - FAHASS- At this point they are seeing consumers by telehealth by 50% and by 50% in person. They at this point have no outside activities but have some planned in the near future.
 - ARE- At this point the consumers have the choice of telehealth and in person visits both set at 50% each. At this point, they have no scheduled outside activities for consumers but some outside activities for consumers in the near future.
- Eastern Region - Gennaro Brooks

- No updates provided
- Northern - Nechelle Terrell
 - No updates submitted to Nechelle Terrell
- Central - Rob Rodney
 - No updates provided

Plan Updates (data we skipped last meeting)

Breakout Discussions on proposed plan additions

Small Group Reporting and Discussion

- Housing is prevention
- Increased protection for sex workers
- Making sure the plan can be applied and is equitable throughout the entire state (ex: Rural vs Urban areas)
 - In rural populations, with the culture and the stigma, it is harder to make plans like this effective.
- Excited that STI Prevention is included in the integrated plan.
- What will the Medicaid Expansion look like?
 - Wanting to get the most people enrolled (not just the people who are living with HIV).
- Liked the status neutral approach

Adjourn- 11:00

Next meeting – To be determined.

- **Upcoming Topics**
 - More planning/small groups
 - Molecular surveillance
 - DC Metro Area Trans research
 - New STD Plan
 - New Hepatitis Plan