

# ARLINGTON COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 22, 2012

**Members Present:** Jenette O'Keefe, Wes Sanchez, Jim Mack, Reina Escobar

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

**BHD Staff:** Joe Bullock

- I. FY 13 COMMITTEE WORK PLAN** - Ms. Jenette O'Keefe led a discussion focused on finalizing the FY 2013 committee work plan. Last month, each committee member was asked to recommend a topic that the committee could consider for the work plan. Dr. Bullock informed the committee about recommended options for site visits that could be added to the work plan and indicated that there were at least two additional slots needing a topic. Dr. Bullock informed the committee that the Alexandria Methadone program has not been visited by the committee. Dr. Bullock suggested that a presentation on this program was possible if the committee was interested in learning more about methadone treatment and other medication assisted therapies for consumers in Arlington. The committee decided to add the methadone program site visit along with an overview of employment and peer recovery services to this year's work plan. Dates for the next two committee meetings were also finalized. Dr. Bullock will add the final suggested edits to the work plan and forward to Farah Shakour for its inclusion in the November CSB packet.
- II. PASTOR SURVEY OUTCOME RESULTS**- Dr. Bullock shared with the committee that feedback results compiled from the faith based survey that was distributed earlier in the year. Dr. Bullock also updated the committee that he was pursuing information for a follow-up visit to the Arlington Interfaith Council (AIC) to further discuss issues related to substance abuse and domestic violence that may be challenging church leaders in the community. Mr. Wes Sanchez developed a brief document highlighting common "myths" about these issues that could be presented by the committee at this meeting. The committee reviewed this document and determined that it will be very useful to promote dialogue when meeting with the Arlington Interfaith Council. Dr. Bullock will work to secure a date on the AIC agenda and report back to the committee at the next meeting.
- III. SA COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT**- Mr. Jim Mack provided the committee with an update on the FY 14 budget priorities submitted by the committee to the larger CSB. Mr. Mack reported that two key SA initiatives are highlighted: one full-time Peer Recovery Specialist to provide specialized services to SA consumers and restoration of Residential treatment funding that was reduced in FY 10 in the amount of \$49,883. Ms. Jenette O'Keefe shared that she has pleased to announce that Ms. Shaun Buckner and Mr. Wes Sanchez have agreed to work as committee representatives on the Substance Abuse and Recovery Alliance (SAARA) and will work out a schedule for participation in the quarterly meetings held by SAARA. Mr. Jim Mack also presented certificates of appreciation to committee members for their outstanding service on the SA Committee in FY 12. Both Mr. Mack and Ms. O'Keefe thanked everyone for their great advocacy work last year. Dr. Bullock agreed to mail the certificates to members not present in the meeting tonight.

**IV. SA DIRECTOR REPORT:** Dr. Bullock informed the committee that he along with several members of the Arlington Drug Court team attended a confirmation hearing at the Virginia Supreme Court in Richmond last week. The Arlington Drug Court Planning Initiative was officially approved by the Virginia Supreme Court that will allow for continued implementation of all aspects of a drug court operation in Arlington. Dr. Bullock also informed the committee that Honorable Judge Louise DiMatteo will continue to lead the drug court team in the formulation of a detailed plan for launching the drug court initiative. More to details to come at the next committee meeting.

**NOTE:** The next SA Committee meeting will be held on **November 26, 2012 at 7:00 pm** in the George Mason Center Conference Room next to Drewry Building- room 232.