#### A New Lease On Life:

#### **Health for Virginians with Mental Illness**

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## A New Lease On Life Partners











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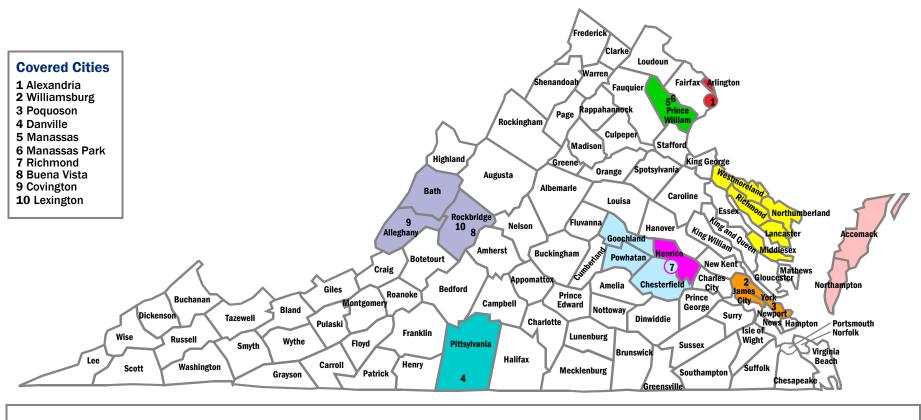
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- In 2009, Attorney General McDonnell awarded \$1 million to VHCF as a challenge grant.
- VHCF, VCHA, VAFC, VACSB jointly issued an RFP and reviewed proposals.
- To qualify for funding , proposals had to:
  - Demonstrate collaboration between a free clinic or community health center, and a community service board;
  - Provide basic mental health services to health safety net patients; and/or
  - Provide primary medical care to community service board consumers with serious mental illness (SMI).

## A New Lease on Life Grantees

- In December 2009, VHCF awarded \$2 million dollars (over three years) to nine collaboratives made up of 13 CSBs, 7 free clinics, and 6 community health centers.
  - All are receiving funding to provide basic mental health services to health safety net patients
  - Two are receiving funding to also provide primary medical care to CSB consumers
  - Two are providing primary care to CSB consumers without ANLOL funding support

#### Location of ANLOL Grants



- Key: Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc., Alexandria CSB, and Arlington CSB
  - Colonial Services Board, Lackey Free Clinic, and Olde Towne Medical Center
  - Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services, Piedmont Access to Health Services, and the Free Clinic of Danville
  - Eastern Shore CSB and Eastern Shore Rural Health System
  - Greater Prince William Community Health Center and Prince William County CSB

- Henrico Area Mental Health & Retardation Services and CrossOver Ministry
- Middle Peninsula Northern Neck CSB and Northern Neck Free Health Clinic
- Richmond Behavioral Health Authority, Chesterfield CSB, Goochland-Powhatan CSB, The Daily Planet, and Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services
- Rockbridge Area CSB, Alleghany Highlands CSB, Rockbridge Area Free Clinic, and Alleghany Highlands Free Clinic

## Critical Elements of ANLOL

- **Behavioral health providers.** The bulk of ANLOL funding supports 18 providers (10.32 FTE):
  - 5 LCSW (2 FTE)
  - 5 Psychiatrists (.57 FTE)
  - 2 MSW (1.75 FTE)
  - 2 Physicians (.75 FTE)
  - 1 Psychologist (1 FTE)

- 1 Psych Nurse Practitioner (.5 FTE)
- 1 Family Nurse Practitioner (.5 FTE)
- 1 Nurse (.*75 FTE*)

• **Rx medicines.** Most are free via brandname pharmaceutical companies' Patient Assistance Programs.

## A Snapshot After 30 Months

6263 patients

18,267 patient visits

\$6.7 million in free medicines

Improved outcomes in all programs

#### **Good Partners**

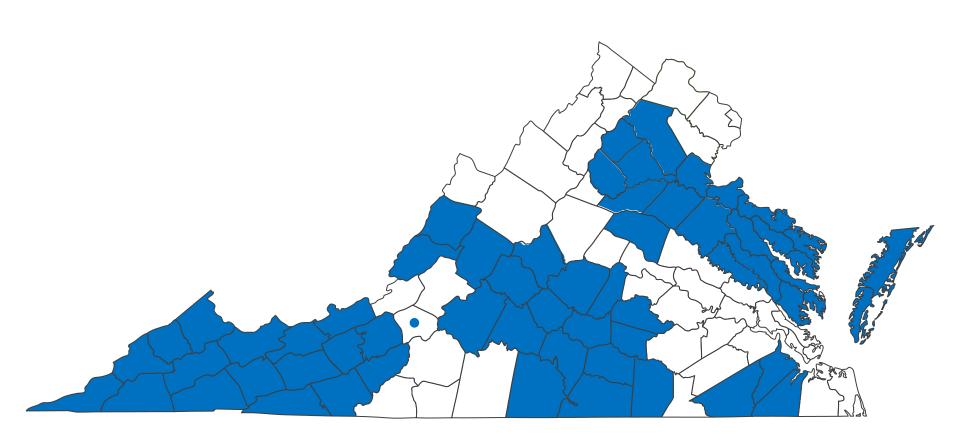
ANLOL is integration via a unique coupling of public and private human service organizations

CSBs: Mental Health expertise FCs/FQHCs: Health Safety Net expertise

#### **CSB & HSN = Different Cultures**

**Nature of Patient Nature & Duration of Assessment & Patient Relationship Evaluation** Challenges Addressed **Appointment Length Pace** 

## Mental Health HPSAs in Virginia



#### **Other Lessons Learned**

- Treatment of basic mental illnesses (depression, anxiety) delivers a huge return on limited dollars invested.
- Integration of care works well and neutralizes mental health stigma.
- Successful integration of services requires training, adjustment of some operational protocols, and focus.
- Integration in the delivery of mental health and primary medical services is the way of the future.

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