

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 28, 2013

Members Present: Jim Mack, Craig Dabney, Wes Sanchez, Jenette O'Keefe, Shaun Buckner

Members Absent: Bharati Patel, Keith Whyte, Charlie Baughman

BHD Staff: Joe Bullock

- I. SA RECOVERY MONTH DEBRIEFING-** Dr. Bullock reminded the committee that October is "National Substance Abuse Prevention Month." Dr. Bullock provided the committee with an update on activities that have already taken place during the month along with community response/turnout. CSB staff organized five key events in honor of this celebration. Dr. Bullock disseminated a flyer outlining a wide variety of activities and gave some detailed updates for events such as Project Sticker Shock, Prescription Drug Take Back Day, and Red Ribbon week. One event in particular, Above the Influence Day, was videotaped. Dr. Bullock provided the committee with a link that will allow them to see the video highlights from this highly successful campaign held at Yorktown High School. Dr. Bullock also stated that the staff from the Children and Family Division has done an excellent job of organizing, promoting and carrying out all of the events in outstanding fashion during the month of October.
- II. SA COMMITTEE FY 14 WORKPLAN-** Dr. Bullock led a discussion focused on finalizing the FY 2014 committee work plan. Dr. Bullock informed the committee about recommended options for site visits, possible topics for presentation to the committee that could be added to the work plan based on discussion from the September committee meeting and indicated that there were at least four additional slots needing a topic. Dr. Bullock informed the committee that the Drug Court program was one option that he confirmed with the drug court team in response to the committee request to visit near the one year anniversary in April 2014. Dr. Bullock will confirm the presentation on HIV prevention for the November and finalize the other committee recommendations on the FY 14 committee work plan prior to the next meeting.
- III. SA COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT:** Mr. Jim Mack provided the committee with an update on the CSB Executive Committee's work on establishing/finalizing FY 15 budget priorities that will be submitted to the larger CSB at the November 2013 meeting. Mr. Mack reported that three key SA initiatives are highlighted: 1 FTE Peer Recovery Specialist to provide specialized peer recovery support services to SA consumers; restoration of the ACT Unit jail-based program FTE that was reduced in FY 09; and 1.0 FTE SA Counselor position to serve Arlington consumers who violate their probation and qualify or are admitted to the Arlington Drug Court program. Mr. Mack also stated that there is the possibility of elevating the ACT Unit jail-based position given the new emphasis on case management services across all committees. Mr. Mack reiterated that a tight budget is projected for the FY 15 budget year and the CSB will have to make some difficult decisions to limit the overall cost of priorities the CSB will request. Ms. Jenette O'Keefe stated the importance of presenting a stronger case for the case management position in the write-up given that it is likely to elevate to the highest priority and agreed to work with Dr. Bullock to expand this priority area.

IV. SA DIRECTOR REPORT: Dr. Bullock reported to the committee that the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disabilities conduct a CSB wide administrative and policy audit during the month of October. The SA Bureau had an extensive policy review and performed very well overall. Overall, the CSB performed very well and a final report from the state summarizing the audit as well as any recommendations will be coming soon. Dr. Bullock provided a reminder for recommending new committee members to join the SA Committee. Dr. Bullock stated that anyone interested can contact him directly.

NOTE: The next SA Committee meeting will be held on **November 25, 2013 at 7:00 pm** in the George Mason Center Conference Room next to Drewry Building- room 232.