

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 24, 2014

Members Present: Jim Mack, Shauna Alonge, Wes Sanchez, Pattie Aaron,

Members Absent: Charlie Baughman, Craig Dabney, Shaun Buckner, Keith Whyte, Lonnie Ford, Jenette O'Keefe

BHD Staff: Joe Bullock

- I. SA CONTRACT PROGRAMS OVERVIEW-** Dr. Bullock introduced Ms. Nancie Connolly, SA Case Management Team Supervisor, to provide the committee with an overview of all SA Contract programs. Ms. Connolly began by sharing the contractual services continuum of care that contained seven dimensions or levels of service intensity to clients. There are a total of 11 programs managed under six contract providers. Ms. Connolly shared the utilization and program outcomes for all programs as well as details about the type of treatment delivered in each program. Ms. Connolly also reviewed details about the Arlington County contracting process. Lastly, Ms. Connolly gave the committee a general idea of what a typical site visit to a contract facility entails. The committee will be attending a site visit for the December meeting at the Phoenix Program. Members will be emailed site tour details prior to the next meeting.

- II. SA RECOVERY MONTH/PREVENTION ACTIVITIES UPDATE:** Dr. Bullock shared with the committee news that there was a staff presentation made on the topic of the social implications of the legalization of marijuana at the First Presbyterian Church in Arlington per the request of Pastor Brian Mickle. Ms. Shariee Sims presented to a packed audience of concerned adults, providing vital information to the church parents and leaders on this topic that will help them make informed decisions about the use of this drug going forward. The SA committee has had many past efforts to outreach to the church and Dr. Bullock was very excited to have this outcome. Dr. Bullock stated that next step would be to partner with a committee member to visit Pastor Mickle to explore options for a continued partnership for a number of potential outreach initiatives to the faith based community. Mr. Jim Mack agreed to accompany Dr. Bullock once a meeting is arranged. Dr. Bullock will keep the committee informed about future opportunities that may result from this effort.

III. SA COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT- Mr. Mack reported that the CSB is currently advocating the Region II CSB priorities with key legislative members representing Northern Virginia and summarized highlights from the CSB Annual Legislative Planning meeting held on November 19th. The presentation went very well as each disability area was able to identify key priority areas of need with the panel. Mr. Mack stated that the CSB will continue to seek support for CSB priorities to a variety of key local policy and fiscal officials in the next few months. Citizen advocacy at the County Board's public hearings takes place late March 2015, and the Arlington County manager typically submits a final FY 16 budget to the county board the third week in April 2015.

Mr. Mack also shared that Ms. Beth Tschopp was hired by Arlington County to fill the vacant Arlington CSB Executive Director position. Ms. Tschopp began her duties on November 5, 2014.

IV. SA DIRECTOR REPORT: Dr. Bullock was pleased to inform the committee that the announced that the Addiction Correction and Treatment Program (ACT) will host a first time ACT Program Alumni Fair to all former program graduates. The focus of the fair will be to celebrate this year's national recovery month theme: "Join the Voices for Recovery: Speak Up-Reach Out." All committee members were invited to attend this exciting event. The goal of the event is to build a roster of graduates to form an organized alumni network. More details to come about this program will be reported at the next committee meeting.

NOTE: The next SA Committee meeting will be held on **December 15, 2014 at 6:30 pm. This will be a site visit to the Phoenix Program, 521 N. Quincy Street in Arlington**