

ARLINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Mental Health Committee

February 26, 2014

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Committee Members Present: Judy Deane (Co-chair), Lee Long, Betsy Greer, Scott Brannon, Debra Byrd, Ann Wroth, John Blount, Brian Berke, Richard Smith, Tom Quinn

Committee Members Absent: Sam Howlett, Caroline Bragdon, Susan Lowry, Anne Hermann (Co-Chair)

Staff Present: Miguel Carpio, Grace Guerrero

Others Present: Eileen Corbet, Lorraine Nwaoko, Terrance Tousaint, David Ordonez, LeNelle Mozell

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. at the Residential Program Center (RPC).

Approval of Minutes: The Committee approved the January 29 with an amendment.

Presentation: Mr. Carpio, who is a BHD homeless outreach staff, provided a brief overview of the BHD's outreach services and staffing. Dr. Guerrero, Forensic and Homeless Case Management Supervisor, joined the meeting later and presented more detailed information about homeless services, which are funded by both the County and a federal PATH grant. In FY13, 426, people were contacted and so far this year, 108 have been contacted. There are currently 1.5 vacancies among the four positions.

The Committee toured the RPC facility and was guided by Ms. Nwaoko, Homeless Services Director, and Ms. Mozell, SA Program Director. Volunteers of America operates the RPC with funding primarily through a DHS contract. The shelter operates 44 beds, works in conjunction with BHD services, and in addition to shelter provides or arranges education and job training, AA/NA meetings, food and clothing. Approximately 1/3 of the residents are described as mentally ill, 1/3 as substance abusers and 1/3 having primarily economic problems. Ms. Mozell described that the SA program included a 14 bed Social Model Detoxification Service and a 10-bed 90-day Residential Treatment Program (Early Recovery).

Mr. Tousaint and Mr. Ordonez described ASPAN's services and answered a number of Committee member questions about plans for the new shelter, clients served, supports available, funding and staffing. ASPAN operates Opportunity Place and the Emergency Winter Shelter totaling 55 beds and an additional 25 in the winter, as well as free medical and dental clinics. Construction of the new 80-bed shelter will soon be starting. This building will house all shelter services, operate all day and year round and will replace the current shelter facilities.

MH Director's Report: Dr. Orenstein distributed and described the updated Committee schedule, which now includes presentations 3/26/14 about Clarendon House and the array of residential services. Dr. Larson, the CSB Medical director, with present 4/23/14. Ms. Wright alerted the Friends of Clarendon House of the 3/26/14 agenda and Dr. Orenstein alerted the C&F Committee of the 4/23/14 agenda. Ms. Deane provided some of the rationale for the schedule changes and Dr. Orenstein, in response to questions, provided a brief overview of the planned location of programs in the 4-story Sequoia 3 building. Dr. Orenstein also noted that the CSB Chair sent a letter to state legislators regarding DMAS changes in the MH Support Services criteria and reimbursement rates. Since the Senate but not the General Assembly accepted the proposed delay, the CSB also sent a follow-up letter. Action: On Ms. Greer's suggestion, Dr. Orenstein will send a copy of the letter to Committee members

Chairs' Report: Ms Deane noted the upcoming opportunities to advocate for budget priorities (the 3/20/14 Board meeting and 3/25/14 budget hearing) and solicited participants. Ms. Wroth and Mr. Quinn expressed interest.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm