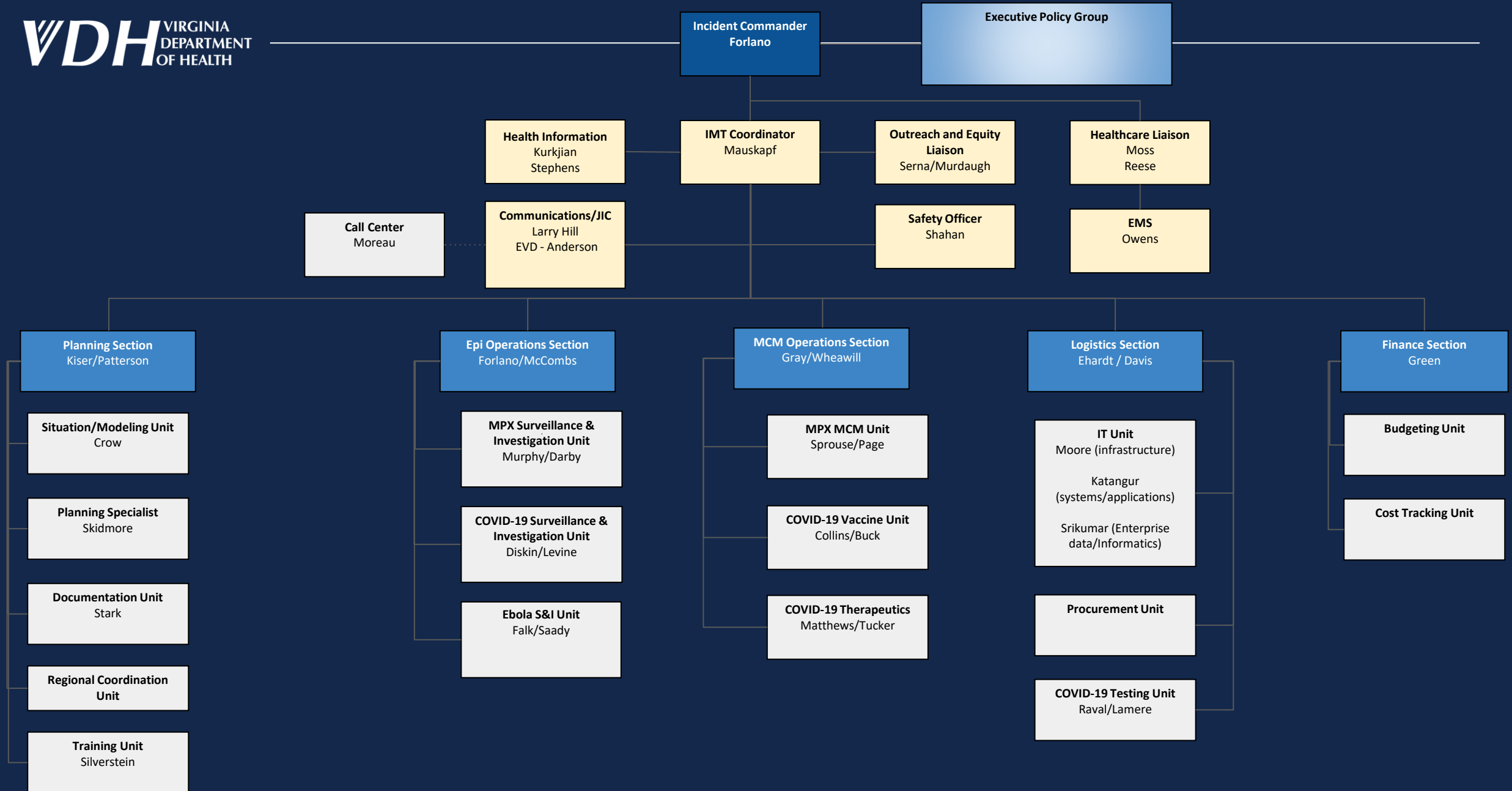


Overdose Incident Management Team

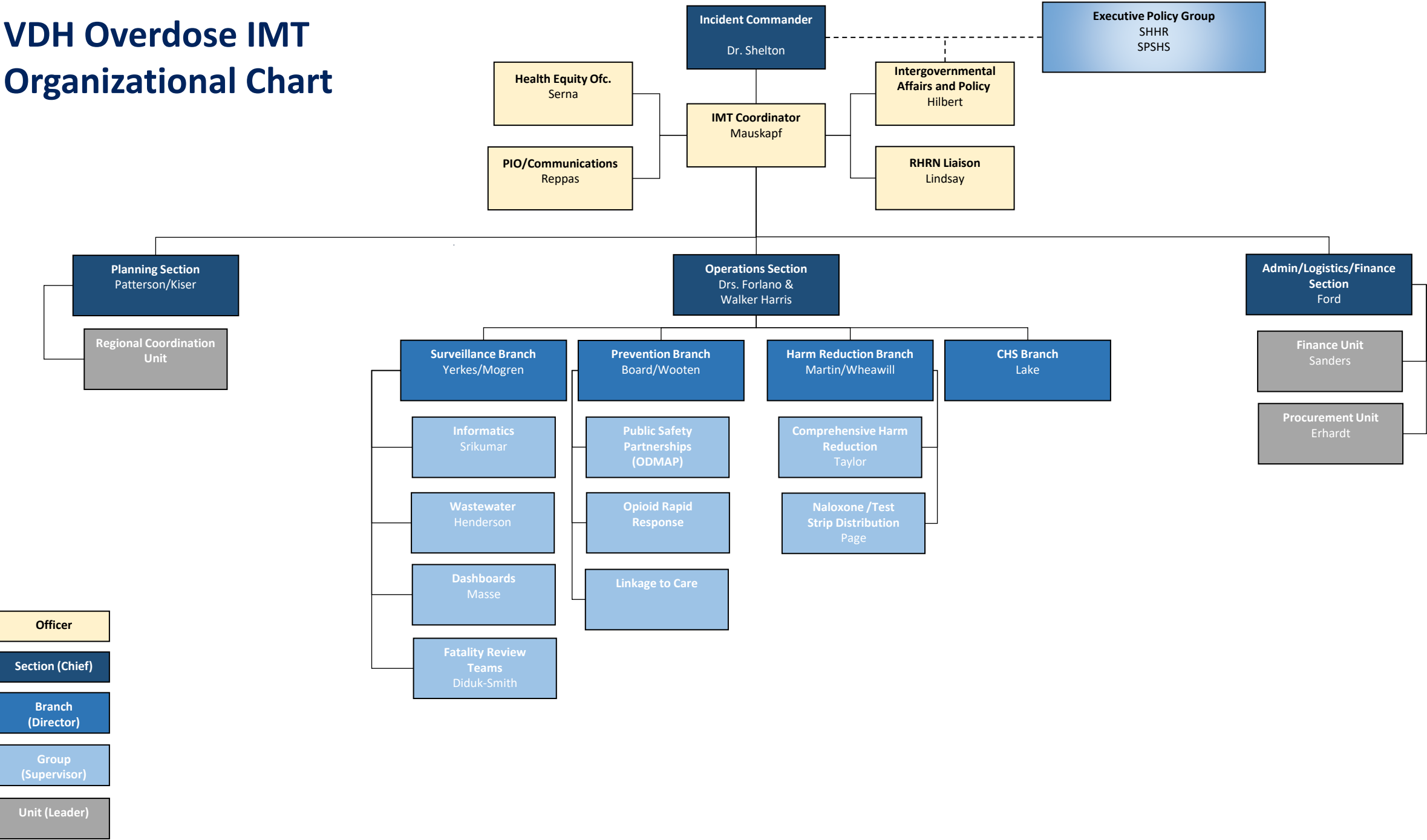
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VDH Overdose IMT

Organizational Chart



Major Workstreams

Prevention

- Opioid Impact Reduction Registry

Surveillance

- VDH Overdose Surveillance Workgroup
- Enhancement of VDH Overdose Data Dashboards
- RHRN Prioritization Model
- Wastewater Surveillance Planning
- Fatality Review Teams

Harm Reduction

- Naloxone Distribution Planning and Implementation
- Expansion of Comprehensive Harm Reduction

Opiod Impact Reduction Registry

- Senate Bill 1415 directs the Department of Health to begin the development of a Commonwealth opioid impact reduction registry consisting of nonprofit organizations that work to reduce the impact of opioids in the Commonwealth
- VDH has developed a work plan and is working with other organizations with similar registries to leverage existing resources
- Follow up meetings are in-progress to finalize the plan in the next few weeks

Surveillance

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What is the VDH RHRN prioritization model and how can it be used?

- A tool that:
 - Uses data to identify Virginia cities and counties (localities) at higher burden for drug overdose and misuse and other infectious disease outcomes (like HIV, hepatitis C) associated with drug use
 - Can help determine Virginia localities at higher need for drug overdose-related surveillance, prevention, and intervention strategies
 - Naloxone distribution
 - Comprehensive harm reduction program expansion
 - Fentanyl wastewater surveillance piloting
 - Can serve as one of a few tools that can assist in implementation of the VDH Overdose Prevention Plan

Comprehensive Harm Reduction in Virginia

- Aims to prevent disease and reduce adverse consequences of drug use
- Infectious Disease Testing + Syringe Services + Referrals + Linkage to Care + Counseling and Health Education, + Health Equity = Comprehensive Harm Reduction (CHR)
- VDH currently has programs in nine health districts, with an additional nine sites in development
 - Lenowisco Health District - Wise and Scott
 - Mt Rogers Health District - Smyth County
 - Health Brigade- Richmond City
 - Council of Community Services- Roanoke
 - Strength in Peers- Harrisonburg, Page, Shenandoah Counties
 - Chris Atwood Foundation- Fairfax, Prince William, Loudoun Counties
 - Virginia Harm Reduction Coalition- Roanoke
 - Minority AIDS Support Services- Newport News, Norfolk, VA Beach
 - AIDS Response Effort- Winchester and Berryville

Naloxone Distribution-Current State

- Through the Division of Pharmacy Services (DPS), VDH ships:
 - Naloxone 4mg nasal spray (mixture of brand/generic) directly to eligible organizations as requested
 - Fentanyl test strips (FTS) to local health departments and authorized Comprehensive Harm Reductions sites.
- Eligible organizations keep naloxone on-hand as "undesignated stock" available to use in the event of suspected overdose, dispense to individuals, and/or "leave behind" doses following an emergency call.
- **Demand-driven** – organizations request naloxone as they determine it is needed.

Current Eligible Organizations Types:

- Authorized comprehensive harm reduction sites
- Community Services Boards
- Department of Corrections facilities
- Department of Juvenile Justice facilities
- Fire departments (non-EMS)
- Law enforcement (e.g., police departments)
- Licensed EMS
- Public K-12 school
- Local Health Departments
- Other Naloxone Partners

Fatality Review Teams

- The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) is identifying the tasks that are necessary to carry out this work, including models, infrastructure, and funding.
- Based on records, the only local overdose review team (also known as the Winchester Model) is located in the Shenandoah Region and is a local initiative involving community, legal, and health stakeholders. In collaboration, with direction from a board of directors, the Winchester Model reviews both fatal and non-fatal overdoses in near real time.
- OCME has been discussing internally how to approach the establishment of local overdose review teams within the structure of Virginia Code § 32.1- 283.7. The code mandates that the OCME provide a model for local teams to use to support the development of teams in their localities.
- The model has been written and a protocol is in the final draft stages. The development of this protocol was funded through Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) funds. The OCME is meeting to discuss the protocol, as well as methods to engage local health districts in discussions about how to implement the teams.

Comprehensive Harm Reduction

Comprehensive Harm Reduction Programs

Lenowisco Health
District- Wise and
Scott Counties

Mt Rodgers Health
District- Smyth
County

Health Brigade-
Richmond

Council of
Community
Services- Roanoke

Strength in Peers-
Harrisonburg, Page
and Shenandoah
Counties

Chris Atwood
Foundation- Fairfax,
Prince William and
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Virginia Harm
Reduction Coalition-
Roanoke

Minority AIDS
Support Services-
Newport News,
Norfolk, Va Beach

AIDS Response
Effort- Winchester
and Berryville

Sites in Development

Blue Ridge Health
District

Portsmouth Health
District

Hampton and
Peninsula Health
District

Council of Community
Service- Danville

Virginia Harm
Reduction Coalition-
Franklin County

TBD-
Richmond/Petersburg

TBD- Northern
Virginia

TBD- Fredericksburg

TBD- Lynchburg