August 19, 2016

Dear CDC/HRSA Project Officer:

The City of Norfolk TGA Ryan White Part A Planning Council concurs with the following submission by the State of Virginia Department of Health in response to the guidance set forth for health departments and HIV planning groups funded by the CDC’s Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP) and HRSA’s HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) for the development of an Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan.

The Planning Council has reviewed the Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan submission to the CDC and HRSA to verify that it describes how programmatic activities and resources are being allocated to the most disproportionately affected populations and geographical areas that bear the greatest burden of HIV disease. The planning body concurs that the Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan submission fulfills the requirements put forth by the Funding Opportunity Announcement PS12-1201 and the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program legislation and program guidance.

The Planning Council, in support of the State of Virginia Department of Health Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan, provided all TGA wide needs assessments, special studies, and work plans to help in the development of the statewide plan. The Planning Council also reviewed the plan and provided feedback to the Virginia Department of Health with regards to the data used specifically for the integration of the Norfolk TGA Ryan White Part A Program.

The signature below confirms the concurrence of the Planning Councils with the Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Plan.

Respectfully,

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Dear Ms. Johnson and Ms. Brown:

The Virginia Community HIV Planning Group (CHPG) concur with the following submission by the Virginia Department of Health in response to Funding Opportunity Announcement PS12-1201:

The CHPG has reviewed the Integrated Care and Prevention Plan (ICPP) that is to be submitted to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and concur that the ICPP describes how programmatic activities and resources are being allocated to address the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) and the specific needs of Virginians living with HIV/AIDS and those at high-risk for acquiring the virus. The CHPG provided input on all phases of the planning process. Specific CHPG input was in the development of needs and gap assessments, barriers that exist within the state that prevent persons from accessing care and prevention services, and developing strategies and activities to address Virginia’s objectives for meeting the goals of the NHAS.

Members of the CHPG are representative of the epidemic in Virginia, with 30% of the membership being PLWHA as mandated in its Bylaws. The CHPG also has representatives from the Norfolk Transitional Grant Area and the Washington, DC Eligible Metropolitan Area in order to help coordinate care and prevention planning efforts with these entities, as well as representation from health care providers, community-based organizations, substance abuse and mental health providers, and Virginia’s Department of Corrections and Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.
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Respectfully submitted,

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