

Intellectual Disability Committee of the Arlington County Community Services Board

Minutes of Meeting on September 3, 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 at 6:35 p.m. by committee co-chair Barbara Jones.

Introductions – Barbara Jones and Carol Skelly, CSB members and committee co-chairs; committee members and guests Chuck Adkins-Blanch, Alex Yellin, and Kevin Youman; provider representatives Michelle Lange of Linden Resources and Anne Rule of Community Residences; County staff members: Becky Suttell of the Therapeutic Recreation Office; Leah Davidson, Barbara Grant, and Margaret Jones of the Parent-Infant Education program; Joanna Wise Barnes of IDD Services

Agenda Items

Approval of July Minutes – The minutes were approved by the committee as amended, with edits on page 3 about the title of Arlington Public Schools programming at the Career Center and the number of school graduates in job development status, along with a revision of the 2014-15 schedule of committee meetings. The minutes were revised as requested and submitted to the full CSB at its September meeting.

Parent-Infant Education Program Update – Margaret Jones

Margaret Jones distributed three hand-outs (see attached) – the PIE brochure, *Relationship of Quality Practices in Virginia to Child and Family Outcome Measurement Results*, and *Infant & Toddler Connection of Virginia Family Survey*. Ms. Jones discussed these points:

- Eligibility criteria
- Referral sources
- Assessments and services, service providers and settings
- Insurance billing and sliding scale fees for parent co-payments, Medicaid reimbursements
- Timelines, expectations, and outcomes
- The Individualized Family Service Plan
- Parent/child playgroups in English and Spanish
- Fiscal year 2014 increase in State funding and growth in families served
- Transitions to Arlington Public Schools and referrals to IDD Services

IDD Proclamation Planning – Barbara Jones

Barbara Jones explained that she distributed an email to everyone on the committee's email distribution list. She solicited new members for the proclamation steering or planning committee, and asked for feedback about possible changes in the ceremony format for March 2015. She reviewed the feedback and suggestions she received:

- Reading of the proclamation during a regular County Board meeting
- A larger Spring 2015 event, separate from the reading of the proclamation

- A 2015 calendar of provider events, allowing families to become familiar with the provider community and services offered
- An employment initiative to include businesses through the Chamber of Commerce
- Multiple events throughout the year or over years at varied venues, each highlighting different providers
- A provider outreach event, with booths for each, and recognition of some
- Tours of provider sites for County Board members, to familiarize them with providers and services
- Lifetime achievement award(s) to be presented, perhaps at a separate event during the year

County Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2016

Committee members decided not to present local funding priorities related to IDD Services to the full CSB for its consideration.

Staff Updates

Therapeutic Recreation Office – Becky Suttell

See hand-out (attached) titled *Therapeutic Recreation Fall 2014 Class*.

IDD Services – Joanna Wise Barnes

The representative for The Arc of Northern Virginia was unable to attend. Joanna distributed their monthly hand-out (attached), *The Arc of Northern Virginia September 2014 Legislative Update*.

Ann Kelly, Northern Virginia representative on behalf of community families waiting for an ID Waiver slot, was unable to attend. Joanna distributed at Ann's request a September 5, 2014 agenda for the meeting of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services **SB (Senate Bill) 627 Work Group**. Also at Ann's request, Joanna reviewed six points the work group will discuss at that meeting. The committee's feedback was sent to Ann by Joanna on September 4:

Factor #4. Committee members opined that we need to be willing to pay more for community services if it costs more to provide the same services in the community than it costs to provide those services in a training center. If it is not possible to pay more for community services than for the same services in a training center, then we should keep training centers open.

Factor #5. There was agreement that the system is under-funded. The committee members found this factor difficult to interpret. They interpreted it as if it presumes the transformation of the system from training centers to community-based is meant to be cost-neutral. If that interpretation is correct, the committee members stated instead that there is a need for additional resources in Northern Virginia. Additionally, if there are savings from the transition from training centers to community services, committee members suggested that savings be reinvested in the ID/DD system – not in Virginia's overall care system.

Joanna related the following updates:

- Two individuals served passed away since the committee met in July. One died in his own home in the community; a training center resident passed away in the hospital. The State Office of Licensure has reviewed both deaths. There were no findings in regards to IDD Services.

- Joanna's position (DDS Bureau Chief) will be posted for recruitment in late September. This is in preparation for her May 2015 retirement, in the hopes a replacement can be hired and can train with Joanna.
- Supported employment/habilitation/transportation contract manager Don Conley will retire September 12. Recruitment is underway. There are three support coordination vacancies, with hires expected in October.
- New County Board member John Vihstadt visited the Mary Marshall Assisted Living Residences, and made positive comments about the work and professionalism of the mobile cleaning crew, where a Job Discovery Inc. coach supervises crew members who have a developmental disability.
- Eleven individuals are in job development; one obtained a job in July.
- No one on the waiting list for residential services appears to have an urgent need for placement.

Joanna also distributed these hand-outs, attached:

- *Intellectual Disability Waiver Transition Plan Regarding Compliance with the HCBS Final Rule Elements July 30, 2014* (Joanna participated in two state-wide conference calls about the transition plan and will keep the committee updated about it.)
- *PCPID (President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities) Committee Meeting Draft Agenda* for September 5, along with call-in instructions

Old Business

Committee members agreed to schedule an Arlington Police Department presentation about Project Lifesaver during a subsequent meeting when there is room on the agenda.

Adjournment

The committee adjourned at about 9:10 p.m.

Approval of September Minutes

These minutes were reviewed by the ID committee at its October 1, 2014 meeting. The minutes were approved by the committee as written, and will be submitted to the full Community Services Board at its next meeting on October 15, 2014.