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April 15, 2015
DHS Stambaugh Building - Auditorium
2100 Washington Blvd.
Arlington, Virginia
7:00 pm - Full Board Meeting

Present: Anne Hermann, Carol Skelly, Judy Deane, Linda Kelleher, Lee Long, Barbara Jones, Wayne Bert, James Mack, David Gardner, Asha Patton-Smith, Joanne Del Toro, Scott Brannon

Excused: David Kidwell, Brian Berke, Shauna Alonge, Ann Wroth, Keith Whyte, Erica Jackson

Staff: Beth Tschopp, Farah Shakour, Joanna Barnes, Joe Bullock, Anita Friedman, Alan Orenstein

Public Comment(s)

There were no public comments.

Approval of the March 18, 2015 ACCSB Meeting Minutes

Chair Mack called for a motion to approve the March 18, 2015 ACCSB Full Board meeting minutes. Mr. Brannon motioned to approve the minutes, Ms. Deane seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with three corrections.

Staff Recognition

Robin Joseph, Behavioral Healthcare Division, EDGE Program Manager, was nominated to receive the April 15, 2015 CSB staff recognition award. Sandra Clarke, Mental Health Team A Supervisor, stated that the EDGE Program provides youth transition services through various types of educational classes. Participants in the EDGE Program are given an opportunity to learn about life skills and practice those skills in a controlled environment with qualified facilitators and mental health staff. Ms. Clarke stated that Ms. Joseph has successfully provided services to over 70 young adults. Ms. Joseph thanked Ms. Clarke and the board members for their support. Chair Mack thanked Ms. Joseph and conferred the award.

Presentation: Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Services

Joanna Barnes, Aging and Disability Services, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Bureau Chief, presented an overview of the IDD Bureau (*Refer to Handout*).

Ms. Barnes presented an overview of IDD service demographics by age, ethnicity and intellectual or developmental disability. She stated that an individual's level of intellectual disability is no longer based on IQ but on functioning in conceptual (academics, abstract thinking), social (language, emotions) and practical domains (daily living, employment).

Ms. Barnes stated that person-centered thinking and planning, individual support plans and collaboration and teamwork guide the work of the IDD Bureau.

Ms. Barnes stated that the IDD Bureau partners with many agencies. The agencies are as follows:

- Arlington Public Schools Special Education Services
- Parent-Infant Education (PIE) Program
- Virginia Department of Aging and Rehabilitative Services
- Other CSBs
- Other County agencies
- Other community agencies

Mr. Gardner asked how many people are on the waiting list to receive an ID waiver slot. Ms. Barnes responded that there are two separate lists; one for individuals with urgent needs with approximately 20 individuals waiting and one for individuals with non-urgent needs with approximately 50 individuals waiting.

Ms. Deane asked what the length of time is for an individual to remain on the waiting lists. Ms. Barnes responded that the length of time an individual remains on the waiting lists varies and is based on the criticality of need.

Ms. Barnes presented an overview of IDD Bureau Services that are directly operated. She noted that there are two County-operated services: support coordination and family support.

Support Coordination services are as follows:

- Enhanced case management
 - ID Waiver recipients who meet criteria
- Active case management
 - Other ID Waiver recipients
 - Other Medicaid recipients who need the service
 - Others who need the service and pay on a sliding scale
- Monitored
 - Training center residents
 - Intermediate care facility residents
 - Nursing home residents
 - Children and adults who do not meet criteria for active services

Family Support Services are as follows:

- Infants and toddlers through the PIE program
- Children
- Adults

Ms. Barnes presented an overview of IDD Bureau Services that are contracted; employment services, transportation services and residential services

Employment Services are as follows:

- Individual supported employment
- Group supported employment
- Sheltered employment
- Habilitation

Transportation Services are as follows:

- Vans
- Taxis

Residential Services are as follows:

- Supportive in-home residential services
- Supervised apartments
- Intensive residential services in group homes

- Respite care (one bed)
- Intermediate Care Facilities which are fully funded by Medicaid

Ms. Barnes concluded her presentation with an overview of the future of the IDD Bureau Services in Virginia.

Areas of focus include:

- Virginia's Settlement Agreement with the United States Department of Justice (DOJ)
- Redesign of ID, Day Support and DD Waivers
- New Waiver reimbursement rates and rate structure based on Supports Intensity Scale (SIS) Scores
- Implementation of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Final Rule on community integration
- Employment First – Employment first is a Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) initiative to build and expand integrated employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities in Virginia.

Mr. Gardner asked what the difference is between an intellectual disability and a developmental disability. Ms. Barnes responded that an individual with an intellectual disability is categorized as having an IQ of 70 or below with functional limitations and that an individual with a developmental disability is categorized as having functional limitations and some diagnosis of a condition developed in childhood but without a lower IQ.

Presentation: Arlington County Affordable Housing Study Update

Russell Danao-Schroeder, Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development, presented an update about the Arlington County Affordable Housing Study (*Refer to Handouts*). Mr. Danao-Schroeder turned the floor over to Ms. Kelleher, CSB Member and Member of the Arlington County's Housing Study Group.

Ms. Kelleher stated that the Arlington County Affordable Housing Study is in its third year of development. She noted that the purpose of meeting with the CSB, at this point in time, is to present the Affordable Housing Master Plan (AHMP, an element of the County's Comprehensive Plan) and the Affordable Housing Implementation Framework.

- AHMP is a guide line of how affordable housing can fit into the future of Arlington's vision. Arlington County's housing vision states that Arlington will be a diverse and inclusive world-class urban community with secure, attractive residential and commercial neighborhoods where people unite to form a caring, learning, participating, sustainable community in which each person is important.
- The Implementation Framework describes the existing and potential tools that will be the mechanisms for fulfilling goals, objectives and policies of the AHMP. The Framework provides guidance from the County Manager to County staff for developing and overseeing specific policies and programs to meet the County's affordable housing needs.

Ms. Kelleher announced that the County Board has agreed that the AHMP and the Implementation Framework are in a position to be open to public comment. The County Board will assemble and review all the public comments and then review the AHMP and staff recommendations prior to adopting a final plan.

Mr. Danao-Schroeder provided an overview of the goals of the Affordable Housing Master Plan. He noted that there are three Affordable Housing Policy goals.

The goals are as follows:

- To ensure that an adequate supply of housing is available to meet community needs
- To ensure that all segments of the community have access to housing
- To ensure that affordable housing efforts create a sustainable community

Mr. Danao-Schroeder stated that the AHMP was developed around six housing principles that form the foundation of Arlington's approach to affordable housing policy. The principles provide direction for the goals, objectives and policies outlined in the AHMP.

The Housing Principles are as follows:

- Housing affordability is essential to achieving Arlington's vision
- Arlington County government will take a leadership role in addressing the community's housing needs
- A range of housing options should be available throughout the County and be affordable to persons of all income levels and needs
- No one should be homeless
- Housing discrimination should not exist in Arlington
- Affordable housing should be safe and decent

Mr. Danao-Schroeder provided an overview of the potential tools that the County will need to pursue that go beyond the current set of tools. He noted that these potential tools will require further research and development by County staff in coordination with other stakeholders. He further noted that the list of tools presented in the Implementation Framework do not preclude the exploration or development of other tools.

The three potential tools listed in the Implementation Framework are as follows:

Financing Strategies

- Pooled Equity Fund
 - Could leverage various sources of funding to achieve fund objectives and could involve area foundations, banks and other lenders
- Separate Tax Classification for Multi-family Affordable Housing or Payment in Lieu of Taxes
 - Would require that the State enable legislation to create a separate affordable housing property classification for multi-family affordable properties that would then be taxed on less than 100% of the assessed value or assess a lower base real estate tax rate as long as the property meets the affordability requirements
 - Create a pilot program that would require the County to agree to exempt the property from property tax through an agreement between the County and an owner of an affordable housing development, at the time of approval of a development. The agreement would specify a payment in lieu of taxes to compensate the local government for the services provided to the affordable housing complex.
- Private/Public Partnership Fund for Development of Permanent Supportive Housing
 - A County match of funds contributed from the private sector

Land Use and Regulatory Strategies

- Implement affordable housing parking standards
- Simplify land use approvals
- Create an Affordable by Design Study
- Enable home sharing
- Implement new density definitions in medium density zoning categories
- Encourage community energy plan goals and targets

Services

- Provide assistance to low-income condominium owners
- Publish an annual recommended rent increase for existing tenants
- Provide by-right redevelopment mitigation – By-right development is the right of a property owner to reuse existing buildings on their property without the need for new environmental review or public hearing as long as such new use is consistent with the property's General Plan and zoning designations. The County has adopted Relocation Guidelines that are applicable for site plan developments and has

implemented a Tenant Assistance Fund to help mitigate impacts to low-income renters in Committed Affordable Unit (CAF) development.

- Implement a study to achieve more efficient means of matching persons with disabilities to accessible units
- Encourage public and private employers to provide financial assistance to their workers to enable them to live closer to work
- Implement a Landlord Partnership agreement and a risk reduction fund. The agreement would be between landlords and service providers representing homeless individuals and families with high housing barriers and case management needs. Landlords participating in this partnership would have access to a “risk reduction fund”, which will assist in compensating landlords for lost rent or damages should a tenant vacate a unit.

Mr. Danao-Schroeder concluded his presentation with suggestions on how the CSB can support affordable housing efforts. His suggestions are as follows:

- Write a letter of endorsement
- Invite others to participate in up-coming events and meetings
- Show presence and support at County Board hearings

Mr. Mack thanked Mr. Danao-Schroeder for presenting an update to the CSB members about the Arlington County Affordable Housing Study.

Discussion: Health and Safety Policies

Due to time constraints, the discussion about the Department of Human Resources (DHS) Health and Safety Policies was postponed until the May 20th CSB full board meeting.

ACCSB Executive Director’s Report

- Ms. Tschopp reported that CSB programs are meeting their financial target of 74% for this point in the year (*Refer to Handout*).

Ms. Tschopp presented a report on the group homes for March (*Refer to Handout*). She noted that there were 2 major incidents. Both incidents were deaths. She stated that the DHS Leadership Team has formed a Sentinel Event Committee. The Sentinel Event Committee is an emergency response committee. Ms. Tschopp reported that the committee is currently drafting a departmental policy about the length of time in which staff report an unexpected or unforeseen death, such as a suicide or homicide, to the Sentinel Event Committee. The policy will enable the Sentinel Event Committee to reach out to the families of the victims more quickly, as applicable.

- Ms. Shakour announced that the approval of the Interagency Agreements has been delayed until the May 20th CSB Full Board meeting.
- Ms. Tschopp announced that due to an unforeseen circumstance with the construction process, the DHS consolidation plan to move to the Sequoia Complex has been delayed until the end of May.
- Ms. Tschopp requested that the members submit all subcommittee date and/or time changes Ms. Mauller or Ms. Shakour so that the information can be updated on the Arlington County public website.
- Ms. Tschopp extended an offer to the full board members to meet with her individually outside of the full board meetings so that she can get to know the members better and vice versa. Ms. Mauller will schedule the meetings.

ACCSB Chair's Report

- Chair Mack announced that the County Board is scheduled to approve its FY16 budget on Tuesday April 21st. He noted that the CSB has submitted two FY16 budget requests to the County Board for approval: 1.0 FTE Mental Health Therapist in the jail and 0.5 FTE Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner. He noted that the County Board will also vote to approve the County Manager's recommendation that the County Board provide one-time funding for the Drug Court program and a 1.0 FTE Drug Court Substance Abuse Counselor.
- Chair Mack announced that the candidates campaigning for the upcoming vacant seats on the County Board will be available to meet individually with members of the community at the Silver Diner on April 16th, 17th and 20th. He stated that two of these meetings have already been held. There are currently six candidates. He encouraged the members to attend.
- Chair Mack announced that the CSB's Annual Awards Ceremony is scheduled to occur on June 17, 2015, one hour prior to the CSB full board meeting. The CSB full board meeting and the awards ceremony will be held in the new Sequoia III building in conference room 424. Nominations are due to Ms. Mauller by April 17, 2015.
- Chair Mack announced that two CSB members have reached their maximum terms in June: Scott Brannon (9 years) and Anne Hermann (9 years). Major David Kidwell's second term is also ending (6 years). Mr. Mack noted that David Kidwell's reappointment will be processed through the Sheriff's office. The committee discussed potential candidates to fill the upcoming vacancies.

Report Out on ACCSB Retreat Initiatives

Ms. Hermann reported that this month's Advisory Council meeting was cancelled. She will provide a report about the Mary Marshall Assisted Living Residence (MMALR) at the May 20th CSB full board meeting.

Ms. Hermann reported that the Group Home Committee meeting did not meet this month.

Ms. Deane reported that the Young Adults Committee did not meet this month.

Ms. Deane announced that the Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) Advisory Council will sponsor a picnic again this year for PACT clients, staff and the community. The picnic provides an opportunity for PACT clients and staff to socialize with other members of the community and for members of the community to gain a better understanding of the needs and accomplishments of the PACT Team clients and staff. Ms. Deane will provide an update about the location and date of the picnic once it has been determined.

Informational Items

Adjournment

The Arlington County Community Services Full Board meeting was adjourned by Chair Mack at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Mauller