

ARLINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

Mental Health Committee

3/27/17

Approved 4/26/17

Committee Members Present: Judy Deane (Co-chair), Wayne Bert (Co-chair), Dori Mitchell, John Mitchell, Betsy Greer, John Blount, Anne Hermann, Cathy Lewis, Scott Brannon, Steve Gallagher, Adi Radhakrishnan

Committee Members Absent: Tom Quinn, Lee Long, Sue Lowry, Tamara Theiler, Sam Howlett, Jarrod Nagurka, Brian Berke, Debra Byrd, Dayna Belfiore, Leslie Gosling

Staff Present: Alan Orenstein

Joint MH/SA Meeting: Dr. Orenstein reviewed the history, principles and process of developing integrated dual diagnosis services in the MH Bureau. This included training and consultation with experts, ongoing training, program development and collaboration with the SA Bureau. The goal is for MH staff to be able to identify SA issues, plan needed services, provide SA counseling, and connect clients with other needed SA resources.

Ms. Somerville gave the background, purpose and procedure for the comprehensive SA Bureau evaluation. She described the extensive surveys, interviews and focused groups with a wide variety of stakeholders. The goal is to assess the SA services and identify areas needing development. She estimated the evaluation process will be completed the end of April. Ms. Somerville responded to a number of questions about SA services from Committee members. At 6:55 pm, the MH Committee members adjourned to another room to hold the business part of the meeting.

Business Meeting

Call to order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The Committee approved the 2/22/17 minutes without correction.

Interagency agreement: Dr. Orenstein reviewed the mandate for the CSB having interagency agreements and the role of the Committee in annually reviewing them and recommending them to the Executive Director. The agreements discussed and their status are as follows:

- VDARS agreement, effective 7/1/17 to 6/30/20. The agreement is now being reviewed for signature by VDARS with no changes expected.
- Area Agency for Aging, effective 7/1/17 to 6/30/19, with no changes, signed by the AAA.
- VHC/ Sheriff's Office, effective 7/1/16 to 6/30/18, remains in effect

After discussion, the Committee accepted the motion to recommend the agreements. Action: Dr. Orenstein will inform the Division Chief and Executive Director.

Mental Health Director's Report: Dr. Orenstein provided the following updates: The Division Chief is continuing to recruit for a Medical Director; we were asked by DBHDS if we have a need for additional PSH beds targeting people leaving the hospital or a group home, and we are assessing if there is the demand; the contract amendment to add 4 "Kensington-extended" beds is still in Purchasing; and the

initial consultant orientation and meetings to kick off the Same Day Access consultation and planning process was held.

Dr. Orenstein reminded Committee members that the next meeting (4/26/17) will include a presentation by the SAMH and RAFT program, and the following meeting (5/24/17) will include discussion of budget priorities. Ms. Greer described her proposal for a Clarendon House social club position and provided a brief rationale. Ms. Deane suggested that further discussion wait for the budget priority discussion.

Chairs' report: Ms. Deane noted that nominations were being accepted for the annual CSB awards and that any Committee member could initiate a nomination. She also described that budget advocacy meetings were held with the County Board members. At the upcoming County budget hearings, she and Mr. Bert will be advocating for added group home beds. She also provided an update of the VHC advocacy. The certificate of need meeting will be held 4/3/17. She described a generally positive response from people she has been discussing this with. There followed Committee discussion of advocacy strategy. Mr. Bert noted there would be an information meeting Wednesday with the police regarding "transporting with dignity".

Announcements: None

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.