

**Virginia Community HIV Planning Group**  
**Call Summary**  
**August 13, 2021**

**Members Present:** Yolanda Alexander, Maria Altonen, Beverly Franklin, Russell Jones, Elaine Martin (VDH Co-Chair), Shannon Meade, Anjeni' Moore, Darryl Payne, David Pintor, Doris Plant-Hill, Clay Porter, Bryan Price, Alexandria Robinson, Robert Rodney, Thomas Rodriguez-Schucker, Jennifer Shiflett,, Thomas Villa,

**Absent:** Keith Arendall, Antonia Bowman, Gennaro Brooks, Darryl Cannady, Robert Cheek, Victor Claros, Doug Fogal, Anthony Hayden, Bobby Jones, Rodney Lewis, Daniel Lopez, Joseph Lyttle, Gia Martinez, Nechelle Terrell (Community Co-Chair), Kysha Washington,

**Others present:** Kristen Donovan, Ashley Yocum, Sadie Adkins, Zina Boyd-Thompson (Robert Cheek)

**Greetings and Introductions – Elaine Martin**

- Attendance
- Approved July minutes- Approved VIA email

**Prevention and Care Updates**

- **Prevention:**
  - **September 1 Prevention and Care Joint Contractor's Meeting**  
Please SAVE the Date! The September 1, 2021, Joint HIV Prevention and Care contractors meeting will be held as a virtual meeting (internet, phone). An agenda and registration link will be available closer to the event date. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Marschak at (804) 864-8008 or [elizabeth.marschak@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:elizabeth.marschak@vdh.virginia.gov).
- **Care:**
  - New Updates:
    - Next Virtual QMAC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 18, 2021, from 9:00-12:30  
Register here: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwqcu-ppzlsG9DmMjhWksFOsi-r3EcjU7e8>
    - VDH DDP invites providers, consumers, and community members to attend a Virtual Public Hearing on Ryan White services and client eligibility in Virginia being held on Wednesday, August 25th from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held virtually through an online Zoom session. There will be a toll-free phone-in option.  
Please share this information with your network of providers and consumers (regardless of whether they are currently Ryan White Part B clients) who may provide or receive services, including medication pick up.

If you would like to participate, please register using the link:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/%0BtJIqdemrqiMvE9GblliqkwYmdaU6>

[MXa2Dw3](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the public hearing.

If you have any questions about this Public Hearing, please contact Ashley Yocum, VDH RWHAP B HIV Services Planner, at [Ashley.Yocum@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:Ashley.Yocum@vdh.virginia.gov)

- Ongoing-Updates:
  - VA MAP Updates
    - **2021 Special Enrollment Period (SEP)**
      - The deadline for the SEP ends on August 15, 2021. This SEP period will be available to all Marketplace-eligible consumers who are uninsured or underinsured. During this time, eligible Virginia Medication Assistance Program (VA MAP) clients may be able to enroll into an insurance plan through the Marketplace. VA MAP has identified clients within its records that may be eligible for this SEP. **VA MAP's contracted insurance enrollment assister, Benalytics, will complete all Marketplace enrollments during this SEP and will continue to enroll eligible clients into Medicaid.** Please see the additional information below.
    - **What should clients do to complete an application with the Marketplace or Medicaid?**
      - Contact Benalytics Consulting directly at 1-855-483-4647.
      - Benalytics' hours of operation are:
        - Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
        - Tuesday, Thursday – 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
        - Saturdays – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (in addition to the above hours, Benalytics staff will be available during these times to assist clients from April 15 – May 15)
  - **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.
    - This includes Client level data, Personal Health Information (PHI), and/or Personal Identifiable Information (PII)
    - 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.
    - If you are a client, please do not send your personal information through email to VDH. Please call VDH to discuss your needs.

## **Membership Update – Kristen Donovan**

### **Integrated plan presentation – Kristen Donovan, Ashely Yocum, and Elaine Martin**

#### **Small Group Reporting**

- They would like to have feedback from...
  - Mental Health advocates
  - People who live in rural areas who may have transportation issues for medical appointments
  - Racial Justice folks to review plan with health equity lens.
  - Young Black MSM - have a lot of goals/strategies/activities that focus on young black MSM but don't have that representation in the group. If we are focusing on them, need them at the table.
  - Include people who live West of Richmond, heavily centralized, northern-ized and eastern-ized. Need more voices from Northwest and Southwest VA.
  - Echo for more rural representation.
  - Having advocates for persons who are unhoused or transient.
  - Representation from Department of Corrections (DOC) and re-entry
  - Faith leaders. In south and people look to faith leaders for guidance.
  - Immigrant population and agencies that touch - one population that is heavily touched by social and racial injustice.
  - Agencies that support persons with substance use disorder.
  - Clinical:
    - General providers (non-HIV specific) - Dept. of Health Professions, DMAS, Nurse Practitioners, Primary Care Physicians
    - Geriatric practitioners
    - Pharmacists, authority expanded to provide PrEP
  - Legal services, Attorney General's Office, State Bar Association for Non-Government Attorneys, General Assembly
  - Communications - to help understand how to get word out to various groups that we may not already communicate with.
- After intros, set agenda from their brainstorm, and/or use prompts below.
  - How can VDH can engage stakeholders who are not involved in groups like CHPG, VACAC, etc in the planning process?
  - What suggestions do you have for engaging broad stakeholders
    - Communications?
    - Packet of information that can be sent out - be specific on needs and why need information from stakeholders. Why information is related to what they are experiencing/providing.
    - Construction of meetings - cannot meet M-F 9-5 due to clinic needs. May need to meet outside regular business hours for both providers and community members. Need to meet where people are.
      - Having meetings in other locations outside of Richmond. Missing opportunities to meet with other organizations. If want to find what's important, look at where and when they meet.
      - If travel to other parts of the state, good way to reach out to organizations in that area is introduce/share information.
        - EqualityVA, Community Coalitions of VA (SUD), able to bring info to them.

- Be intentional on who we partner with.
- Education key. Leveraging organizations such as AETC and VHAARC. Good way to engage with agencies that
  - Working with health care providers - incentives for providers - but can possibly provide CMEs for a webinar that would be attractive for physicians, practitioners. To provide education and overview of integrated plan.
- Local Health Departments should have a list with community partners within their region/area.
- Leveraging state partners - DOC, DBHDS, DMAS, Dept. of Health Professionals.
- How to reach out to straight/heterosexual population that are at risk/affected with by HIV/STIs/Viral Hepatitis - All genders.
  - Market towards STIs - focus on overall sexual education to include HIV education to a broader network.
- Training/Education sessions for financial wellness/job wellness, etc. Don't just focus on sexual health try tying in other issues - tying in whole person health - combine other resources that may impact.
  - Other comorbidities (high blood pressure, diabetes, etc.). Treating the whole person rather than the whole person.
- Impacts of COVID pandemic - resilience with health care providers and community.

**Adjourn- 11:00**

**Upcoming topics:**

- **September:** Planning for the next plan and membership
- **October:** Orientation/new member welcome

**Next scheduled meeting: Friday, September 17th**