

Intellectual Disabilities Committee of the Arlington Community Services Board

Meeting Minutes for June 6, 2012

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Carol Skelly at 6:35 p.m.

Introductions – Barbara Jones and Carol Skelly, Co-Chairs; CSB member David O'Connor; CSB member elect and Co-Chair elect Moira Saucedo; Committee members and parents Chuck Adkins-Blanch, Peter Black, Donna Budway, Ann Kelly, Stephanie Sampson, and Alex Yellin; Vendor staff Anne Rule of Community Residences; The Arc of No VA staff Lucy Beadnell; DHS staff Pamela Gannon and Joanna Wise Barnes

Approval of Minutes – Draft minutes of the committee's May 9, 2012 minutes were reviewed and approved as written and will be distributed to the full CSB.

Residential Services and Housing – Carol Skelly introduced the topic by summarizing the ID committee's work June through December of 2011, culminating in plans and recommendations to increase the number of individuals who have housing and receive residential services. This effort focused on the needs of persons already in the community.

Pamela Gannon of the DHS Housing Bureau reviewed her hand-out titled *Microboards Teleconference: Notes – May 29, 2012*. See attached. Some of the committee members participated in the call. Pam announced that Bill Fuller of VA Housing and Development Authority will retire soon; he consulted with the committee in person and by phone about microboards. Pam is partnering with her counter-part at the Fairfax-Falls Church CSB and with The Arc of Northern Virginia to get and disseminate more information about microboards. She encouraged committee members to add their email addressed to her listserv.

Joanna reported that Community Residences (CR) and Resources for Independence of Virginia (RIVA) staff have expressed an interest in applying for loans through the County and opening intermediate care facilities (ICFs) in Arlington. CR is actively looking for property, and we have another meeting scheduled with RIVA for June 20. Committee members asked whether the County could advertise for home-owners willing to donate their houses to non-profits for use as ICFs or as group homes. Joanna will inquire about this.

DOJ Settlement Agreement with Virginia – See hand-out labeled *Civil Action No. 3:12cv59-JAG* and a May 21, 2012 letter from the No VA Regional Management Group inviting those interested in the agreement to attend a stakeholders meeting on June 22, 2012. Carol explained that the Department of Justice settlement agreement with the Commonwealth would increase demand for housing and residential services even more as adults are discharged from State Training Centers.

Lucy Beadnell of The Arc of No VA reviewed the history of the agreement, motions to dismiss (not granted) and to intervene (granted). The public hearing about the agreement is scheduled for June 8, 2012 in Richmond. The judge's ruling about the agreement should be finalized sometime after the hearing.

Joanna Wise Barnes reported that IDDS managers are focusing now on the needs of training center residents most likely to leave the centers within the first year of the agreement. IDDS managers will be reviewing the charts of all Northern VA Training Center (NVTC) residents from Arlington on July 3, 2012. (This includes a review of whether any significant incidents impacted Arlington residents there, especially incidents that might need consideration as discharge planning occurs.)

Joanna stated that responses to the regional Request for Information (RFI) were due on June 1, and will be received by all No VA jurisdictions for review soon. The purpose of the RFI is to learn what resources would be needed to build community capacity for training center discharges. That information will be used to write a business plan for submission to the VA Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS). Questions were raised about whether DBHDS would fund these (higher) No VA needs.

Staff Reports – Joanna shared the following requested information:

- There are three IDDS support coordination vacancies under recruitment. One of the three has been hired and starts work in July.
- Seven individuals served by IDDS have moved into the Mary Marshall Assisted Living Residences. None who applied were denied admission. There are no other referrals from IDDS pending. One moved there from a group home, two from supervised apartments. Two had received in-home residential supports, and two lived with their families and received no residential services. Local funding from the five who had received residential services is slated to go to support three different individuals who need residential services.
- IDDS residential waiting lists: Seven are waiting for ICF placements. Six are waiting for group homes. One wants a supervised apartment. These numbers do not include training center residents.

Budget Priorities – Joanna shared the hand-out titled *Developmental Services Council Budget Priorities*, which has not been approved yet by the VA Association of CSBs. Committee members considered the council's requests for funds related to the DOJ settlement to be too low. Joanna reminded them that the No VA region intends to submit a separate request to DBHDS for funds to build community capacity here. Related to the item on public guardianships, Lucy Beadnell stated that The Arc of No VA is willing to be the public guardian for more individuals if DBHDS funds more slots. Carol reminded all that the full CSB meeting each November is devoted to advocacy with State legislators.

Committee members discussed potential budget priorities for the County's fiscal year (FY) 2014. Some committee members are aware of the number of upcoming special education graduates at the Career Center who will need IDD Services in FY14. More analysis will be done over the summer by IDDS staff members about how many will need services, and what services they will need. The committee members decided to make their final recommendations about FY14 budget priorities in the fall, and may meet with County Board Members about possible additional budget allocations.

New Business

Co-Chairs Carol Skelly and Barbara Jones reminded all that the CSB is trying to formalize committee memberships. Attendees were encouraged to indicate whether they wish to be considered formally as committee members. Five did so – Chuck Adkins-Blanch, Donna Budway, Ann Kelly, David O'Connor, and Alex Yellin. Others were asked to indicate later to Barbara or to incoming Co-Chair Moira Saucedo if they want to be ongoing members.

Information was shared by Ann Kelly about an open house at the Community Integration Center operated by ServiceSource on June 20, 2012 to celebrate the completion of its Woodmont Gardens room.

The regular July meeting date for the committee would fall on July 4th so the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in room C on the lower level of DHS, Sequoia Building.

There will be no August meeting of the committee.

At the September 5th meeting, Carol reported, new CSB member Keith Whyte will talk about the CSB's communication and employment committee. Donna Budway stated that Career Center parents have already been in touch with Mr. Whyte.

Farewell to Out-going Committee Co-Chair

Committee members enjoyed refreshments while singing the praises of out-going CSB Chair and ID Committee Co-Chair Carol Skelly, who received cards and presents in appreciation of her hard work and strong advocacy.

Approval of Minutes

ID Committee members reviewed and approved these minutes as submitted during their meeting on July 11, 2012.

