

## Cover Sheet

Name of Council	Access
Name of Person Completing Report	Neal Graham
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X Year-end report

**Work Plan Goals, Objectives and Strategies**

<b>Goal 1:</b>	Address the recommendations of the Virginia Rural Health Plan						
<b>Objective 1:</b>	Maintain the function of the Access Council						
Strategies/Activities	Projected		Actual		Responsible Persons	Expected Outcomes	Actual Outcomes
	Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date			
Hold a minimum of three conference call meetings during the next 12 months.	5/1/2010	4/30 2011	7/20/10	6/1/11	Council chair, all members	Decisions will be made to move the work plan forward	First meeting was held 07/20, second 10/13 (face-to-face meeting), third face to face meeting was 12/8, fourth 1/24, and then a final face to face 4/7.
Attend the 2011 Rural Health Summit.	3/1/2011	3/30 2011	4/4/11	4/7/11	All members	Information about work plan progress will be shared with other council members and stakeholders	The Access Council gave a report out on 4/6/11 to those attending the Rural Health Summit. Quality Council members also attended the Summit and attended a meeting on 4/6/11.
Record attendance at council meetings, take minutes and submit minutes to mjs Consulting.	5/1/2010	4/30 2011	07/20/10	6/1/11	Council recorder	Attendance will be recorded  Minutes will be shared with other council members and stakeholders	A recorder was identified when the Chair was appointed. Minutes have been completed, sent to mjs Consulting, and promptly posted on the website.
Identify a minimum of 5 individuals and/or organizations to recommend for plan "adoption."  Encourage those entities to adopt the plan, submit names of those identified to VRHRC.	5/1/2010	4/30 2011	10/01/10	12/31/10	All members	Plan adoption will increase	Through the Council members' efforts and those of the support staff, over 100 people signed up to "Adopt a Recommendation" through the VA-SRHP.

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<b>Goal 2:</b>	F.5. Update Virginia’s 2004 Rural Obstetrical Care report.						
<b>Objective 1:</b>	Secure legislative sponsor to introduce resolution directing the JCHC to update the obstetrical plan						
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Determine legislative district directly impacted by hospital closing ob delivery unit	7/1/2010	8/1/2010	7/1/10	8/1/10	Neal Graham, Mara Servaites	District selected	Received information from VHHA as to the hospitals who have closed their Ob units. After review, it was determined that Senator Wampler would be the best legislator to approach.
Meet with VDH Women and Children’s Health Office to discuss potential resolution.	7/1/2010	9/1/2010	7/1/10	8/1/10	Neal Graham, Mara Servaites	VDH apprised of resolution	VDH was approached about the legislation and it was determined it was best to proceed with legislative language from Senator Wampler.
Draft legislative language to present to legislator	9/1/2010	10/1 2010	8/1/10	10/15/1 0	Rick Shinn, Mara Servaites	Language completed	A letter to Senator Wampler giving background information and request was sent.
Secure legislator commitment	10/1 2010	11/1 2010	10/15/10	2/1/11	Neal Graham, Howard Chapman, Rick Shinn	Commitment secured	Senator Wampler chose not to carry the legislation given the legislative climate.

Meet with JCHC staff to discuss resolution	11/1 2010	12/15 2010	10/15/10	4/30/11	Neal Graham, Mara Servaites	JCHC apprised of resolution	A copy of the letter sent to Senator Wampler was sent to Stephen Bowman at JCHC. Conversations with Stephen Bowman were held and he agreed to take on the update of the plan on his own.
Work with JCHC to emphasize the role of nurse mid-wives as a mechanism to improve birth outcomes	3/1/2011	6/30 2011	Tabled	Tabled	Interested parties	Include language and/or recommendations related to the expansion of the utilization of nurse midwives in Virginia	This will be tabled until the report is completed during the summertime and into the fall.

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<b>Goal 3:</b>	F.9. Update Virginia’s statewide dental/oral health plan.						
<b>Objective 1:</b>	Work in conjunction with the State Oral Health Coalition to adopt the portions of the state plan relevant to rural health, particularly focusing on the expanded role of dental hygienists.						
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Meet with Access Council representatives to the Oral Health Coalition to review plan	7/1/2010	8/1/2010	8/1/10	8/20/10	Sheena Mackenzie Mara Servaites	Meeting held, plan reviewed	Meeting with Sarah Holland of OHC was held. Potential areas of collaboration were discussed. The expanded role of dental hygienists was determined to be the focus.
Screen current plan to determine rural health aspects and interests	9/1/2010	10/1 2010	8/1/10	8/20/10	Access Council reps to OHC	Rural health portions identified	Meeting with Sarah Holland of OHC was held. Potential areas of collaboration were discussed. The expanded role of dental hygienists was determined to be the focus.

Focus efforts on rural health aspects in plan (including the expanded role of dental hygienists)	10/1/2010	12/1/2010	10/1/10	Tabled	Access Council reps, OHC	Action plan created in conjunction with OHC	Initial discussions of expanding a pilot project from SWVA that provides an expanded scope of license for dental hygienists is being explored. A VDH grant might provide an opportunity for such expansion. On hold until data detailing the effectiveness is released at the end of 2011.
Choose and plan activities (educational, legislative) to promote rural health aspects of plan and the expanded role of hygienists.	1/1/2011	3/1/2011	Tabled	Tabled	Access Council reps, OHC	One activity planned	This is on hold until data from pilot project is released detailing its effectiveness at the end of 2011.
Demonstrate support for the oral health plan	7/1/2010	5/1/2011	7/1/2010	6/1/2011	Access Council	Publicized support of the plan	The plan was supported through Council membership attendance at Oral Health Coalition meetings and publicizing dental specific information on the VRHA Weekly Update.

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<b>Goal 3:</b>	F.6. Identify models of care and best practices from other rural areas around the nation and internationally, including telehealth models.						
<b>Objective 1:</b>	Further share models of care identified in the 2009 Best Practices Compendium through a pre-Summit session in March 2011						
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Review best practices compendium to identify models to further share.	7/1 2010	9/1/2010	10/1/10	10/15/10	Mara and Council members	Best practices identified	An initial review of the best practices compendium was conducted. It was determined by the Council that sharing information on these models would not bring in attendees to the Summit.
Hold a meeting of Council members to further identify speakers for pre-Summit session and format.	9/1 2010	11/1/2010	10/1/10	Tabled	Mara and Council members	Agreement on steps necessary to host session	The Council decided there were too many spring events to bring in enough attendance therefore the Access Summit was tabled to be held in advance of the VRHA Conference in December of 2011.
Contact speakers and make arrangements	11/1 2010	1/1/2011	Tabled	Tabled	Mara	Speakers confirmed	Tabled until December of 2011

Work with VRHA to arrange for pre-Summit session including facility and technology needs	1/1 2011	3/1/2011	Tabled	Tabled	Mara and VRHA	Facility and technology needs taking care of	Tabled until December of 2011
Publicize pre-Summit session and take registrations	1/1 2011	3/15/2011	Tabled	Tabled	Mara and VRHA	Attendees for pre-Summit session	Tabled until December of 2011
Hold a meeting of Council members to ensure all steps have been taken for pre-Summit session	1/1 2011	2/28/2011	Tabled	Tabled	Mara and Council members	Final steps taken to be prepared for session	Tabled until December of 2011
Hold pre-Summit session before 2011 Rural Health Summit with 3 videoconferences (primary care/behavioral health, oral health, and OB) of best practices followed by statewide panel discussions	3/15 2011	3/15/2011	Tabled	Tabled	Mara and Council members	Successful pre-Summit session completed	Tabled until December of 2011

**Progress Report**

Accomplishments or Success Stories:

Whereas the objectives were not all completed as outlined, the Council feels optimistic and excited about the continuation of the objectives into the next work year. The ultimate outcomes will be stronger and provide greater impact with the revised timeline and increased assistance by the Council.

Implementation Barriers/Obstacles:

A significant barrier was Senator Wampler’s decision not to carry the legislation to revise the OB Report. It was a tremendous victory, though, to have Stephen Bowman agree to take on the updating of the report on the JCHC’s workload. The Council is excited to assist him in this work.

Steps for Overcoming Implementation Barriers/Obstacles:

N/A

Requests for Oversight Committee Input or Assistance:

N/A

Additional Comments: