



Capacity Building to Improve Clinical Care, Reduce Disparities, and Improve HIV Case Finding: Experience of the Pennsylvania/MidAtlantic AETC

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**WHO**  
**Shenandoah Valley Medical Systems (SVMS)**

- A Federally qualified Community/Migrant Health Center
- Subcontracted in 2004 to receive Ryan White Part C funding
- Provides care to over 100 HIV positive patients



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**Shenandoah Community Health Center**

*A Part of Shenandoah Valley Medical System, Inc.*



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### Length of Relationship

- Initial contact was in 1995 (education regarding ACTG 076)
- As a result of Ryan White Part C funding received by SVMS, and due to our long-term relationship, capacity building regarding HIV patient care was requested



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### Type of Relationship

- Supportive
- Ongoing
- Continuous
- Mutual
- Collaborative



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### Scope of Work

- Yearly Agency Needs Assessment conducted
- Yearly Provider Needs Assessments completed
- Educational programming conducted at least every other month and as needed
- Technical Assistance provided as needed
- Clinical Consultation provided as needed



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## Results

- Care has been provided to over 100 patients.
- At a recent HRSA “diagnostic compliance site visit review” SVMS was documented as providing state-of-the-art care.
- Patients are able to get care close to where they reside eliminating the need to travel 1 to 2 hours.
- Linkages between Ryan white part A, part B, and part F (AETC) have been established.
- Rapid HIV testing is being initiated.



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