

ARLINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 22, 2014

Members Present: Jim Mack, Jenette O'Keefe, Lonnie Ford, Shauna Alonge, Wes Sanchez

Members Absent: Shaun Buckner, Keith Whyte, Charlie Baughman, Craig Dabney

BHD Staff: Joe Bullock

I. FINALIZE FY 16 SA PRIORITIES- Committee Chair Jim Mack presented to the members the SA Committee's draft version of the proposed budget priorities for FY 2016. This year's budget priorities is organized into three themes specifically related to SA consumers:

- Request for ongoing funding for 1 FTE ACT Program Case Manager restoration
- Request for funding of 1FTE Peer Recovery Support Staff in Substance Abuse
- Funding for restoration of 1 FTE MH therapist in jail mental health program

The committee will continue to monitor data from the Arlington Drug Court program during the FY 15 and revisit at mid-year to determine what, if any support may be needed for staffing should the program expand. The committee agreed to finalize the priority list. Mr. Jim Mack advised the committee that he will move forward with these priorities and work with the CSB Executive Committee to integrate with all other FY 16 CSB Committee priorities.

II. SA COMMITTEE FY 15 WORKPLAN- Dr. Bullock led a discussion focused on developing the FY 2015 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 and indicated that there were at least four additional slots needing a topic. Dr. Bullock suggested that the committee refer to a list of presentation topics included on the handout for possible opportunities if the committee was interested in learning more about any of these options. The committee decided to consider all options over the next couple of weeks and work to finalize the FY 15 committee work plan at the October 2014 committee meeting.

III. SA COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT- Mr. Mack summarized with the committee the CSB Budget Priority process for FY 16. Mr. Mack informed the committee of the upcoming CSB Annual Retreat meeting in October 2014 where the first review of all budget priorities will take place. The process of evaluation of budget priorities identified by the CSB will continue under review and and/or revision until February 2015 when a final list will be determined. Mr. Mack stated that the CSB will schedule meetings with each member of the Arlington County Board in mid-March to advocacy seeking county board support for CSB priorities. Citizen advocacy at the county 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.

IV. DIRECTOR REPORT: Dr. Bullock informed the committee that annual recovery month celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, 2014 and all committee members are invited to attend. The meeting will feature 11 consumers in an open mic format sharing their

journey to recovery via poems, song and various other artistic forms. Dr. Bullock shared the 2014 national theme, “Speak Up, Speak Out” is the basis for the creative focus of the evening and that the event will take place at the Bus Boys and Poets.

Dr. Bullock also shared that the search for a new CSB Executive Director continues. Initial interviews have already taken place and more interviews are being scheduled. More details to come about this process will be reported at the next committee meeting.

NOTE: The next SA Committee meeting will be held on **October 27, 2014 at 7:00 pm** in the George Mason Center Conference Room next to Drewry Building- room 232.