

Intellectual Disability Committee of the Arlington County Community Services Board

Minutes of Meeting on October 1, 2014

DHS Building, Sequoia Complex, 2100 Washington Blvd, Arlington VA 22204

Conference Room C, Lower Level

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by committee co-chair Barbara Jones at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of September Minutes – Draft minutes of the September 3, 2014 committee meeting were distributed and reviewed. The committee approved them as written. They will be included in the packet for the full CSB meeting later in October.

Introductions – Barbara Jones and Carol Skelly, CSB members and ID committee co-chairs; committee members and guests Chuck Adkins-Blanch, Peter Black, Patricia Connally, Brian DeAtley, Moira Saucedo, Alex Soroko, Nancy Tishman, and Casey Youman; vendor staff representatives Kris Hollins of CRI, Michelle Lange of Linden Resources, Brenda Richardson of ServiceSource, and Carrie Cortez of VOA; Rikki Epstein of The Arc of Northern Virginia; County staff members Becky Suttell of the Therapeutic Recreation Office, Joanna Wise Barnes of IDD Services

The Arc of Northern Virginia Report – Rikki Epstein distributed two hand-outs – *The Arc of Northern Virginia October 2014 Legislative Update*, *Integrated Community Based Housing with Services and Supports*, and *Expanding Travel Training Capacity for Young Adults with Disabilities*. See attachments.

Therapeutic Recreation Office Updates – Becky Suttell described a new piano class for adults, and said that all programs for this session are filled except that Fun and Fitness has three spaces left. She also talked about the Quincy Street playground which will be rebuilt with universal design features. It's near Central Library. There's been on meeting already and six parents gave helpful information then. There will be another meeting on October 8 which will allow families to give input on design ideas. The area will include a volleyball court and sand lot. Long-time TRO employee Carol Hoover (Becky's supervisor) is retiring soon.

Vendor Reports

VOA – Carrie Cortez talked about their new apartment program in Manassas, and indicated that VOA will be hosting an open house in Arlington soon for training center families.

ServiceSource – Brenda Richardson reported that there will be a small awards ceremony at the Community Integration Center on October 10, and that the annual agency-wide ServiceSource awards ceremony and banquet will be on October 23. She encouraged attendees to drop off shredding at the CIC, or call 703-228-6343 and they will pick it up; shredding provides meaningful activity for program participants. Sadly, long-time ServiceSource employee Dennis McIntyre passed away suddenly. Both ServiceSource and the County have grief counseling available to any participant or staff who needs it.

Linden Resources – Michelle Lange described Linden's 55th anniversary celebration last week. They also had a spirit week for everyone, including a picnic.

Housing Agenda

Joanna Wise Barnes distributed a hand-out that was reviewed at the September 17, 2014 meeting of the full CSB. It is titled *Arlington County Community Services Board Memorandum*. The memo explains funding that the State has committed to help Arlington open two new group homes to facilitate training center discharges to Arlington. See attached.

Carol Skelly distributed four hand-outs related to housing: *Virginia/DOJ Settlement Agreement for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* (used by ID committee co-chair Barbara Jones to present to Delegate Rip Sullivan – elected to the 48th District in August 2014), *Status of October 2011 Recommendations for Residential Services and Housing, Desired Configuration and Features of New Group Homes/ICFs to be Built in Arlington*, and *Arlington County Affordable Housing Study*. All are attached.

Joanna distributed two attached hand-outs titled *To Provide Input About Waiver Redesign and Timeline Proposed*. She encouraged attendees to sign up to receive emails from Virginia's Department of Behavioral and Developmental Services. Changes pending to the ID Waiver will significantly impact housing and residential services.

On behalf of ID committee member Ann Kelly who has been representing Northern Virginia families waiting for an ID Waiver slot on the Senate Bill 627 state-wide workgroup, Joanna distributed several workgroup hand-outs, starting with the agenda for the October 6 meeting. See attachments. Actions taken by the State based on the workgroup's recommendations will impact the number of community services needed (residential services and others) and when they are needed.

Carol Skelly and Barbara Jones reminded everyone that the ID committee decided not to submit any local funding budget priorities to the full CSB for the Fiscal Year 2016 which begins July 1, 2015.

Proclamation Updates – Barbara Jones explained that the 2015 proclamation will be a smaller event, held where employment is happening, to focus only on the auto detailing enclave at the Trades Center and on the mobile cleaning crew's custodial services in various County buildings. Vendor MVLE will be highlighted and only those directly involved will be invited (MVLE, the Trades Center staff, and Department of Environmental Services staff). And of course significant others for the individuals working in the enclaves. The committee agreed to try this scaled-back approach for 2015 and revisit it afterwards. Becky Suttell said she reserved a large conference room in the Trades Center complex for March 3, 2015, 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with March 10th reserved as the snow date. Committee members might discuss the possibility of a picnic later in the year.

IDDS Updates – Joanna Wise Barnes distributed a registration packet for The Arc of Greater Prince William for their November 8 Circle of Support Conference. See attached. She also circulated a copy of *Entering the World of Work* which can be found on The Arc of Northern Virginia's website - www.thearcofnova.org

Joanna said that ServiceSource and Linden Resources have confirmed presentations about employment for the committee's November 5 meeting. And the December 3 meeting will include a presentation by the Arlington Police Department about Project Lifesaver.

New Business

Rikki Epstein of The Arc of Northern Virginia announced that:

- November 18, 2015 is their annual Arc membership meeting at the Knights of Columbus in Arlington, with DBHDS Commissioner Donna Ferguson giving the keynote address.
- Their DD advocacy day will be January 26, 2015 with buses taking riders to the Capitol in Richmond for advocacy activities.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by co-chairs Barbara Jones and Carol Skelly at about 9:00 p.m.

Approval of October Minutes

These minutes were reviewed by the committee during its November 5, 2014 meeting, and approved as read. They will be submitted to the full CSB at its November 19, 2014 meeting.